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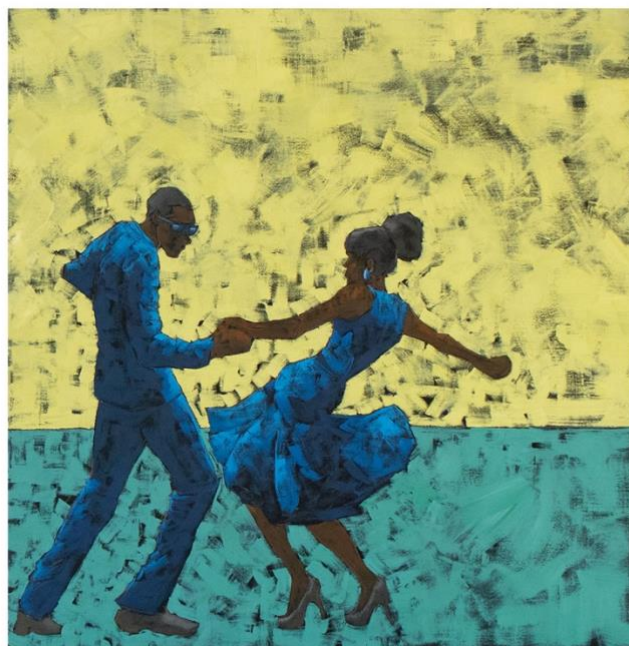
PRESS RELEASE

Brandon Surtain: *STEPPERS Forever*

Exhibition Dates: August 3–September, 2024
Opening Reception: August 3, from 6–9 pm
Gallery Location: 432 Julia St., New Orleans, LA 70130
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10 am–5 pm
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The Arthur Roger Gallery is pleased to present *STEPPERS Forever*, an exhibition of recent works by Brandon Surtain. The exhibition will be on view at Arthur Roger Gallery, located at 432 Julia St, from August 3–September 7, 2024. The gallery will host an opening on Saturday, August 3, from 6–9 PM, in conjunction with White Linen Night.

Brandon Surtain's vividly composed paintings evoke a profound reverence for the New Orleans of his childhood, the memory of which he seeks to maintain through his life and work as both artist and architect. In *STEPPERS Forever*, the artist's second exhibition at the Arthur Roger Gallery, Surtain explores the tradition of 'stepping,' a form of dance deeply rooted in the cultural fabric of New Orleans. His use of vibrant color and dynamic composition evokes the pulsating energy of the city's streets, inviting viewers to engage in a sensory journey that not only celebrates local tradition, but also prompts introspection on the broader themes of continuity, legacy, and the search for meaning.



Love Will Tear Us Apart #3, 2024 | Oil on Panel | 16 x 16 inches

In the artist's own words, "this exhibition serves as both a celebration and a contemplative exploration of the eternal. The works become a dynamic tapestry that weaves together the jubilant spirit of New Orleans' dance traditions with a nuanced inquiry into the concept of eternity."

Surtain attended graduate school at Tulane University, where he received a Master's of Architecture, and a Master's of Sustainable Real Estate Development. Prior to that, he received his BFA from Louisiana State University, where he also played for the LSU football team. He is currently a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects, and serves on the board of Broad Community Connections in New Orleans.

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