

LAMONTAGNE GALLERY

Todd Plavisko

Screaming Through Space

September 10th - October 15th

LaMontagne Gallery is pleased to present our recent addition, Todd Pavlisko, in his inaugural solo exhibition *Screaming Through Space*. The opening reception will be on Friday, September 10th, 5 - 7 p.m.

“Since I started preaching this sermon, about seven minutes ago, our earth and you have hurtled through space more than 8,000 miles.” - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Themes of time and space act as a thread weaving together portraits of American icons, along with galaxy imagery and materiality. Framed drawings of familiar faces, adorned with gems made from remnants of asteroids, surrounded by void like illustrations, evoke an almost unsettling feeling, as we begin to contemplate prominent historical figures as surrogates for nebulas, stardust, or constellations.

Pavlisko's work, drenched in both transparent and sly nods to his fascination with pop-culture past and present, consistently utilizes the harsh juxtaposition of seemingly unrelated subjects, to create a paradoxical force meant to “Steady the ship” through these violent moments of late. Now that we have found ourselves in a particular moment in time where it may feel like we are aimlessly floating through space, that we can look to these salient individuals as anchors, grounding us back to earth. Ultimately, *Screaming Through Space* flaunts peculiar non-sequiturs, crashing into each other like colliding meteors, hurling through space.

The exhibition will be on view through Friday, October 15th. We will also be hosting an artist talk, details to be announced soon.