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Grayson Chandler IN VIA

**July 16 to September 3, 2022** Q & A with Grayson Chandler and Catherine Anspon: Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Opening Reception: Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

**Deborah Colton Gallery** is pleased to present *IN VIA*, an exhibition featuring works on paper by **Grayson Chandler**. There will be an Opening Reception on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A Walking Tour and Q & A with Grayson Chandler and Catherine Anspon will be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> also.

Via, borrowing from the Latin ablative for road, is an English preposition meaning "by way of; through." The guiding ethos of *IN VIA* is one which echoes a compulsion for motion. Complimented by its phonetic proximity to words such as viva, vida, and vive, *IN VIA* encourages connotations of living, passing, and connecting. Within this vein, Chandler's latest exhibit serves to circumscribe the ways through which he channels his creative spirit into otherworldly artworks. As a special feature, Chandler invites viewers to get a closer glimpse into his artistic practice. By assembling his studio as a fixture of the exhibit, *IN VIA* aims to reproduce a more comprehensive showcase for the manifold of means, methods, and measurements by which Chandler finds vitality in his vision. Running in conjunction with Deborah Colton Gallery's 2022 "Artist Solo & Studio Project," *IN VIA* is an opportunity for both the artist and audience to glean and visualize what occurs between studio and gallery.

Born in Houston, Texas, Grayson Chandler graduated with a BFA in Art Studio at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. Chandler's first solo exhibition at Deborah Colton Gallery in 2017 captivated the viewers and was a "sell-out" show. Chandler's second solo exhibition, *Cocoon*, at Deborah Colton Gallery in May 2019 attracted much attention, with many major collectors acquiring his works. His solo exhibition in 2020, *Telos: After Thought* was equally successful. Grayson Chandler has been selected for a major exhibition which highlights five artists from Texas and five from The State of Qatar. This exhibition is tentatively scheduled to open in Doha, Qatar in 2023 and will then come to Houston. Grayson Chandler has recently had a solo exhibition at the Pearl Fincher Museum in Spring, Texas, titled *Apophenia, and* has been included in several Texas and national exhibitions.

Public gallery hours during this exhibition are Thursday through Saturday, 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Private appointments during other times can be arranged by contacting the gallery at info@deborahcoltongallery.com or at 713-869-5151.

**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.

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