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1. Julia Kottal *Unreachable*. Oil on canvas. 18" x 18"

2. David Kupferman *BJ 2-14*. Acrylic on canvas. 36" x 36"

Endless Planes

Exhibit Dates: October 16-November 28, 2020

Virtual Reception with the artists: TBA (check website for updates)

Gilded Pear Gallery

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Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is pleased to present *Endless Planes*, a two-person exhibit of new artworks by Iowa artists, Julia Kottal and David Kupferman.

A plain is commonplace, and at times overlooked: a vast stretch of land or horizon. If the layer of earth with grasses, rocks and the distinct elements on the surface are removed, we're left with a plane: a surface that extends infinitely. *Endless Planes* unifies these two artists' works and combines similar visual themes, present in each of their art which underline the deconstruction of our inner or outer habitat. Abstracted scenes composed in grid-like structures contain the energy and vibrato of color in works on paper, canvas and board.

Julia Kottal's artwork keeps some sense of traditional order in the landscape, but lets the paint take on a life of its own and leads to unexpected and seductive results. Her exploration of color as an idea, and the feelings of loneliness as a place are conveyed in all her works in oil,

watercolor and encaustics. She is a native mid-westerner, born in Michigan. She has studied art in Florida, Maryland and California before moving to Iowa in 1992. She has a B.A., with painting as her emphasis, from Coe College. She has work in various collections nationally, including Alliant Energy, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Coe College, Kirkwood Community College, University Miami of Ohio, Millhiser Smith, Terry, Lockridge and Dunn, and United Fire Group. She lives in Cedar Rapids with her husband Roy and sweet cat, Clark.

David Kupferman's work has spontaneous, gestural imagery that weave a tapestry of visions in a unique fusion of Eastern and Western aesthetics and philosophy. He is a longtime resident of Fairfield, IA and spent many summers painting on Cape Cod. He was born in Boston and is the son of artists Ruth Cobb and Abstract Expressionist Lawrence Kupferman. He studied and apprenticed with his father, Head of the Dept. of Painting, at the Massachusetts College of Art and attended the University Of Wisconsin, Madison and MERU, Switzerland. Kupferman is in 15 museum collections and has had solo shows in 2 museums and over 40 galleries including NY, Boston and Chicago. He received major grants from the Pollock/Krasner and the Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Foundations. He is in numerous private and public collections of hospitals, banks and corporations.

**Sales from Julia's watercolor artworks* "August 10th, 2020- a Derecho, or an inland hurricane, decimated Cedar Rapids' tree canopy. The city lost 75%, many of them century-old. I feel particularly sad losing several large trees at our home, they were a gracious, shade producing part of our family and will be sorely missed. It is so important to replant in the city for future generations, so I am donating my portion of the sale of my watercolor artworks to Trees Forever. They are a local non-profit organization in Cedar Rapids that plant and care for trees by empowering people, building community, and promoting stewardship. Their trained and experienced staff has assisted community leaders and landowners across Iowa and Illinois with thousands of planting projects. To date, they have helped plant more than 3 million trees and shrubs. Thank you for your purchase and for helping me support this necessary initiative."-- Julia*

Gilded Pear Gallery is located at 808 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. For hours and more information visit www.gildedpeargallery.com –or- call: 319-366-0205

Gallery operations during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Private viewing appointments can be made by contacting the gallery via email or phone. Available hours during this time are Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm, and CLOSED on Sunday. **The gallery asks that all persons arriving for their scheduled appointments be masked.** A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street parking is available on 3rd avenue and 8th street- non-metered. The MedQuarter features protected bike lanes and bicycle "parking" can be found on the opposite side of the building by the Pocket Park on 3rd and 8th. **There is no admission fee for private viewings.**