

Biomorphic ~

David Edwards: *Metal Drawings*
+Paintings, and Sculpture

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Avenue 12 Gallery is excited to present a solo exhibition of
David Edwards: *Biomorphic*

David Edwards has always been fascinated with the materiality of the world around him. Wood, steel, plaster, and the newer polymers.

The term “Biomorphic” is used as coined by Alfred H Barr for MoMA in 1939:

“Curvilinear rather than rectilinear, decorative rather than structural and romantic rather than classical in its exaltation of the mystical, the spontaneous and the irrational.”

Metal Drawings

Edwards creates his metal drawings by liberating the shapes from his paintings and enlarging them to “life size”. A plasma cutter is used to express the shapes in metal with layers of acrylic applied to finish the process.

Rich with layers of texture, these abstract organic forms seem to seep, step, and scurry across and through walls, ceilings and corners. One cannot help but notice that there is indeed a familiarity with these shapes. Some drawings may appear to be resting, many are actively diving or accelerating into or away from each other. These can meet multiple categorizations: smaller groupings can be seen as paintings. A larger group, as seen at the gallery, is an installation that immerses the viewer with both Edwards’ and their own imagination.

Paintings

David Edwards starts his painting process with a personally carved wood implement, a well of ink, and a flat white medium of paper or plaster. His semi automatic marks are conjured by his subconscious thoughts. They are imparted directly to the surface where they take shape as his hand-made tool deposits ink to the surface.

Sculptures

Edwards forms his sculptures out of a variety of materials including steel, wood, Bondo (automotive putty), styrofoam, epoxy and wax. One group is made using LDPE (low-density polyethylene) trash bags. These works become strangely engaging artifacts.

The exhibit is installed in the windows and throughout the gallery, open most afternoons and by appointment.

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About the Gallery

Avenue 12 Gallery is a contemporary art gallery in San Francisco with a focus on artwork by emerging and established Bay Area artists.

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David Edwards
Metal Drawing #1
acrylic on steel