



PERRY BURNS: KARMA ICONS

October 21 - November 23, 2011

Artist's Reception: Thursday, November 3, 2011, 6 - 8PM

ARC Fine Art LLC is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition of the paintings and works on paper by the artist Perry Burns. On view from October 21 thru November 23, 2011 with an Artist's Reception on Thursday, November 3 from 6-8pm, Burns' *Karma Icons* presents viewers with a sumptuously perceptive visual, cultural and spiritual experience.

Deeply rooted in art historical knowledge, Perry Burns' painterly explorations evoke more than simple, visual pleasure. His paintings are highly inspired by patterning found in Islamic art forms. To Burns these "visual mantras", as he refers to them, bridge the gap between visual and spiritual modes of understanding—the difference between seeing and feeling. Taking full advantage of visual language through a combination of Islamic and abstract expressionists modes, Burns knowingly crosses boundaries of cultural, historical, racial, ideological and political means imposed by the clash between Eastern and Western culture. Stirring questions of commonality of understanding, universal human experience, and the vitality of contemporary art, Perry Burn's *Karma Icons* presents eight oil paintings and six works of mixed media on paper.

Born and currently residing in New York, Perry Burns received his BFA from RISD (Rhode Island School of Design), Providence, RI, also studying for a time at the Instituto de Allende, San Miguel, Mexico and received his MA from Teachers College at Columbia University, New York. Works of Burns have been featured in several publications including *The New York Times*, *The Southampton Press*, *East Hampton Star*, *Folio Magazine*, *Vox Magazine*, *Luxe Magazine*, *The Morning Show*, and *The Huffington Post*. His works have also been shown in many group and solo exhibitions in galleries and museums across the country, most recently in 'Artists Choose Artists' at the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, NY. Through his work, Burns seeks to provide viewers with a transformative experience that provides the opportunity to enlighten all of the senses and spirituality of the human person through visual means connecting human understanding, painterly aesthetic, and the commonality of our human experiences.

ARC Fine Art is located at 3113 Bronson Road in Fairfield, Connecticut and is open by appointment. Further inquiries, please contact Adrienne Ruger Conzelman at 203 895 9595.