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Artist S & S

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Deborah Colton Gallery is pleased to launch our **Artist S & S Project**. This stands for “Artist Solo & Studio” and we are excited about this project, both for the community and the artist that is chosen each year.

Deborah Colton Gallery started in the early millennium in the artist studio building of 2500 Summer Street. One of the reasons that Deborah selected this space was that she wanted the gallery to be in a place where art was created. Our current gallery space started as the artist studio of Molly Gochman. Molly created the space, including the design on the building with the white convex and concave spheres on the outside of the building, which say “Welcome” in Braille. We want to embrace this original vision, just like we did in our old gallery space on Summer Street being in an artist studio building. Thus, during the summer, Deborah Colton Gallery is launching a new project which gives an emerging artist a chance to have a solo exhibition in the main gallery and set up an installation in the back half of the gallery as their working studio. Artist **Grayson Chandler** will launch this new endeavor with his exhibition *IN VIA* this summer. In addition to our normal operations as a contemporary fine arts gallery serving all our artists, this project gives the community a chance to visualize what happens in an artist’s studio. It also gives the artist a chance to see how a commercial fine arts gallery is operated. All works in both the working studio installation and the *IN VIA* exhibition will be available for acquisition through Deborah Colton Gallery. Public Viewing Hours will be Thursday through Saturday, 1:00 to 6:30 pm. or “By Appointment.”

Born in Houston, Texas in 1994, Grayson Chandler has been exposed to the visual arts since a young age. He began practicing drawing and painting in junior high at Lanier Middle School and continued to practice at Lamar High School where he was awarded the most artistic in his graduating class. Although he graduated in 2018 from the University of North Texas with a BFA in Studio Arts, Grayson debuted at Deborah Colton Gallery in 2017 with his solo exhibition, *Tautologies & Memoirs*. Thereafter, Deborah Colton Gallery hosted two more solos of his - *Cocoon* in 2019 and *Telos: After Thought* in 2020. Grayson Chandler’s works have been exhibited throughout Texas and nationally, and he recently had a solo exhibition at the Pearl Fincher Museum in Spring, Texas, entitled *Apophenia*.

As Deborah Colton states, “Grayson Chandler has exceptional talent and has met with great success in his artistic career already. He is an outstanding role model for young students who are inspired to pursue a career as fine arts artists, and for those just graduating from university with their fine arts degrees. Having a good understanding of his artistic process and being able to convey this clearly is enriching for anyone coming into the gallery during this time. In addition to our Opening Reception, we hope to have at least one Artist Talk and a Q & A video done during the summer also. These will be able to be accessed at any time on our website”

"I'm excited to launch this new project for Deborah Colton Gallery. I will create a space where the scope of our imagination is given ground to explore the ways we conceive meaning in a manner similar to how life evolves with its environment." Grayson Chandler

Deborah Colton Gallery is founded on being an innovative showcase for ongoing presentation and promotion of strong historical and visionary contemporary artists world-wide, whose diverse practices include painting, works on paper, sculpture, video, photography, performance, conceptual future media and public space installations.