

Constellations

Satch Hoyt

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Opening 22 September, 3 – 7pm

Musical performance by Satch Hoyt at 4pm,

artloft.berlin, Gerichtsasse 23, 13347 Berlin – www.artloft.berlin



© Satch Hoyt, *Notes from the Axis and Beyond Solo #8*, 2018 acrylic and pigment on canvas, 80 x 100cm.
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Constellations is a homage to the legendary artists who reformed sound, warped notes and expanded the universe through their sonic interventions. Across eight canvases Satch Hoyt evokes the density of Black sonority and its radically expansive capacity through recognizing the brilliance of stellar artists such as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, Thelonious Monk and Jimi Hendrix. The complexity of these acclaimed artists both regarding their personal lives and professional practice is echoed in the color pallet chosen by Hoyt. The canvases reminiscent of interstellar nebula, luminescent, cosmic but ultimately unknowable. An arrangement of magentas, and indigos that speak to a Black diasporic history of the middle passage and the metamorphosis that this rupture forced. From within this amorphism, we are offered those glimpses of genius that the artists allow to escape into the open. Manifest as a poem spanning the length of the canvas are moments of sheer luminosity, like solar flares through the darkness, but up close these silver droplets are vicious matter that imbricate the mercurial nature of both practice and practitioner. There is a hapticity to these works, painted on the reverse of the canvas to produce a luxurious depth, an invitation to sink into their surface, as much as an invitation to surrender to the sounds of the Black musical genius of these complex constellations.

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