

## Walter Price *Pearl Lines*

September 11 – October 31, 2020  
Ground Floor

*Its the fire that holds our attention  
Its not if you see color, its how you treat color  
Armoring the mind  
"Be a fireman, we live in the heat, we train in the heat! We control the heat!!"  
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Sensory information from the world  
For there's a Will there's a Way!  
A breeze filled with determination wafted towards us  
It has to rain before you can see where all the leaks are at  
The fate of the animals  
Graceful Strut  
An activity of the spirit  
A tear in the static of everyday life  
You wouldn't expect something so transparent to block the heat so well  
Allegory of the cave theory  
As if you've swallowed the sun and moon  
Psychological acceleration*

Greene Naftali is pleased to present Walter Price's debut solo exhibition with the gallery, *Pearl Lines*, which brings together bodies of work from the past three years. Price's paintings and drawings tread the line between figuration and abstraction, grounded in a visual vocabulary informed by both personal and shared experience. Fusing a wide range of references that simultaneously signal individual identities and trans-cultural realities of the human condition, as well as a deep understanding of Art's history, Price's work presents an intense investigation of the limits and possibilities of (visual) knowledge. Partially realized objects and figures emerge from bustling negative space and bisecting planes of color, playing with specificity and narrative. A freedom of materials echoes this synthesis of the familiar and the out-of-place, while a continuously shifting gaze, with untold agents and objects, pressures the act of looking. Formal and figurative elements vie for one's attention; a viewing experience that oscillates between recognition and confusion, knowing and not-knowing.

The title *Pearl Lines* celebrates drawing as the foundation of Price's practice. "Pearl" offers beauty, but, here, beauty is rooted in the word itself, in language and utterance, activity and repetition, not in the object to which it may refer. "Everything starts with a line," Price says. His command of and experimentation with line and composition are seen across the works on view in two galleries dedicated to drawings. Price expands the mark-making possibilities of colored pencil, graphite, marker, and oil pastel in constantly varying gestures paired with collage—pages from books and magazines, torn pieces of paper, packing tape, commercial stickers—and appropriated printmaking methods. The fluidity and freedom Price practices in his drawings are the premise for his approach to painting, a selection of which are on view in the main gallery space.

The accompanying catalogue reproduces a group of the drawings on view, taken from the artist's portfolio from his 2019 residency at the Fürstenberg Contemporary held at the Heiligenberg Castle. In collaboration with Marco Barrera, Price has also produced a limited-edition zine titled *The Illusion of Transparency*.

Walter Price (b. 1989, Macon, Georgia) lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. Recent solo exhibitions include the Aspen Art Museum, Aspen (2019); MoMA PS1, New York (2018); Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne (2018); The Modern Institute, Glasgow (2018); and Karma, New York (2016). Recent group exhibitions include the Whitney Biennial, curated by Jane Panetta and Rujeko Hockley, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (2019); FRONT International: Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, MOCA Cleveland, Cleveland (2018); The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York (2017); and LUMA Foundation, Zurich (2017). His work is included in the collections of the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, among others.

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Front Gallery, clockwise:



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Paper: 12 x 9 inches (30.5 x 22.9 cm)

Frame: 16 1/2 x 13 x 1 3/8 inches (41.9 x 33 x 3.5 cm)



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Colored pencil and tape on paper

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Colored pencil, graphite and stickers on paper

Paper: 12 x 9 inches (30.5 x 22.9 cm)

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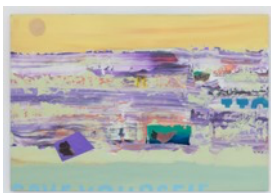


*A breeze filled with determination wafted toward us,*  
2018

Acrylic and Flashe on canvas

78 1/2 x 133 1/2 x 1 1/4 inches

(199.4 x 339.1 x 3.2 cm)



*1 for Mayhem 2 for Mischief, 2020*

Acrylic on wood

32 x 47 inches (81.3 x 119.4 cm)

Main Gallery, clockwise:



*For there's a Will there's a Way!*, 2017  
Acrylic on wood  
16 x 20 x 1 inches (40.6 x 50.8 x 2.5 cm)



*Sensory information from the world*, 2019  
Acrylic, glitter, clear gesso on canvas  
30 x 30 x 1 1/2 inches (76.2 x 76.2 x 3.8 cm)



*"Be a fireman, we live in the heat, we train in the heat! We control the heat!!"*, 2018  
Acrylic, staples, and masking tape on wood



*It has to rain before you can see where all the leaks are at*, 2019  
Acrylic and vinyl on wood  
24 x 36 x 2 inches (61 x 91.4 x 5.1 cm)



*The fate of the animals*, 2019  
Acrylic on wood  
18 x 24 inches (45.7 x 61 cm)



*It's the fire that holds our attention*, 2018  
Acrylic, Flashe, and glitter on canvas  
67 1/2 x 64 1/2 x 1 1/4 inches  
(171.5 x 163.8 x 3.2 cm)



*Graceful Strut, 2019*  
Acrylic and Flashe on canvas  
80 x 81 x 1 1/2 inches (203.2 x 205.7 x 3.8 cm)



*Its not if you see color, its how you treat color), 2019*  
Acrylic, gesso and Flashe on canvas  
73 x 78 1/2 inches (185.4 x 199.4 cm)



*An activity of the spirit, 2018-19*  
Acrylic on wood  
18 x 24 x 1 inches (45.7 x 61 x 2.5 cm)



*A tear in the static of everyday life, 2019*  
Acrylic and encaustic on wood  
18 x 24 x 1 inches (45.7 x 61 x 2.5 cm)



*Armoring the mind, 2020*  
Acrylic on wood  
8 x 6 inches (20.3 x 15.2 cm)



*You wouldn't expect something so transparent to block the heat so well, 2018*  
Acrylic and glitter on canvas  
86 1/4 x 79 x 1 1/4 inches (219.1 x 200.7 x 3.2 cm)



*Allegory of the cave theory, 2019-2020*  
 Acrylic, graphite, photo collage, gesso, PVA adhesive  
 on wood  
 18 x 24 x 1 inches (45.7 x 61 x 2.5 cm)



*As if you've swallowed the sun and moon, 2018*  
 Acrylic and glitter on canvas  
 88 1/2 x 67 1/2 x 1 1/4 inches  
 (224.8 x 171.5 x 3.2 cm)



*Psychological acceleration, 2018*  
 Acrylic and Flashe on canvas  
 79 1/4 x 103 3/4 x 1 1/4 inches  
 (201.3 x 263.5 x 3.2 cm)

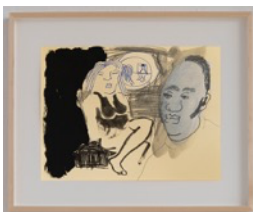
Rear Gallery, clockwise:



*clown, 2018*  
 Acrylic on paper  
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 tagboard paper  
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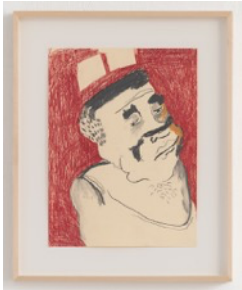


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*conscious, 2017*

Marker, acrylic and graphite on paper

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*Untitled, 2019*

Graphite and colored pencil on paper

Paper: 12 x 9 inches (30.5 x 22.9 cm)

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*birdie, 2020*

Sharpie and collage on paper

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*tickle tickle, 2020*

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*counter productive, 2019*

Colored pencil and graphite on paper

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*Hot girl summer, 2019*

Graphite, colored pencil and charcoal on paper

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*Untitled, 2019*

Colored pencil, graphite and collage on paper

Paper: 10 1/2 x 8 inches (26.7 x 20.3 cm)

Frame: 14 3/4 x 12 3/8 x 1 3/8 inches

(37.5 x 31.4 x 3.5 cm)

Rear Viewing Room, clockwise:



*boxer*, 2019

Colored pencil, graphite, and collage on paper

Paper: 10 x 7 1/4 inches (25.4 x 18.4 cm)

Frame: 15 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 1 3/8 inches

(39.4 x 29.2 x 3.5 cm)



*Berlin september*, 2018

Graphite on paper

Paper: 11 5/8 x 8 1/4 inches (29.5 x 21 cm)

Frame: 15 3/8 x 12 3/4 x 1 3/8 inches

(39.1 x 32.4 x 3.5 cm)



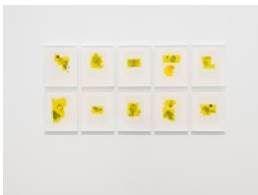
*Gorgeous Brownies*, 2017

Colored pencil and marker on paper

Paper: 9 x 9 inches (22.9 x 22.9 cm) each

Frame: 13 3/4 X 23 3/4 X 1 3/8 inches

(34.9 x 60.3 x 3.5 cm)

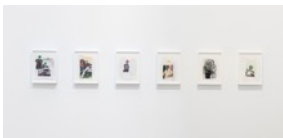


*Untitled*, 2018

10 parts: transparent yellow tape, colored pencil and graphite on paper

Frame: 18 3/4 x 15 1/4 x 1 3/8 inches

(47.6 x 38.7 x 3.5 cm) each



*Aliens*, 2019

Six parts: colored pencil, graphite and collage on paper

Frame: 15 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 1 3/8 inches

(39.4 x 29.2 x 3.5 cm) each



*Untitled*, 2018

Acrylic and graphite on paper

Paper: 9 x 12 inches (22.9 x 30.5 cm)

Frame: 13 1/2 x 16 3/4 x 1 3/8 inches

(34.3 x 42.5 x 3.5 cm)



*Untitled, 2018*  
Acrylic, stickers and chalk pastel on paper  
Paper: 9 x 12 inches (22.9 x 30.5 cm)  
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