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## Stella Alesi Solo Exhibition Announced for Spring Gallery Night at Artspace111

### *Being: in shape* | Stella Alesi

March 26, 2022 – May 7, 2022

Spring Gallery Night is March 26, 2022, from Noon–8pm

Artspace111 presents *Being: in shape* by Stella Alesi for Spring Gallery Night. The exhibition will showcase three closely related bodies of work titled, *Circuit*, *With Grace*, and *The Shape*. These three series explore the human experience through 2D and 3D shapes. While bold, playful, organic shapes mimic natural elements like leaves or human bones, other forms resemble ready-made marks like alphabet letters. These multimedia works allow the viewer to explore their own humanity and reflect on the present moment. The *Circuit* series, 2019, introduces the “U” shape to compositions of balance and repetition. This series was created during a time when Alesi experienced daily challenges as well as small victories. From 2020–2021, Alesi worked on the series, *With Grace*. This series contains paintings on oil paper mounted to rectangular as well as shaped panels. The use of a gentler and more rounded line was used to create a less literal and more intuitive body of work. *With Grace* invites the viewer to embrace difficult periods of time, *with grace*. In her newest work beginning in 2022, Alesi has begun a playful exploration of a single shape. Meant to be displayed in multiples, with numerous configurations available, these works resemble alphabets and the perception of emotions.

*“In creating this visual language, I did not set out to communicate any one thought specifically, but more a general sense of being alive in this particular time, in this particular place. If the work speaks beyond this time and place, it is perhaps because we are more alike than different.”* – Stella Alesi

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“Through oil paint, wax, and shaped wood panels, Alesi’s personal history is distilled through composed abstractions, in the three series presented. Opportunity is granted for viewers to reflect on their own personal histories while questioning the ephemeral nature of human experience. In this exhibition, the idea of shape connects us. What do certain shapes reveal to us that others do not? The perpetual obscurity in all shapes asks us to reflect on the tangibility of emotion and our own humanity. – Margery Gossett, Gallery Owner, Artspace111

Artspace111 will be open on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from noon–8pm. This reception will provide an opportunity for guests and patrons to meet and visit with the artists. The gallery requests that guests RSVP via Eventbrite. Social distancing and wearing masks inside the gallery is highly encouraged.

Link here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-gallery-night-at-artspace111-tickets-271340154707>

### About Stella Alesi

At the young age of eleven, Alesi announced that one day she would become an artist, and through education, focus, and intention she has successfully walked that path. Born in New York and raised in New Jersey, Alesi attended Parsons School of Design and graduated with a BFA from the University of New Hampshire, Durham. In 2005 she was awarded a Brown Foundation Full Fellowship to be an artist in residency at the Vermont Studio Center. From traveling to LA, Paris, Alaska, North Carolina, Tucson, Maine, and many other locations to receiving a master’s from the University of Massachusetts, Alesi is well traveled, educated, and inspired. She and her husband, Leon, founded the in-house gallery BLACKBOX in January of 2012. There, they curated and produced 12 exhibits of emerging Austin based artists. Living and painting in Austin, Texas for over 25 years, Alesi has created a remarkable career for herself. Her work is included in both private and corporate collections.

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## About Artspace111

Located in downtown Fort Worth, Texas, Artspace111 specializes in the exhibition of Contemporary Texas Art. In 1980, twin brothers Daniel and Dennis Blagg established Artspace111, converting a historic 1911 building into artist studios and a small gallery space in order to support and celebrate the work of local artists. In 2007, Margery Gossett and William Grella became the Owner/Directors of Artspace111 and further developed the gallery into a celebrated and distinguished 3,000 square foot art gallery. In addition to the year-round schedule of solo and group exhibitions, Artspace111 designs corporate and private art collections for clients throughout the country and hosts special events in its distinctive gallery and sculpture gardens. Artspace111 is dedicated to making contemporary art approachable to individuals of all ages.

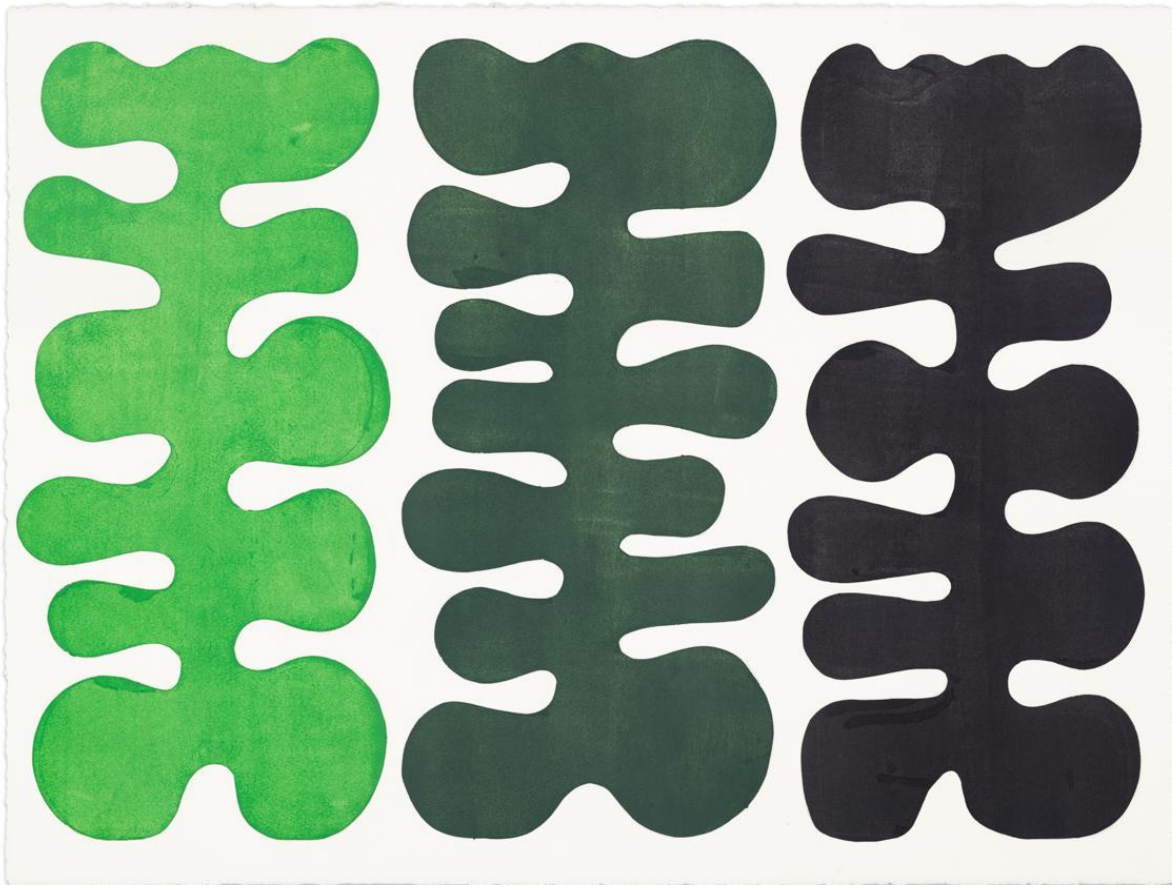
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Trio, 2021 by Stella Alesi. Oil wax and pencil on oil paper. 22.5 x 30." Available.

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