



Studio Strain

MEDIA RELEASE

David James Strain: Kaleidoscope

Opening Reception:
Saturday, October 1st: 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Salon Strain
17134 N Eldridge Pkwy, Suite C
Tomball, Texas 77377



Studio Strain is pleased to present **David Strain: Kaleidoscope**, a solo exhibition featuring drawings, paintings and sculptures. The exhibition can be seen in person at the artist owned and operated boutique salon space, Salon Strain. Questions or interest in specific artworks can be addressed by contacting the artist through email, phone or accessing the website. There will be an Opening Reception from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 1st.

The drawings, paintings and sculptures in the exhibition, *Kaleidoscope*, show David James Strain's progression after graduating in 2008 with a BFA from The University of Texas in San Antonio. Within this timeframe, Strain's life has taken many twists and turns. He worked on an offshore drilling rig for five years before entering the corporate realm. Feeling out of place behind a desk, he quickly left and pursued a career in the beauty industry alongside his wife (a hairstylist of 20 years). He now owns a boutique hair salon with his wife, while raising their only daughter. He's been a creator through it all and his drive to pursue his artistic endeavors has never wavered. Strain is grateful to have a home studio in Houston where he spends many hours perfecting his artwork and a career that allows him the gift of time to pursue his creativity.

Being exhibited are selected works which show the progression from his *Building Up* series to his recent *Kaleidoscope* paintings. This large-scale exhibition will show black and white drawings of overpopulated futuristic cityscapes that eventually transition to being completely chaotic and abstracted. These themes are then executed using a more sculptural approach before finally transitioning to color.

This culmination finally develops to his current work of paintings and sculptures that have been characterized and described as abstractions that approach recognizable forms and landscapes. Each new piece takes upwards of 100 hours and are crafted on artist built wooden supports.

For more information or to inquire about availability, please contact David James Strain at davidjamesstrain@yahoo.com or call (832) 922-0728.