## JENNIFER NOCON YOU SEE OCEAN I SEE Sky

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Tracy Williams, Ltd. is pleased to present Jennifer Nocon's *You See Ocean I See Sky*, in her third solo exhibition with the gallery. This new body of work combines a palette of black and white sgraffito and monochromatic tones with moments of full spectral color. The show includes several large-scale watercolors on paper, sculpture and a patterned frieze incorporating ceramic elements with hand dyed wool felt. Adroit treatment of pigment, texture and form converge to create a milieu that exquisitely translates her fascination with modernism and the natural world.

Nocon continues her exploration of re-occurring patterns in her surrounding environment and is intrigued with how we mimic these patterns in human behavior. The work attempts to reveal the way in which people, through the repetition of certain behaviors, slowly evolve a character much the same way a plant develops thorns.

These principles of construction are constant in her practice, and this presentation further extends this concept to human consciousness, blurring the boundaries between mind, ocean and sky.

19<sup>th</sup> century German Biologist Ernst Haeckel's illustrations of sea creatures, 17<sup>th</sup> century Japanese erotic woodblock prints from the Edo Period, and the mathematical drawings of recent astrophysical developments in the detection the Big Bang, all serve as a visual point of departure for her work. Soft wool, fluid watercolors, and ceramic clay create imagery that appears to be both fixed and in perpetual flux, building a mesmerizing and transformative aura surrounding her work.

Born in 1971, Jennifer Nocon lives and works in Los Angeles, CA. She received her BFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, followed by her MFA from the University of Southern California. Nocon has held solo and group exhibitions at notable galleries and institutions worldwide including, Tracy Williams, Ltd., New York (2007, 2009, 2014); Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, CA (2009); Blum & Poe, Los Angeles (2008); 1301PE, Los Angeles (2007); Kalfayan Galleries, Athens, Greece (2007); and a two part show at ARTSPACE, Auckland, New Zealand and Artist Space, New York (2006), among others.

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