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(Denver CO) RULE Gallery is pleased to present *Eric Blum: New Paintings* at its Denver, Colorado location. The show will open with a public reception on April 28, 2017, from 6-9pm, and will be on view from April 28 through June 10, 2017.

Throughout his career, Eric Blum has produced a body of work that mines the indeterminate area on the periphery of the senses; in the gap between the actual and the perceived. His recent monochrome paintings feature a muted palette of green-indigo, plum brown and ice-cream pink, employing his signature ingredients: ink, silk and beeswax. Transparent, collage-like layers are developed within the guidelines of an initial drawing, which has been dictated by chance. Blum drags his designated imagery through a process of opposing inclinations: rotating, flipping, covering, uncovering, overlapping, tearing, excising and splicing. Layers beneath are unearthed. Unexpected juxtapositions appear. In some cases much of the entire painting is cut away, leaving the remaining fragments consigned to the edges of the frame and wrapping around the side of the panel. Ultimately, his original set of elements has been rearranged into a kind of visual anagram...or “misunderstanding,” as he calls it...no longer resembling its own preconception.

Eric Blum (b. 1956) was born and raised in California and currently lives in New York. He has an extensive exhibition history that includes solo and group shows in New York, California, Georgia, Denver, Spain, Paris, among other locations. Blum’s work has been shown at The Contemporary Art Center Cincinnati, the Kresge Art Museum, the Knoxville Art Museum, the Montclair Art Museum, and the Albright-Knox Gallery. He is a two-time recipient of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award as well as a 2008 recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts award. Blum has been represented in Denver by RULE Gallery since the 1990’s and had his first solo exhibition with the gallery in 1998.

RULE Gallery has exhibited contemporary abstract and conceptual works, including paintings, sculpture, photography, and works on paper, by both established and emerging national artists since 1991. The gallery has locations in Denver, Colorado, and Marfa, Texas. For more information, visit www.rulegallery.com