



Current Painting at Knox College

(GALESBURG, IL)

“Current Painting” opens February 9, 2017, at Knox College, and features paintings by Tyler Loftis, Chris Protas, and Ellen Trumbo.

These three artists have collaborated together on different projects for over a decade. The projects, all conceived of by Loftis, include Painting in New York (NYC 2003 - present), Collector’s Show (Grand Rapids, MI 2015 - present), and The Fire Barn Gallery (Grand Haven, MI 2011 - 2015.) They have included midwestern, international, prominent NY School and contemporary artists in NYC. The three have partnered with the Detroit Institute of Arts, Grand Rapids ArtPrize, Muskegon Museum of Art, and the Grand Rapids Art Museum as well as other art institutions and art schools in Michigan.

Protas and Trumbo are currently based in West Michigan and Loftis in NYC, but all three move back and forth between New York and the Midwest. The impulse to create these projects comes from Loftis’ belief that relevant art is happening throughout the U.S. and should find more dialogue with the current arts of Europe and the coasts of the U.S.

The three artists met at the New York Studio School in the mid 1990s / early 2000s. Although they all attended the school at different times, and studied under different teachers, a common interest brought them together, defining what would be a decade-long interaction of shared thoughts, artistic ideas and the creation of many joint projects.

Most recently, all three exhibited in a Painting in New York show at Leigh Morse Fine Arts at 22 E 80th St in NYC (December 8, 2016 - January 7, 2017.)

“Current Painting” is up through March 8, 2017.