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## **M Pettee Olsen | Shift**

Exhibition Dates: April 13 – May 5, 2024

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 13, 2024, 5 - 7 pm

Artist Talk: April 14, 2024, 3 - 4 pm

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*Twists and Turns with Value Scale, 2019,*  
synthetic and luminous paint on canvas triptych, 40" x 60"

**March 26, 2024, Garrison, NY** - Garrison Art Center (GAC) is pleased to announce 'Shift,' an exhibition of paintings by artist M Pettee Olsen. The exhibition will run from April 13 – May 5, 2024, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 5-7 pm.

The luminous surface and vitality in mark-making have become increasingly important to M Pettee Olsen's work. Drawn to color and movement to reference art histories in abstraction, motion, disruption, and the slippery nature of reality, she seeks not to obliterate or erase histories but rather to reference them obliquely. For Pettee Olsen, color and light are very much a part of that slippery sense of the world. She uses this as her guide as she adds, removes, and moves paint by diverse methods, like gravity, embracing its effects on the paint. Color and the quoted gesture are essential to her concerns in art – they are instrumental in addressing the changeable nature of perception and the subversion of absolutist narratives.

In addition to the exhibition, there will be an Artist Talk on April 14 with Meg Hitchcock at 3 - 4 pm. This event will be free and open to the public.

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'Shift' will be on view in the Gillette Gallery, concurrent with 'A Field Guide To Birds' on view in the Balter Gallery. The Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm. The Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm, except for the exhibition's opening day - when the hours are 12 - 7 pm.

### **Additional Information**

To learn more about M Pettee Olsen, visit [www.petteeolsen.com](http://www.petteeolsen.com). For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at the Garrison Art Center, please visit [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org) or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram @GarrisonArtCenter.

### **About The Garrison Art Center**

The Garrison Art Center (GAC), located in Garrison, NY, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. GAC is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families, and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.



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