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# Matt Wedel

## Pictures in the Garden

25 October 2023 - 6 January 2024



## Matt Wedel: Pictures in the Garden

L.A. Louver is pleased to present *Pictures in the Garden*, an exhibition of gouache paintings by acclaimed sculptor Matt Wedel. In this presentation two distinct bodies of work reveal formal and thematic dimensions of Wedel's oeuvre involving time and space, metaphor, and mythology.

Distinguished by its opacity, the dense pigmentation of gouache brings nuanced meanings to both the *Potted Plant* and *Flower Tree* motifs that repeat and evolve throughout Wedel's oeuvre. The gouaches evoke feelings of present time through the intensity of their hues, energy is communicated by variegated arrangements of pattern and color, and familiar shapes take on new meanings in two-dimensional space.

This exhibition culminates two significant moments for the artist in the last year. From November 2022 to April 2023 the Toledo Museum of Art presented *Matt Wedel: Phenomenal Debris*, a major solo exhibition that included over one hundred sculptural artworks and works on paper created over the last decade. Also in 2023, Wedel participated in a two-part artist residency at the Honolulu Museum of Art during which he developed new ceramic works and the gouaches of the *Hawaii Series*.

Matt Wedel photographed in Honolulu, HI, September 2023.





Installation of Matt Wedel: *Phenomenal Debris* at the Toledo Museum of Art, 2022.





*Potted Plant*, 2017  
gouache on paper  
image: 84 1/2 x 28 1/4 in. (214.6 x 71.8 cm)  
framed: 93 1/2 x 65 1/4 in. (237.5 x 165.7 cm)  
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MW18-86

\$12,000

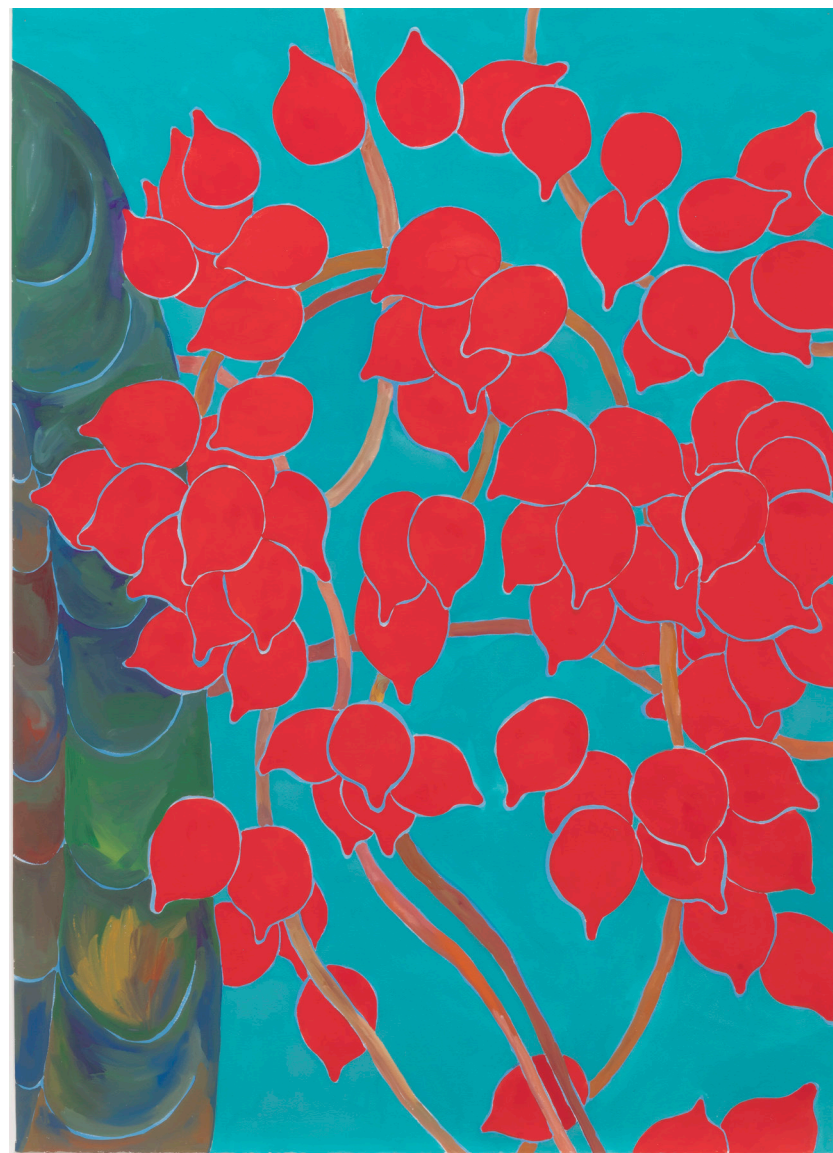
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*Potted Plant*, 2020  
gouache on paper  
paper: 44 1/2 x 32 1/2 in. (113 x 82.6 cm)  
framed: 48 5/8 x 36 1/8 in. (123.5 x 91.8 cm)  
signed and dated verso  
MW21-065

Sold



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gouache on paper  
paper: 44 1/2 x 32 1/2 in. (113 x 82.6 cm)  
framed: 48 5/8 x 36 1/8 in. (123.5 x 91.8 cm)  
signed and dated verso  
MW21-066

Sold





*Potted Plant*, 2017  
gouache on paper  
paper: 42 1/4 x 28 1/2 in. (107.3 x 72.4 cm)  
framed: 46 1/2 x 32 5/8 in. (118.1 x 82.9 cm)  
signed lower right  
MW18-96

Sold





*Potted Plant*, 2017  
gouache on paper  
image: 30 x 22 in. (76.2 x 55.9 cm)  
framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
MW18-89

\$6,500  
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*Potted Plant*, 2017  
gouache on paper  
image: 30 x 22 in. (76.2 x 55.9 cm)  
framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
MW18-90

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*Potted Plant*, 2018  
gouache on paper  
paper: 30 x 22 in. (76.2 x 55.9 cm)  
framed: 34 1/2 x 26 1/2 in. (87.6 x 67.3 cm)  
signed and dated verso  
MW18-92

Sold



*Potted Plant*, 2018  
gouache on paper  
image: 30 x 22 1/2 in. (76.2 x 57.2 cm)  
framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
signed verso  
MW21-053

\$6,500  
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*Potted Plant*, 2017  
gouache on paper  
image: 30 x 22 in. (76.2 x 55.9 cm)  
framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
MW18-87

Sold





*Potted Plant*, 2017  
gouache on paper  
image: 30 x 22 1/2 in. (76.2 x 57.2 cm)  
framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
MW18-91

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framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
signed verso  
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signed verso  
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gouache on paper  
image: 30 x 22 1/2 in. (76.2 x 57.2 cm)  
framed: 34 3/8 x 26 5/8 in. (87.3 x 67.6 cm)  
signed verso  
MW21-054

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*Potted Plant*, 2021  
gouache on paper  
image: 17 x 14 in. (43.2 x 35.6 cm)  
framed: 20 7/8 x 17 7/8 in. (53 x 45.4 cm)  
signed verso  
MW21-049

\$4,000  
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*Potted Plant*, 2021  
gouache on paper  
image: 17 x 14 in. (43.2 x 35.6 cm)  
framed: 20 7/8 x 17 7/8 in. (53 x 45.4 cm)  
MW21-035

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*Potted Plant*, 2021  
gouache on paper  
image: 17 x 14 in. (43.2 x 35.6 cm)  
framed: 20 7/8 x 17 7/8 in. (53 x 45.4 cm)  
MW21-037

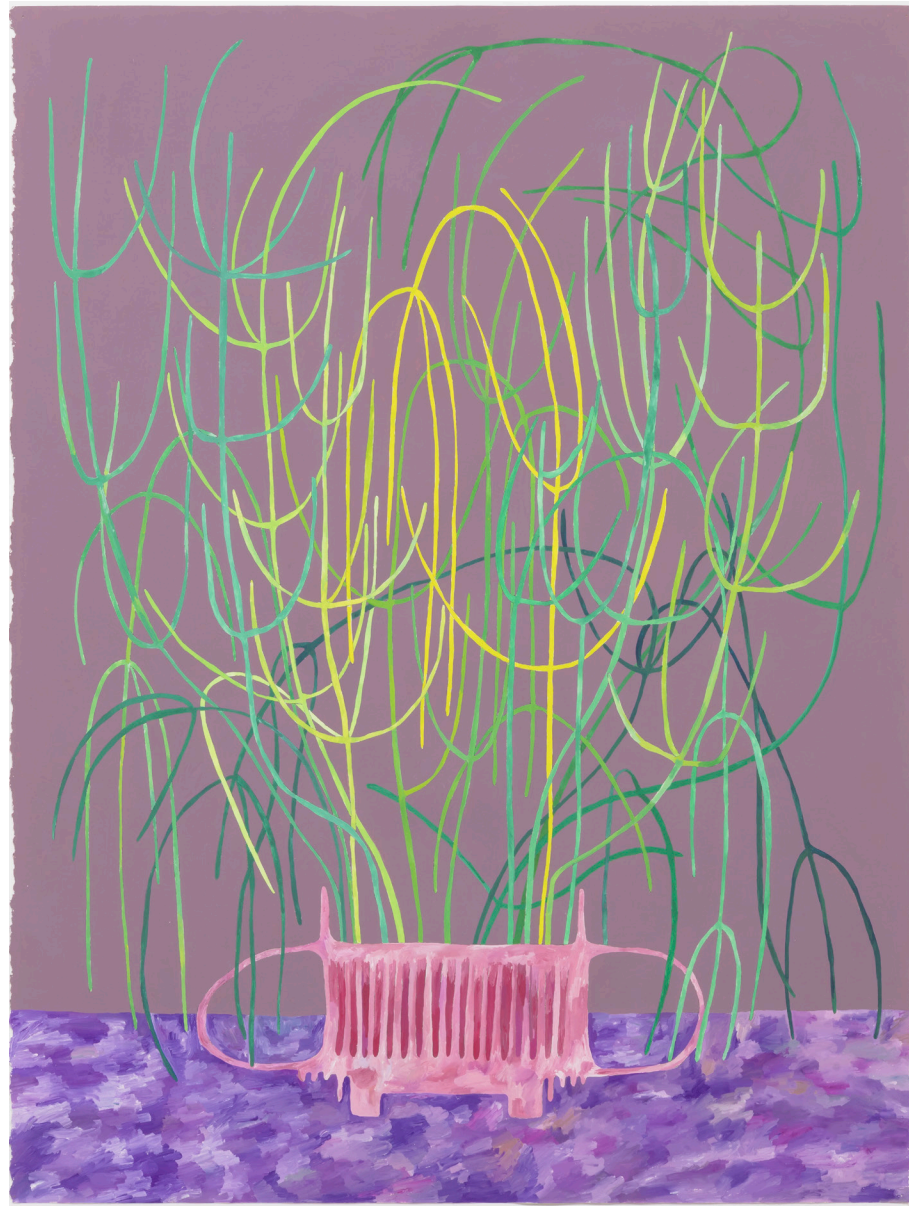
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*Potted Plant*, 2021  
gouache on paper  
image: 17 x 14 in. (43.2 x 35.6 cm)  
framed: 20 7/8 x 17 7/8 in. (53 x 45.4 cm)  
MW21-034

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gouache on paper  
paper: 30 x 22 1/2 in. (76.2 x 57.2 cm)  
framed: 34 1/2 x 26 1/2 in. (87.6 x 67.3 cm)  
signed and dated verso  
MW21-048

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Matt Wedel's work in the studio at the Honolulu Museum of Art, 2023.





*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 12 x 9 in. (30.5 x 22.9 cm)  
framed: 15 1/4 x 12 1/4 in. (38.7 x 31.1 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-039

Sold



*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 12 x 9 in. (30.5 x 22.9 cm)  
framed: 15 1/4 x 12 1/4 in. (38.7 x 31.1 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-040

Sold





*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 14 x 11 in. (35.6 x 27.9 cm)  
framed: 17 1/4 x 14 1/4 in. (43.8 x 36.2 cm)  
MW23-035

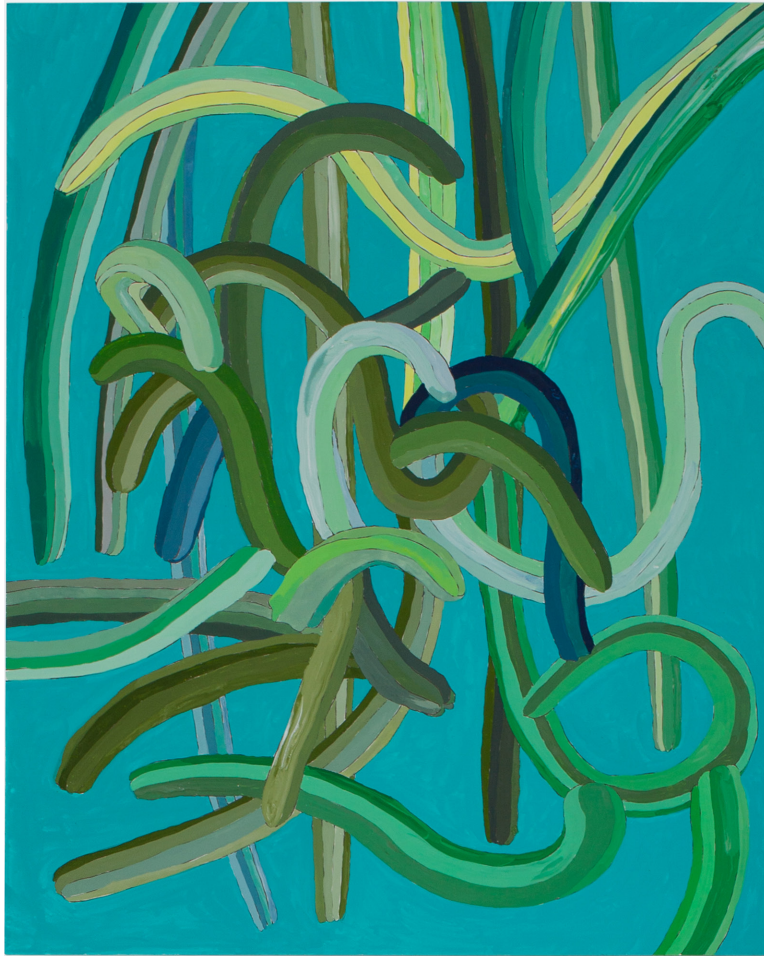
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*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 14 x 11 in. (35.6 x 27.9 cm)  
framed: 17 1/4 x 14 1/4 in. (43.8 x 36.2 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-036

Sold





*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 14 x 11 in. (35.6 x 27.9 cm)  
framed: 17 1/4 x 14 1/4 in. (43.8 x 36.2 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-033

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*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 14 x 11 in. (35.6 x 27.9 cm)  
framed: 17 1/4 x 14 1/4 in. (43.8 x 36.2 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-034

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*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 14 x 11 in. (35.6 x 27.9 cm)  
framed: 17 1/4 x 14 1/4 in. (43.8 x 36.2 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-038

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*Flower Tree (Hawaii)*, 2023  
gouache and pen on paper  
image: 14 x 11 in. (35.6 x 27.9 cm)  
framed: 17 1/4 x 14 1/4 in. (43.8 x 36.2 cm)  
signed verso  
MW23-037

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## About the artist

Matt Wedel's artwork has been exhibited extensively throughout the United States and internationally, including at the Louisiana State University Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA; Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH; Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX; Omi International Arts Center, Ghent, NY; Wasserman Projects, Detroit, MI; Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ; Center for the Arts Gallery, Towson University, Towson, MD; Nora Eccles Museum of Art, Logan, UT; Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID; Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT; Fondation d'Enterprise, Bernardaud, Limoges, France; and Erskine Hall & Coe, London, England. His work can be found in the collections of the Honolulu Art Museum, Honolulu, HI; the Flint Institute of Art, Flint, MI; the LSU Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA; the Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX; the Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA; the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH; the Clay Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark; and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS Canada; among others.

Matt Wedel earned his BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he studied under Xavier Toubes, and an MFA in ceramics from California State University, Long Beach where he studied with Tony Marsh and Kristen Morgan. Wedel went on to teach largescale ceramics and contemporary practice at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Rhode Island School of Design, University of Colorado, Boulder and Ohio University. In early 2012, Wedel set up a full-time studio practice in Southeast Ohio where he lives with his wife and two children.

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