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RETNA SOLO SHOW | “Articulate & Harmonic Symphonies of the Soul”

February 13th - March 12th 2015

Opening Reception February 13th from 7pm - 10pm

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NEW YORK, NY - RETNA’s “Articulate & Harmonic Symphonies of the Soul” at the Hoerle-Guggenheim Gallery is opening February 13th, 2015. The solo show includes RETNA’s most important pieces of recent years and a careful selection of his newest works on canvas by the artist. The show will be up at the Hoerle-Guggenheim Gallery on 527 West 23rd Street, New York, NY, 10011, through March 12th, 2015.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

Hoerle-Guggenheim is a newly opened gallery in the heart of the New York Chelsea art district on 23rd Street. The gallery was founded by Philippe Hoerle-Guggenheim and has an array of important modern and contemporary artists. The gallery’s most recent acquisitions include seminal works by artists RETNA and Peter Beard, and Natvar Bhavsar, and many others.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Marquis Lewis, born 1979, known by his globally-recognized tag RETNA, accesses spaces between typographic, text-based imagery and abstract emotive states with his mysterious lines of script. Using the concept of the graffiti tag as a starting point to craft a secret language of symbols, the canvasses are messages known to him and his inner circle alone. Each block of text is a sophisticated system of hieroglyphs, calligraphy and illuminated script. With influences reaching as far as Arabic, Egyptian, Hebrew, Anglo-Saxon (or Old English) and Native American mythologies, RETNA crafts a unique lexicon to communicate a personal form of poetry; one that speaks to the blaring realities of urban life, but grants itself access to metaphysical musings.

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