



GARO OURFALIAN

0 to 1

Dates: August 11 - September 5

TAG Gallery is proud to present *0 to 1*, a solo exhibition by artist Garo Ourfalian. The exhibition runs from August 10 - September 5 and will be presented online at taggallery.net. In *0 to 1*, Ourfalian utilizes oil paints and mark making in an effort to investigate and traverse the powerful ability of art to shift our consciousness and emotional state. As such, this work is aimed at molding the viewers sensibilities into what it is they so desire to receive from within. Whether it be broadening our perspectives or finding value in the unexpected, the intent is to reach uncharted territories.

A self taught artist who moved to Los Angeles in his 20's, Ourfalian found a fertile ground for more inspiration through Southern California's profound diversity. As a result, he aimed to expand his inquisitive mind by branching out from his Middle Eastern traditions, creating an abyss that was eventually filled with cultural influence from all over the world. The melting of different cultures, styles, and languages assisted in Ourfalian uncovering a new realm of complexities within himself along with the sudden realization that his current location was just a sizably larger version of what he experienced in the Middle East.

Ourfalian uses his practice as a means of understanding himself, human behavior, and social interactions. Shapes, symbols, colors, and are key figures in his work; as such, his practice elicits a timeless, yet emotional impact on viewers. "Every human interaction drives me to create symbolic art and images that penetrate the psyche behind action and behavior." He also states, "Life may be a series of choices, but art never was... It is as basic a need as air and water."