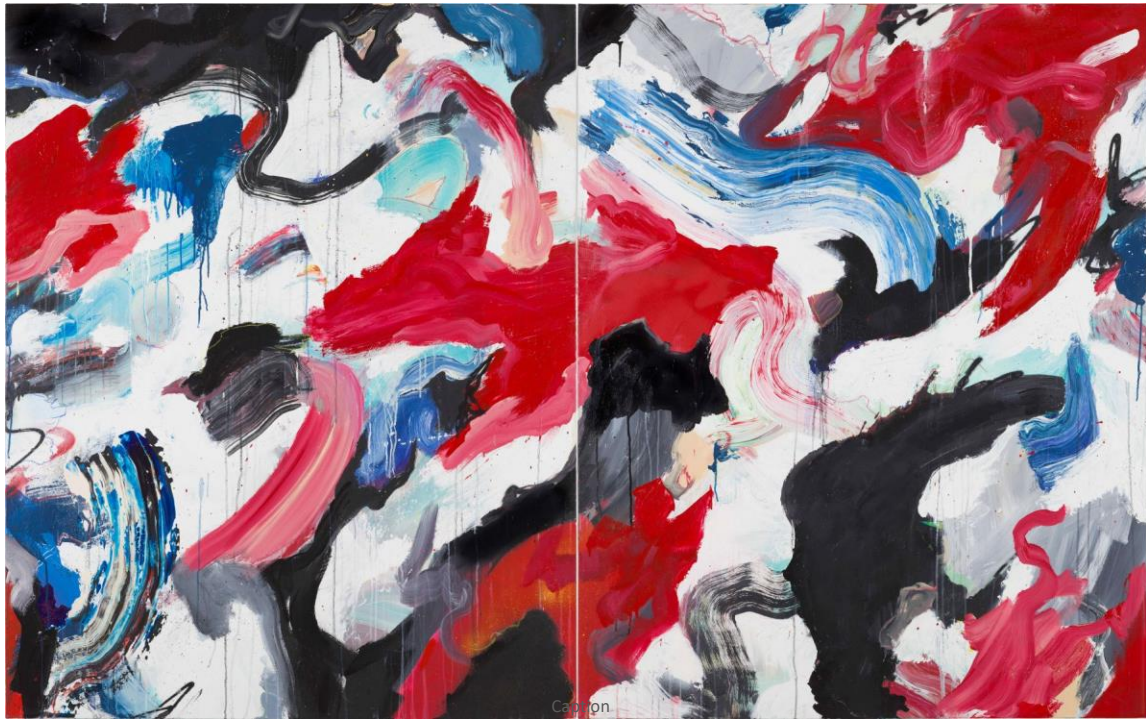


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Sotheby's Los Angeles Presents *inertia*, A Solo Exhibition of New Works by Painter and Digital Artist ThankYouX

Opening November 28 in Beverly Hills,
Exhibition Spans Physical, Digital, and Hybrid Artworks

inertia Continues Sotheby's Direct Collaboration with Artists Spanning
Auctions, Buy Now, and Selling Exhibitions



Dancing Above the Clouds by ThankYouX

LOS ANGELES, 26 OCTOBER 2023 – This fall, Sotheby's Los Angeles will open *inertia*, a solo exhibition featuring a new body of physical, digital, and hybrid works of art by LA-based artist Ryan Wilson, widely known as ThankYouX. The exhibition, which will be on view from November 28 through December 20, 2023, at Sotheby's flagship gallery in Beverly Hills, marks the continuation of Sotheby's recent collaborations with artists to present

their work in news ways spanning auction, direct purchase, and gallery exhibitions. The exhibition also marks one of the most significant presentations of primary work by an artist ever at Sotheby's.



ThankYouX in his Los Angeles studio

inertia will showcase the spectrum of his practice, ranging from large-scale canvases, physical/digital hybrids that utilize embedded screens, and entirely digital compositions. Anchored by 13 paintings, including one hybrid work with a digital screen embedded into the canvas, the exhibition epitomizes ThankYouX's ongoing exploration of movement, both physically and metaphorically across different mediums. Through layers of abstraction, ThankYouX captures the dynamics of movement in his paintings to create a sense of energy and motion, breaking free from the confines of the flat planes. The hybrid and digital works, expanding a step further the dimension of motion, offer a new perspective on the concept of movement beyond the canvas.

“To me, each painting in *inertia* is an abstract poem of motion. I wanted each brushstroke to feel like a dance of colors that pirouettes and leaps, inviting the viewer to join in the symphony of movement.”

ThankYouX

With a background in traditional art, ThankYouX started his artistic journey as a street artist in Los Angeles, and quickly gained worldwide recognition for his distinctive style. His works have been shown in solo and group exhibitions globally, including in London, Los Angeles, Miami, Korea, and New York, and are placed in notable private and public collections around the world. Since beginning his exploration of digital blockchain-based art in 2020, ThankYouX has become one of the most prominent figures in the digital art space, connecting traditional art with the world of web3. This exhibition signifies a highly anticipated homecoming of the artist in Los Angeles and his renewed exploration of the medium of painting, as well as further breaking down the barriers between digital and physical art.



Retrace the Steps by ThankYouX

ThankYouX previously collaborated with Sotheby’s in 2021 to curate Physical/ Digital: A Modern Diptych, a selection of artworks that featured both digital and physical elements. The curation was part of Sotheby’s Contemporary Art Day Auction in London, where the works were offered alongside established artists including Damien Hirst, Banksy, and Cecily Brown, to name a few. Works by ThankYouX have also been offered in additional Contemporary Art auctions at Sotheby’s, with each work exceeding its high estimate. In collaborating with ThankYouX for inertia, Sotheby’s remains committed to supporting artists and expanding opportunities to introduce outstanding work by a new generation of artists to a broader audience.

inertia will take place at Sotheby's Los Angeles gallery, which opened in October 2021 in Beverly Hills, the first public exhibition space of the global auction house on the West Coast. The flagship street-level gallery space has since played host to significant presentations of private collections, luxury, design, jewelry & watches, and fine art, including bespoke exhibition programming specialized to its location in the heart of Los Angeles. Sotheby's has also been expanding its gallery footprint, launching dedicated spaces in Palm Beach, Aspen, and Monaco, in addition to the flagship gallery in Los Angeles.

“The rise of blockchain-based digital art has opened myriad possibilities for artists to not only explore this new medium, but also to challenge market paradigms and have a more direct hand in shaping how collectors engage with their work. That spirit of digital art is underscored in this boundary-defying exhibition, given ThankYouX's position at the vanguard of the movement, and showcases our history of working with artists to present their work in new formats and channels. With *inertia*, we are excited to continue exploring new avenues that empower artists and guide the future of a creator-driven art market.”

Mari-Claudia Jimenez, Sotheby's Chairman, President, Americas and Head of Global Business Development

“ThankYouX was one of the first artists to have crossover success during the rise of digital art in 2020 and 2021, where he quickly established himself with his innovative practice that seamlessly traverses traditional and digital art. With his latest group of work in *inertia*, the scope of his practice is on full display, from his swooping brushwork that references Abstract Expressionist luminaries such as Willem de Kooning to embedding a digital screen directly into one of the canvases. The boundaries between digital and physical art are openly blurred, challenging perspectives, and bringing to light new ways digital production and thinking will continue to influence the future of art.”

Constanze Nogler, Sotheby's Director, Los Angeles

***inertia* by ThankYouX**

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About ThankYouX

ThankYouX, a painter hailing from the vibrant artistic hub of Los Angeles, California, has nurtured a profound fascination with the symbiotic relationship between technology and our comprehension of both the natural world and movement itself. Embarking on his artistic journey in 2009, ThankYouX's initial foray into the art scene was marked by his captivating street art creations and experimentation with geometric patterns. Over the years, his artistic vision has evolved into an all-encompassing practice that thrives at the dynamic crossroads of contemporary art and cutting-edge technology.

As an enthusiastic proponent of emerging technological platforms, ThankYouX expanded his artistic exploration in 2020, when he delved into the realm of digital blockchain-based artwork. This endeavor was a turning point, propelling him to prominence in this emerging field and establishing him as a pioneer in combining traditional artistic expression with the dynamic world of blockchain-based art. His mastery of this evolving medium has enabled him to build bridges between two seemingly disparate worlds—the established art sphere and the growing crypto domain.

Notable moments include a collaboration with Hans Zimmer, inclusion of his work in institutions like the The Museum of the Future in Dubai and The Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, collaborations with the likes of Sotheby's (as both an artist and curator) and his groundbreaking solo project, "State Of The Art," which blends digital and physical art in ways that push both mediums forward.

ThankYouX's portfolio resonates with innovation and has garnered international recognition through exhibitions spanning cities like London, Los Angeles, Miami, and New York. Through his captivating works, he not only explores the interplay between digital interfaces and organic forms but also reflects on the multifaceted ways in which movement, nature, and technology interweave.

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