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Streets: Mark Lewis at 108|Contemporary

Tulsa, Oklahoma –August 29, 2017– 108|Contemporary is pleased to announce its upcoming exhibition *Streets: Mark Lewis*, opening October 6th during the First Friday Art Crawl. The exhibition will run until November 19th. Working in large-scale paper and graphite collages, Mark Lewis, Applied Associate Professor at the University of Tulsa, builds up layers of paper to create highly dimensional urban landscapes, both of Tulsa and invented city spaces.

Lewis holds a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute and an MFA from Yale University. His urban city scenes feel at once approachable and universal, in part from the energy infused during their creation. Lewis is known for creating his large scale paintings and collages *en plein air*, or on the streets rather than in the studio. As a result, the works capture the spirit of daily life and the environments he illustrates.

“We are so excited to host such a distinguished Tulsa artist,” says Kathy McRuiz, Executive Director of 108|Contemporary. “His work exemplifies not only what contemporary craft is, but also the caliber of talent fostered in Tulsa.”

In addition to the opening on the 6th, Lewis will guide visitors through the exhibition and discuss his works on Saturday, October 7th at 1:30pm.

This exhibition is generously sponsored by Steadman and Peggy Upham. We join all Tulsans in celebrating Stead’s life and grieving upon his recent passing.

108|Contemporary is a non-profit community arts organization that supports Oklahoma’s contemporary fine craft artists. We envision a community where world-class craft and design exhibition programming inspires and educates audiences of all ages; where Oklahoma’s cultural traditions flourish and local artists thrive.

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