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VENUS OVER MANHATTAN EXPANDS WITH SECOND DOWNTOWN SPACE

The gallery's new location at 39 Great Jones Street will open May 6, 2023 with a solo exhibition by legendary painter Richard Mayhew

Venus Over Manhattan
39 + 55 Great Jones Street
New York, NY 10012



(New York, NY) – **Venus Over Manhattan** announced today that it will open its newest location at 39 Great Jones Street. The Downtown expansion comes almost exactly a year after opening its current home just steps away at 55 Great Jones Street. The new 3,000 square foot space will complement the gallery's ongoing programming, and will be inaugurated on **May 6, 2023** with a solo exhibition of work by **Richard Mayhew**.

Now located at both 39 and 55 Great Jones Street, the gallery expands upon its downtown presence in the NoHo neighborhood. This move will allow the gallery to centralize operations and simultaneously present multiple aspects of its wide-ranging program in a cohesive viewing experience.

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The inaugural exhibition, **Natural Order**, marks the gallery's debut showing of Richard Mayhew. Featuring more than twenty works, the exhibition includes key loans from the collections of important supporters of Mayhew's practice.

Mayhew, the only living member of the storied Spiral Group, has achieved wide renown for his lurid, improvisational paintings which render emotional visions of the American landscape. An artist of African American and Native American descent, Mayhew draws heavily on his relationship to his dual ancestry in his work, creating a unique visual language that explores the intersection of nature, culture, memory, and identity. Now 99 years old, Mayhew continues to make work that pushes the category of landscape to the verge of total abstraction, foregoing the trappings of representation in pursuit of pure color.

About the move, gallery founder Adam Lindemann states:

"We look forward to opening our landmark exhibition with Richard Mayhew—an artist just beginning to receive the attention he's so long deserved—and expanding our presence downtown, where we hope to build a more comprehensive experience for the artists and exhibitions we continue to present."

ABOUT VENUS OVER MANHATTAN

Founded in 2012 by Adam Lindemann, Venus Over Manhattan is dedicated to unique and iconoclastic exhibitions featuring the work of both historic and contemporary artists. Venus represents and collaborates with numerous artists and estates including Anastasia Bay, Ana Benaroya, Joan Brown, Roger Brown, Robert Colescott, John Dogg, Jack Goldstein, Susumu Kamijo, Sophie Larrimore, Richard Mayhew, Maryan, Peter Saul, Sally Saul, Shiniichi Sawada, Keiichi Tanaami, H.C. Westermann, and Joseph Elmer Yoakum. In its ten-year history, the gallery has also staged major exhibitions of work by Katherine Bernhardt, Bernard Buffet, Alexander Calder, Maurizio Cattelan, William N. Copley, Roy De Forest, Mike Kelley, John McCracken, Cady Noland, Raymond Pettibon, Andy Warhol, and Franz West.

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GALLERY HOURS

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View of Venus Over Manhattan's new location at 39 Great Jones Street, its second gallery space on the block. Courtesy Venus Over Manhattan, New York.

Richard Mayhew, "Mood Indigo," c. 1995. Oil on canvas; 30 x 40 in (76.2 x 101.6 cm). Private Collection. Courtesy the artist and Venus Over Manhattan, New York.

Richard Mayhew, "Montalyo," 2005. Oil on canvas; 48 x 60 in (121.9 x 152.4 cm). Private Collection. Courtesy the artist and Venus Over Manhattan, New York.