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Gallery Crawl:
A tour of local exhibitions

Inside the home of artist Stephen Wilson



WINDY O'CONNOR

"Painting and creating is an intuitive process for me. I must trust that when I stand in front of my easel, I will find my destination without a map. Most of my work is void of subject. I rely on visual memories to set a tone. A simple emotion of an event or period will transform into color and composition. My latest work has been inspired by my summers at the coast. My family has a love of surfing. It has brought us a profusion of memories and friendships that take us to faraway places. I wanted to honor those memories through my new body of work called 'Surf Report.'"

"Along with color and composition, I am drawn to the process and action of my work. I am a lover of experimentation. The multitude of media and paints call me to constantly research and play with new materials. The paintings do a lot of the work and act as a partner. They dictate what comes next like the choice of medium, brush stroke, a mark, drips and pours, and the use of ink or graphite. It is a sometimes-beautiful dance, and I must respond and follow or lead in every step. It is only when an emotion is stirred inside of my soul that I find the finished work in front of me."

Clockwise from top left:

Highsnobiety x Boom-Art Diptych Retro Surfboards / \$4,060 / photography by Daominik Schulte / www.highsnobiety.com

Gucci Fumus Star Eye Candle / \$350 / www.gucci.com

Crayon Box Wallpaper by Windy O'Connor Home / www.windyconnor.net

Addison Weeks Benson Brass Pull with Backplate / \$80 / www.addisonweeks.com

Arteriors Maddy Vase / \$138 / www.abodehomedesign.com

Memphis Jade Ring and Medium Lover Vases by Bo Jia for Middle Kingdom / \$55 - \$97 / www.mkporcelain.com