

## **SMITH & DAY : Lunch Reception with the Artists**

Robert Lawrence Designs

1607 Dragon Street, Dallas Tx 75207

Friday, April 5, 2019

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Robert Lawrence Designs (RLD) is pleased to welcome Austin-based artist duo Smith & Day and their newest collaborative body of work *SPF 4* to Dallas this Spring.

This introductory series from artist duo is centralized around memories from warm, watery summers spent abroad. These playful, observational paintings magnify small but luminous moments from photographs through exaggerated alterations to existing form and color.

Color relationships are a primary focus of this work. *La Fraîcheur du Sud V* exhibits a celebration of how the Mediterranean Sea can seem to be made up of thousands of different greens and blues when the sun shines through the waves. An exciting visual contrast is present in areas where a hot tangerine dot is surrounded by a mass of pale periwinkle. This body of work is made in phases, beginning with digital painting serving as a loose map for composition and color decisions. Next, small versions are painted in watercolor or gouache to distance further from the photograph, and the final resolution is completed in oil and is the largest in scale.

While the artist's works have originated from photographs taken on location, their romanticized subjects have been influenced by the French film movement which emerged in the 1950s and 1960 known as French New Wave or *La Nouvelle Vague*. Specifically, Eric Rohmer's films which are often set in dramatically beautiful and idyllic landscapes. Beyond aesthetic qualities, the way these *New Wave* films were made, often in a documentary style with basic or limited equipment, runs parallel to how Smith & Day are interested in approaching the painting process.

A public lunch reception and informal artist talk will be hosted at the Robert Lawrence Designs Showroom on Dragon on Friday, April 5, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, please RSVP by April 1 to Thomas by email [thomas@robertlawrencedesigns.com](mailto:thomas@robertlawrencedesigns.com) or by phone 214-748-2222 to reserve your spot.

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Smith & Day are a collaborative duo consisting of Katie Smith Day and Ryan Day. Their art practice involves color relationships and how color translates to form. They give importance to the element of play and the balancing of visual tension in their process. Smith & Day work primarily through painting, photography, and digital media.

Since 2006, Robert-Lawrence Designs has been supplying the interior design community with high quality silk and dried floral arrangements, artificial plants and custom-made trees. Robert-Lawrence also offers a hand-picked line of accessories to complete your home's look, no matter the style. In 2018, RLD began offering a rotating selection of contemporary art in various styles with the goal of providing a platform for fresh talent.

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