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John Dante Bianchi: *Unavoidable Encounter* at Denny Gallery December 9th, 2016 - January 22nd, 2017

Denny Gallery is pleased to announce *Unavoidable Encounter*, a solo exhibition by John Dante Bianchi, on view from December 9th, 2016 until January 22nd, 2017.

Unavoidable Encounter is an exhibition of new sculptural panels by John Dante Bianchi. His bodies of work- the Bruised Panels, Torqued Panels, and Relief Panels- refer in name to the physical process of their making. Bianchi's wall-based works are both sculpture and painting, emerging from the wall or built in many layers and exactly constructed all the way through, from stretcher to support to surface. Much of Bianchi's work explores the ideation of the piece as a body (an object) with a skin (a surface), which is exposed to forces of time and events leaving their mark. The Bruised Panels, for example, are speckled with colors that directly reference skin tones and bruises: pinks and blues and creams. They are built up in layers and sanded down to reveal textures and colors underneath. Bianchi's work encapsulates a sense of time within it, not only in the sense of process, but also in some of the materials he chooses, such as recycled redwood (the world's largest and longest-living trees) to make his freestanding sculptures.

John Dante Bianchi (b. 1978, Nashua, New Hampshire) received his BFA from Cooper Union and his MFA from Yale University. He lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. He has exhibited at Galerie Derouillon in Paris, Tyler Wood Gallery in San Francisco, Thierry Goldberg Gallery in New York City, Signal Gallery in Brooklyn, Kai Matsumiya in New York City, and David Zwirner in New York City. He has received press coverage in The New York Times, Observer, VICE's The Creators Project, ARTNEWS, Interview Magazine, BOMB Magazine, and Blouin Artinfo.

Please join us for an opening reception for John Dante Bianchi on Friday, December 9th from 6 to 8 pm. 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. The gallery will be closed for the holidays from December 24th through January 2nd. For further information, contact Elizabeth Denny or Robert Dimin at 212-226-6537 or by email at elizabeth@dennygallery.com or robert@dennygallery.com.