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## **Max Hammond Takes Flight with “Notes on Flying Things” at Bonner David Galleries**

**Scottsdale, AZ** — Bonner David Galleries is proud to present *Notes on Flying Things*, a new solo exhibition by acclaimed artist **Max Hammond**, opening November 6, 2025, at its flagship Scottsdale location. Known for his richly textured surfaces and evocative use of color, Hammond’s latest body of work is a whimsical and contemplative journey through floating forms and imagined flight.

Inspired by everything from vintage zeppelins and rockets to clouds and kinetic sculptures, *Notes on Flying Things* explores the artist’s fascination with motion, levity, and escape.

“I’ve been thinking a lot about flying or floating things while I paint,” Hammond explains. “Anything from rockets and zeppelins to clouds—I have more pictures of clouds on my phone than just about anything else.”

The exhibition features abstract shapes that drift across the canvas with buoyant energy. These forms, often rooted in geometric simplicity, evolve into confectionary rockets, soft blocks of color, and playful compositions that defy gravity.

“The shapes bounce and float like kids on sugar,” says Hammond. “I want to take viewers to a quieter place—away from the visual stress of everyday life.”

At a time when modern life bombards us with constant distractions, Hammond’s work offers a refuge: slow, deliberate, and deeply meditative. Each painting invites viewers into a visual dialogue where color and form become a language of peace and imagination.

Referencing the influence of Arthur Ganson’s delicate kinetic sculpture *11 Scraps of Paper*, and evoking the grandeur of airships from a bygone era, Hammond’s work is more intuitive than engineered.

“As much as I can appreciate engineering, my work is more about impressions and impulses than anything precise,” he says. “In my mind, a soft fuzzy cloud translates just fine to a floating block of color.”

*Notes on Flying Things* will be on view at Bonner David Galleries from **November 6 through December 2, 2025**, with an opening reception on **Friday, November 7 from 6–8:30 PM**.

### **About Bonner David Galleries**

Bonner David Galleries represents the finest in contemporary and traditional art with locations in

Scottsdale, Arizona and New York City. The gallery is known for its commitment to both emerging and established artists, offering a diverse and compelling exhibition program.