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Andy Woll: *Western Wear* at Denny Gallery, February 15 - May 25, 2018

- But when you get right down to brass tacks, which is more important- Gary Cooper or the landscape?
- Oh, I would hate to have to choose between them.
- Say you had to. Say it was a question of life or death.
- I would have to say the landscape.
- There you go.
- But I love them both.

Excerpt from Sam Shepard, "Three Stories," *New Yorker*, 1996

Denny Gallery is pleased to present *Western Wear*, a solo exhibition by Andy Woll. This will be his first solo exhibition in New York City.

Andy Woll is an expressive painter working between abstraction and representation. The subject of many of his paintings over the past few years has been Mount Wilson, a peak that is identifiable by its towers and telescopes from all over Los Angeles, where Woll lives. He has painted over 150 paintings of this same subject, echoing Paul Cezanne's repeated study of Mont Sainte-Victoire in his native Provence a century ago. When Woll's subject remains fixed on Mount Wilson, the artist is free to explore other aspects of painting, such as color, mark-making, and differing levels of abstraction. Woll's colors are often thematic for a period of time, as in the paintings for this show exploring "Western Wear." In the past his colors choices have been influenced by film noir, dime novels, and snowy landscapes. In addition to the mountain paintings for which he is known, Woll will exhibit new abstract works.

Andy Woll was born in Los Angeles, California in 1984. He received his BFA from Otis College of Art and Design in 2007. He is represented by Night Gallery in Los Angeles. Woll has exhibited work at Bonelli Contemporary, Gallery 3209, Blum and Poe, and recently showed as half of a two person show entitled *Pairs*, at Monte Vista Projects. Following his exhibition at Denny Gallery, Woll will have his second solo exhibition at Night Gallery in spring 2018. Woll lives and works in Los Angeles.

Please join us for an opening reception for the artist, Andy Woll, on Thursday, February 15th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Denny Gallery is located at 261 Broome Street in New York City. The hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, contact Elizabeth Denny or Robert Dimin at 212-226-6537 or by email at elizabeth@dennygallery.com or robert@dennygallery.com.