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PAWEŁ DUTKIEWICZ

Daylight

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“When we close our eyes and we face the sun, we experience orange and red light behind our eyelids... We know that the sun is the source of light here. We do not even need to open our eyes to check it. We can simply enjoy the sensation.”

Paweł Dutkiewicz

Anya Tish Gallery is pleased to announce *Daylight*, the third Houston solo exhibition of artist Paweł Dutkiewicz, based in Kraków, Poland. In his recent body of large-scale oil paintings, Dutkiewicz continues to strip away all figurative representation, communicating atmospheric light through the application and composition of color.

Dutkiewicz’s sublimated approach to painting results in expansive, meditative work that exudes only light and color. When viewed together, the paintings, according to the artist, “evolve into a ‘painter’s environment’ or ‘painter’s room’, a place where the space itself gains significance while the paintings, acting as windows and doors, become the source of ‘painted light’. Immersing oneself into the space becomes more like a happening, where our own realities intertwine with the reality of the paintings on a conceptual level.”

Vibrant planes of vermilion, cerulean and amber create a visual field that eclipses geometric flatness, inducing a luminous atmosphere that teeters on the edge of optical perception. The cascading chromatic spectrums and drifting tonalities seem both motionless and radiating, emitting a sense of glowing transparency and the rich, ophthalmic warmth of captured light. These sensations foster a contemplative experience and encourage the viewer to expand outward and travel inward, moving simultaneously toward an understanding of the space and light in which the paintings inhabit while forging a quiet and powerful personal awareness.

Paweł Dutkiewicz received his PhD in 2013 from the renowned Krakow Academy of Art in Krakow, Poland. His work has been shown in many important institutions, among them Zacheta National Art Gallery, Warsaw, Poland; Galeria Foksal, Warsaw, Poland; The Schindler Factory, Krakow, Poland; Galeria Krzysztofory (established by Tadeusz Kantor in 1957), Krakow, Poland; Lichtblicke Institute of Polish Culture in Berlin, Germany; and Baltic Gallery of Contemporary Art, Slupsk, Poland. Dutkiewicz is a grant recipient of the Polish Ministry of Art and Culture, and his work can be found in numerous corporate and private collections across Europe and the United States.