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## **Grayson Chandler** *Tautologies & Memoirs*

July 1, 2017 – August 19, 2017  
Opening Reception: Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Deborah Colton Gallery** is pleased to present *Tautologies & Memoirs*, a solo exhibit featuring a selection of paintings by Grayson Chandler. *Tautologies & Memoirs* gives a glimpse into the unique perspective of a young artist from Houston, Texas. The exhibition opens Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, with a reception for the artist from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Born in Houston, Texas 1994, **Grayson Chandler** has been exposed to the visual arts from 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 most artistic in his graduating class. Now studying Fine Arts at the University of North Texas, Grayson's aim is to graduate with a BFA in Studio Arts as he continues to advance his artistic career.

Fascinated by the intrinsic order and beauty of nature, Grayson's work attempts to capture and abstract it's character in a manner that is recognizable, yet unfamiliar. Deeply curious about the forces that govern human reason and faith, his work probes the amphibious network linking logic, intuition, consciousness, and emotion. Through this perspective, we are encouraged to draw upon our own experience and sensation as a means of illuminating the border between real and imaginary—exposing their dichotomy—to explore our desire to identify with imagery that resembles things we already know, and draw from that tendency as an aperture to view something empirically new.

**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. The Gallery aspires to provide a forum through connecting Texas, national and international artists to make positive change.