# LAURA RATHE FINE ART

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# DEVINE / STALLMAN GURVILINEAR

## Laura Rathe Fine Art Presents New Artworks in Two-Person Exhibition in Dallas, Texas

(Dallas, TX, November 8, 2016) – Dallas Design District gallery, Laura Rathe Fine Art (LRFA), announces the exhibition "*CURVILINEAR*," featuring new works by acclaimed artist duo, Stallman, and renowned metal sculptor, Matt Devine, with an opening reception on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.

Though they work in different mediums, Stallman and Devine share an interest in transforming their materials into extraordinary works that emphasize curvilinear forms and give the impression of graceful movement. This will be LRFA's first exhibition featuring work by Stallman. "CURVILINEAR" will be on view through December 31, 2016.

#### **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

Based in the Pacific Northwest, artists Stephen Stum and Jason Hallman (collectively known as Stallman) meld their creative energies to produce mesmerizing works that fall somewhere between the categories of painting and sculpture. Since 2012, they have collaborated on their *Canvas on the Edge* series, which molds painted strips of canvas into compositions that shift in color and form depending on the viewer's perspective. The strips' painted edges combine to create elevated line drawings that recall cellular processes and organic forms drawn from nature.

Represented in five states, Stallman have exhibited their work in such far-flung cities as New York, Seattle, Chicago, Miami, and Laguna Beach, California. Recently awarded the Carol Duke Artist Award of Excellence from the Bellevue Art Museum ARTSfair, their work has also been featured in many publications, including *Vanguard Seattle*, *My Modern Met*, *LUXE Interiors + Design*, and *Fahrenheit* magazine.

Metal sculptor and self-taught artist, Matt Devine began honing his skills in 1995. His nonrepresentational sculptures composed of clean and harmonious forms appear weightless though fabricated from heavy metals such as steel, aluminum, and bronze. Devine's practice is an ongoing search for harmony and balance in the face of a chaotic information-saturated culture. As he finds meditative space in his working process, so too does Devine hope that his approach to minimalist forms and controlled multiplicity guides viewers into a space of calm.

Devine's work is currently on display in highly regarded galleries across the country. His creations can be found in private American collections from Los Angeles to New York and in international collections on five continents. Based in Petaluma, California, Devine has also recently expanded his scope to include the design and fabrication of large-scale public works on display in prominent urban settings.

#### **ABOUT LAURA RATHE FINE ART**

With over 25 years' experience in the industry, gallery owner, Laura Rathe, started her career working as a private art dealer before establishing Laura Rathe Fine Art (LRFA) in 1998 in Houston, Texas. LRFA now operates out of two locations in Houston and a third gallery in Dallas on Dragon Street, the city's premiere arts district destination. Since the gallery's inception, LRFA has established itself as a leading contemporary art venue, offering an impressive range of exhibitions and programming to its patrons in both cities.

LRFA represents a dynamic roster of established and mid-career contemporary artists working in a variety of media, many of whom have been acquired into world-renowned private, corporate, and museum collections. Various clientele include BBVA Compass, HKS Architects, Wells Fargo, W Hotels, UT Southwestern, and Halliburton. LRFA also participates in a number of prominent art fairs including CONTEXT Art Miami, Art Southampton, Art Wynwood, the Houston Fine Art Fair, Texas Contemporary, and the Dallas Art Fair.