

# GALLERY AFERRO

## *Activate: Market Street 8*

Gilbert Hsiao



*Groove Alley* (detail), tape on wall, dimensions variable, 2016

**Jan 27 - May 21, 2016**  
**85 Market Street**

Opening Reception

January 30th, 2016

7 - 10pm at Gallery Aferro  
73 Market Street



## *Activate: Market Street 7* *Night & Day*

Presented by Gallery Aferro  
With the support of RBH Group

Gallery Aferro's "Activate: Market Street," is a year-round public art project transforming hundreds of linear feet of vacant storefront windows in Newark's historic downtown district. Storefronts owned by RBH Group on Market Street between Washington and University Streets are activated with installations, films, animation, neon sculptures, kinetic and interactive art, and performative public programming from local, national and international artists. Supported by RBH Group, and created by Gallery Aferro, the project delivers arresting, unexpected, and highly memorable experiences with contemporary art directly to the public, whether residents, students, workers or first-time visitors.

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## Mission

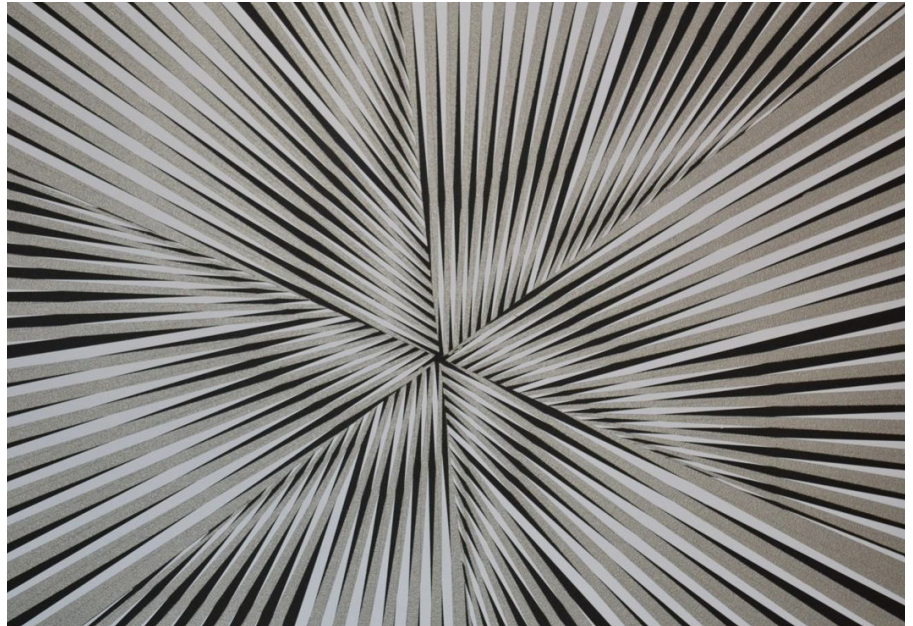
The mission of Gallery Aferro is to bring cultural education and aesthetic engagement with contemporary issues to all people equally, and to create an environment where artists can gather and share physical and intellectual resources. We are working towards an arts community that is available to everyone, without sacrificing standards or quality of experience.

## ADA Information

Gallery Aferro is wheelchair accessible. If you need special assistance or requests concerning ADA information please email our ADA Coordinator, Evonne Davis, at edavis@aferro.org. We believe art is absolutely for everyone and are very happy to accommodate anyone's needs but please give us 1 week notice for any arrangements that will need to be made at the gallery. If you require large print press materials please let us know 48 hours ahead of time.

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*Dub Plate (detail), acrylic on wood, 48 x 48, 2012*

Gilbert Hsiao came to New York City from a small town in Indiana to attend Columbia University. Two things that had the most lasting impact in his time there were his studies in the psychology of perception and his exposure to a wide spectrum of music through working as a disc jockey at the Columbia radio station, WKCR. Not offering a degree in art at the time, he left Columbia to study figure drawing and anatomy at the Art Students League, eventually receiving his BFA at Pratt Institute. His work has always incorporated abstract illusions of space, motion, light and time, but with a structure akin to music.

He has participated in residencies at Art Omi (Omi, New York), Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation (Brooklyn) and Millay Colony for the Arts (Austerlitz, NY), as well as being an ongoing resident at Gallery Aferro, and was a New York Foundation for the Arts Painting Fellow. His work has been seen in such institutions as PS. 1, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, MassMOCA and the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, as well as in commercial galleries and alternative spaces and throughout the Americas, Asia, Europe and Australia.

He works with a variety of aspects pertaining to the mechanics and organization of the sensation of visual perception, and its relationship to the other senses, especially hearing. Fascinated by the whole history of man's attempts to explain vision and its relationship to specific phenomena such as space, light, movement, physical scale and time, his work reflects specific isolated aspects in varying hierarchies of the whole process of seeing in order to intuitively understand that which, perhaps, in the end is not understandable, since the process of studying the senses require the use of those same senses while they are being studied.

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