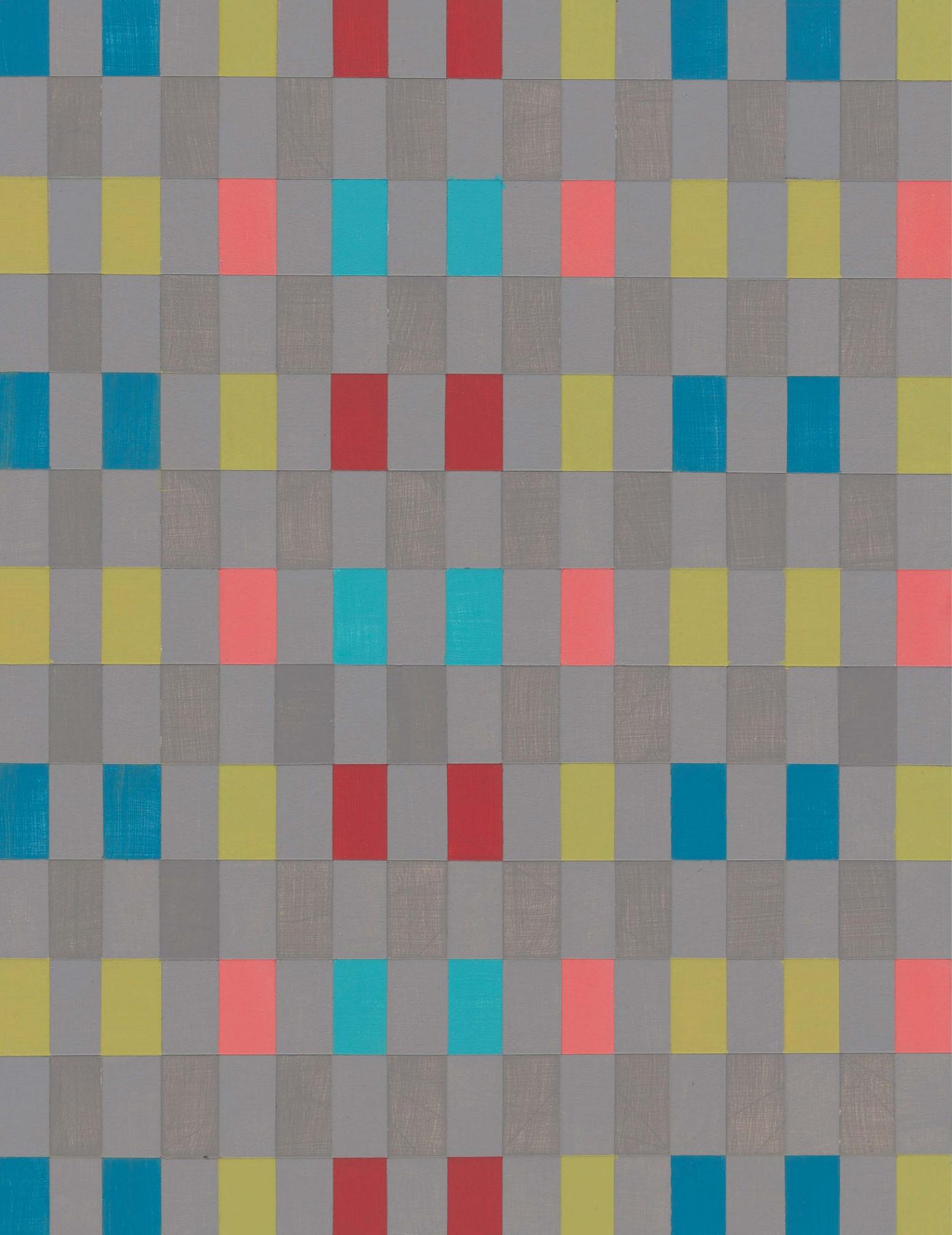


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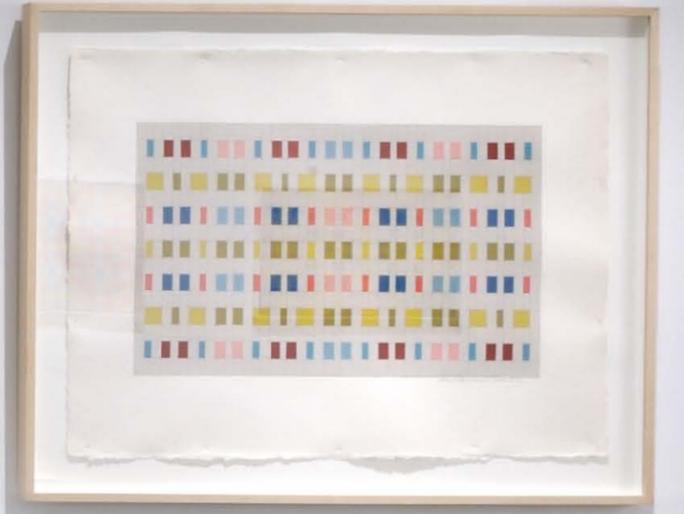
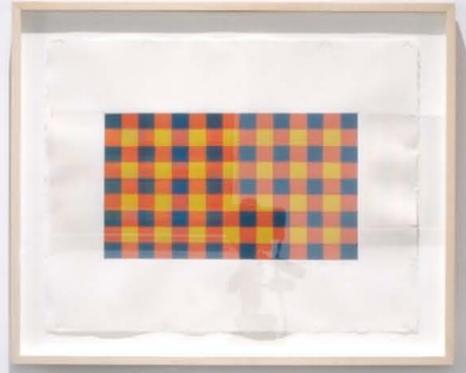
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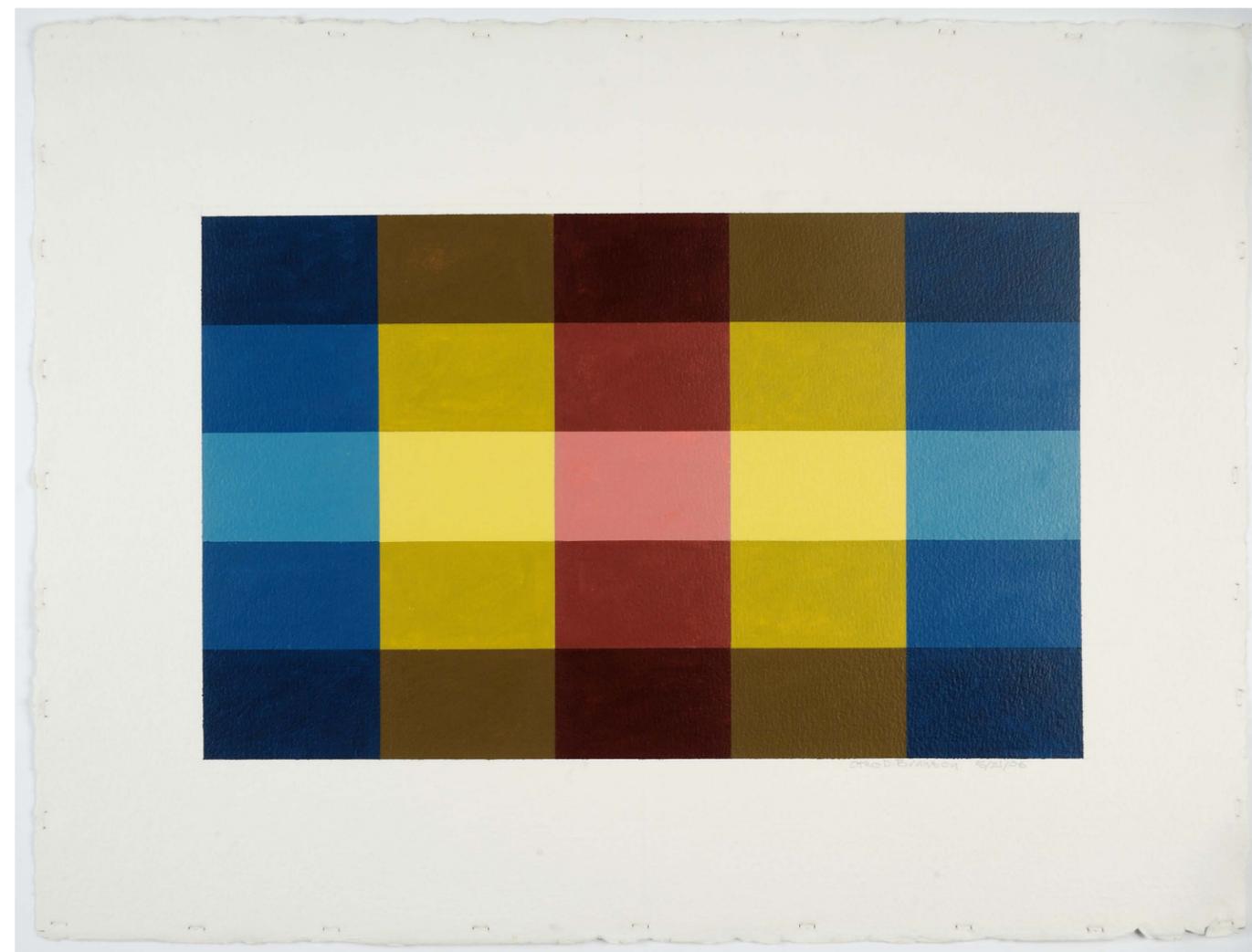
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Paintings and Works on Paper is the gallery's first solo exhibition of Otho D. Branson's work. The exhibition presents paintings and works on paper made between 2006 and 2021. Each work begins with a root rectangle or square, generating a composition in harmony with itself, reaching a balanced equilibrium. The artist employs colors and grays following the gradations of hue, value, and chroma codified in the Munsell Color System, developed in the early 20th century to create a rational way to describe the full spectrum of colors and systematically illustrate color concepts for scientific research.

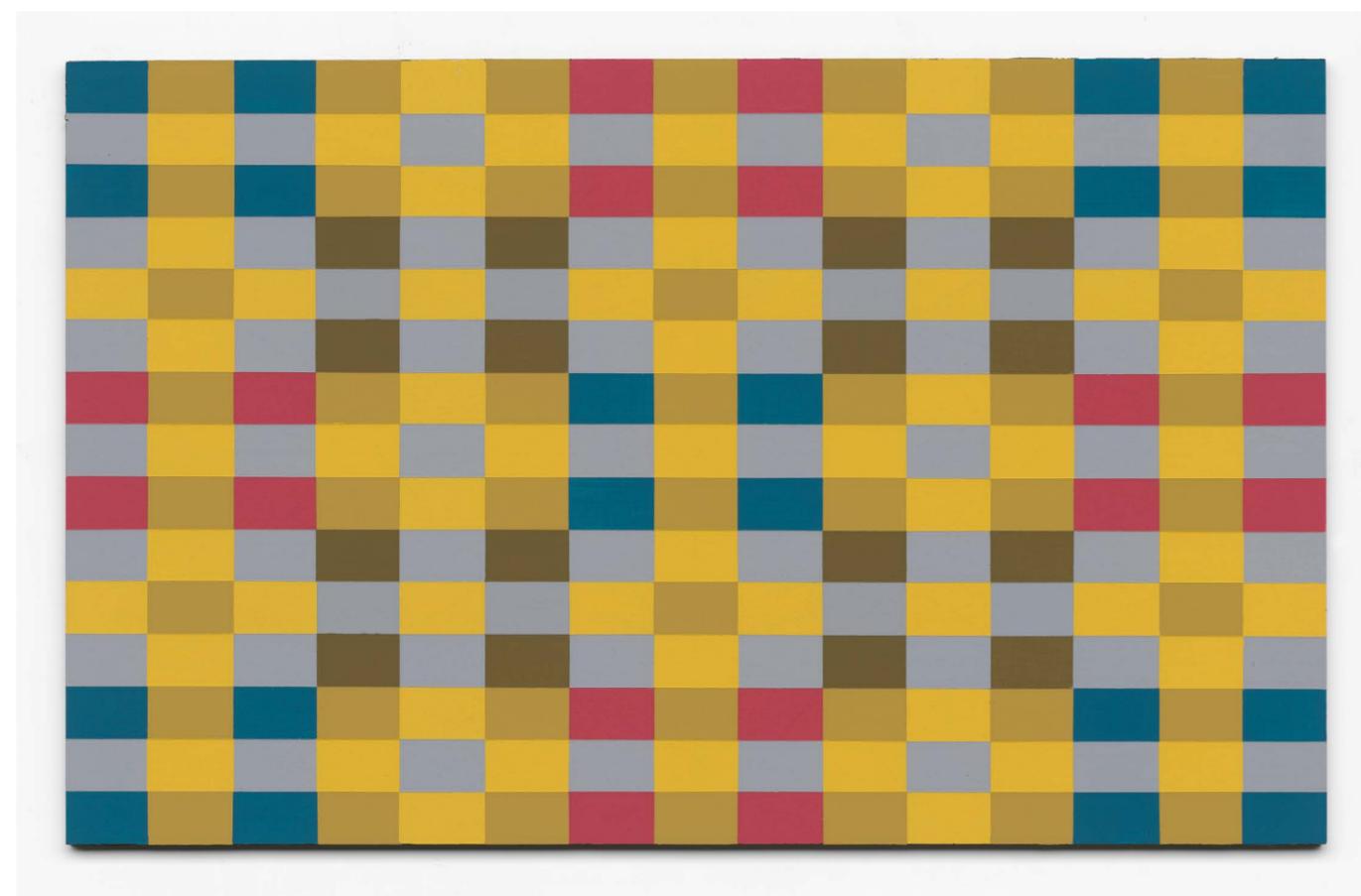
Branson's early work was firmly rooted in the tradition of classical figure and perspective drawing in graphite, charcoal, and ink on paper. In the 1990s Branson began to generate geometric compositions atop a preparatory sketch of diagonals, first working in acrylic on paper and moving into acrylic on masonite. Squares and rectangles evolve gently from one work to the next, creating sequential groups of works, each one a slight variation from the last. Branson's systematic approach provides a path toward freedom of expression within a series of self-imposed parameters or limitations.



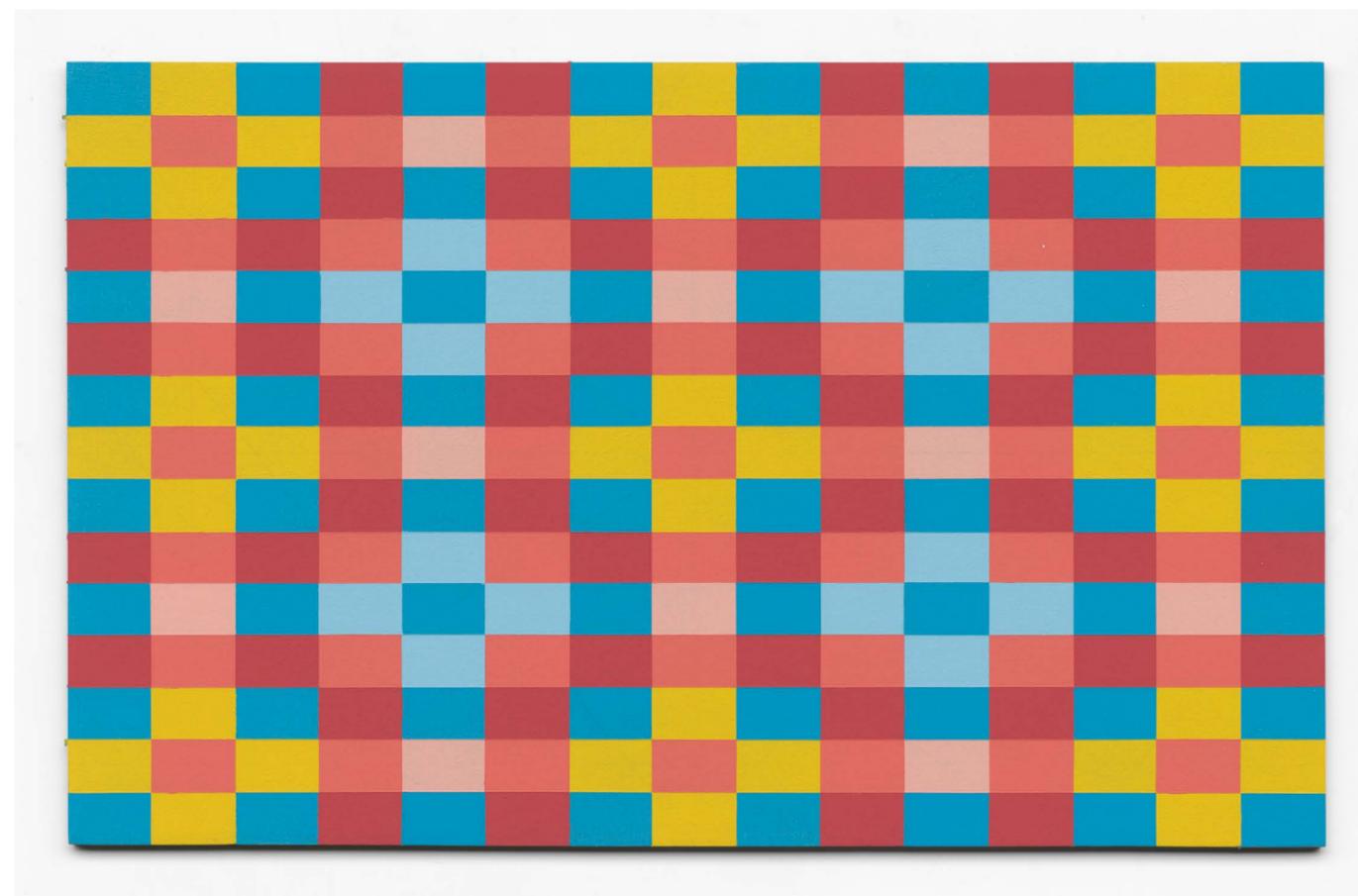
5/21/06
2006
graphite and acrylic on Arches paper
13 1/2 x 21 7/8 inches on paper 22 3/4 x 30 1/4 inches



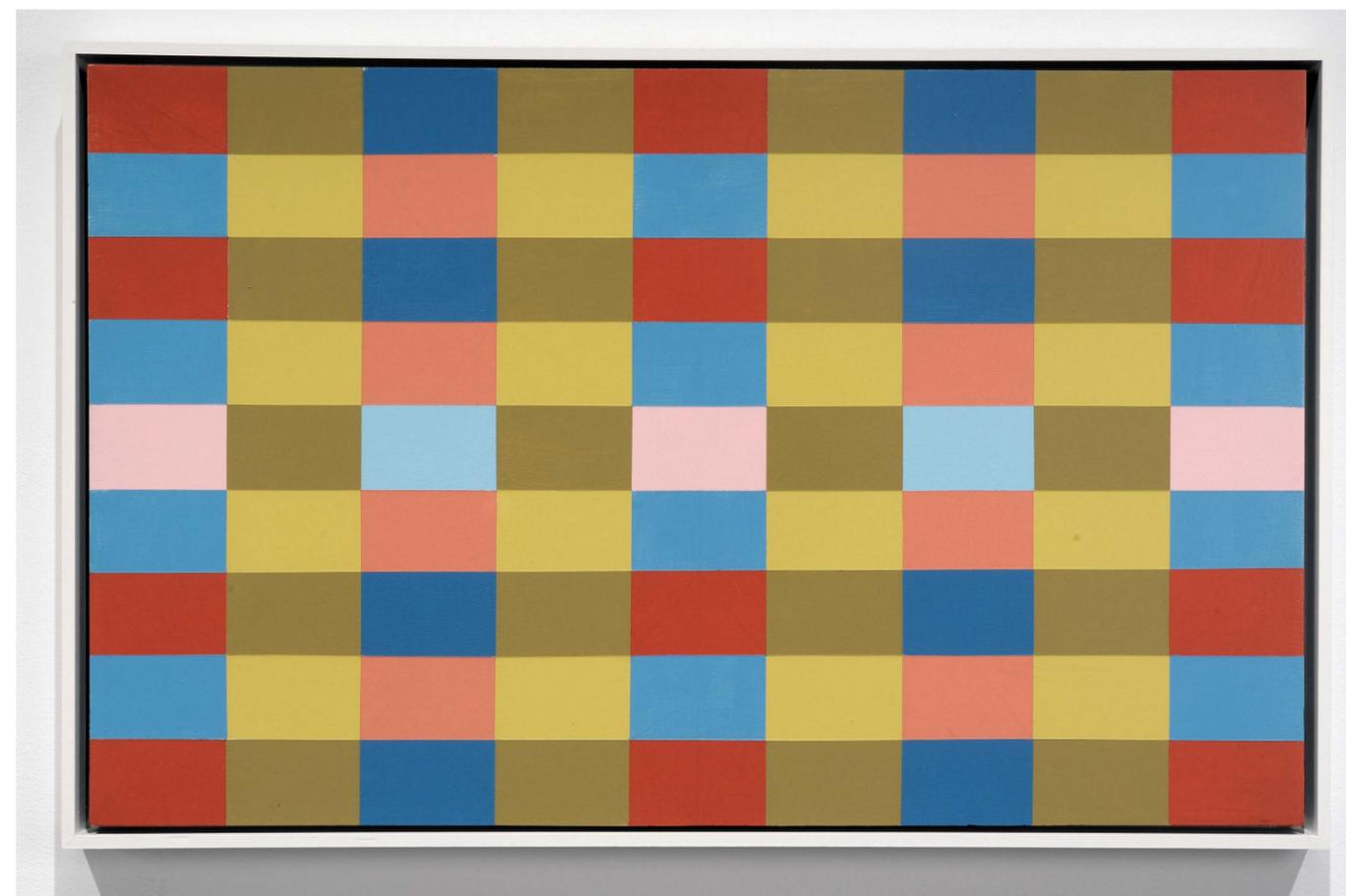
2014-11-19
2014
acrylic on masonite
14 7/8 x 24 inches



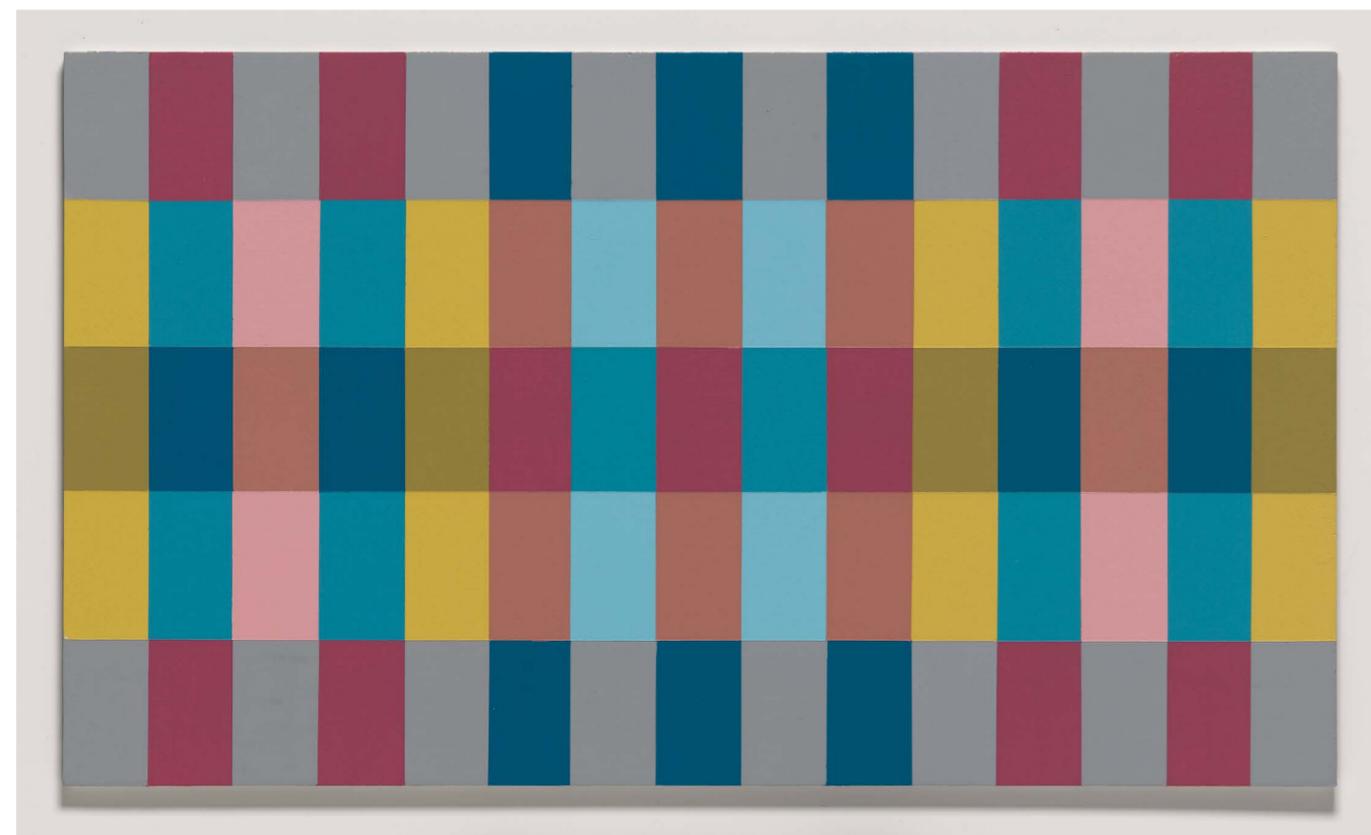
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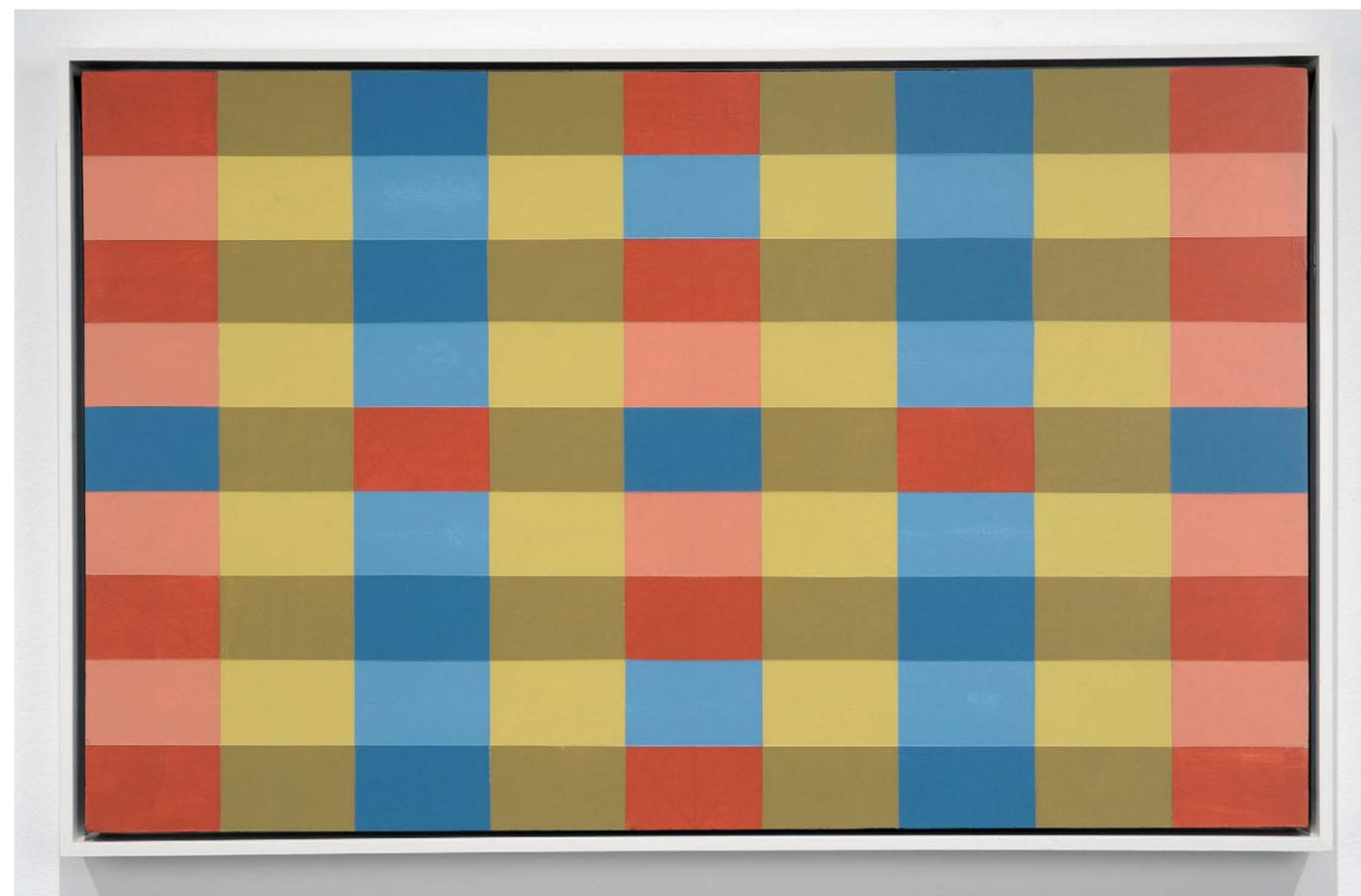
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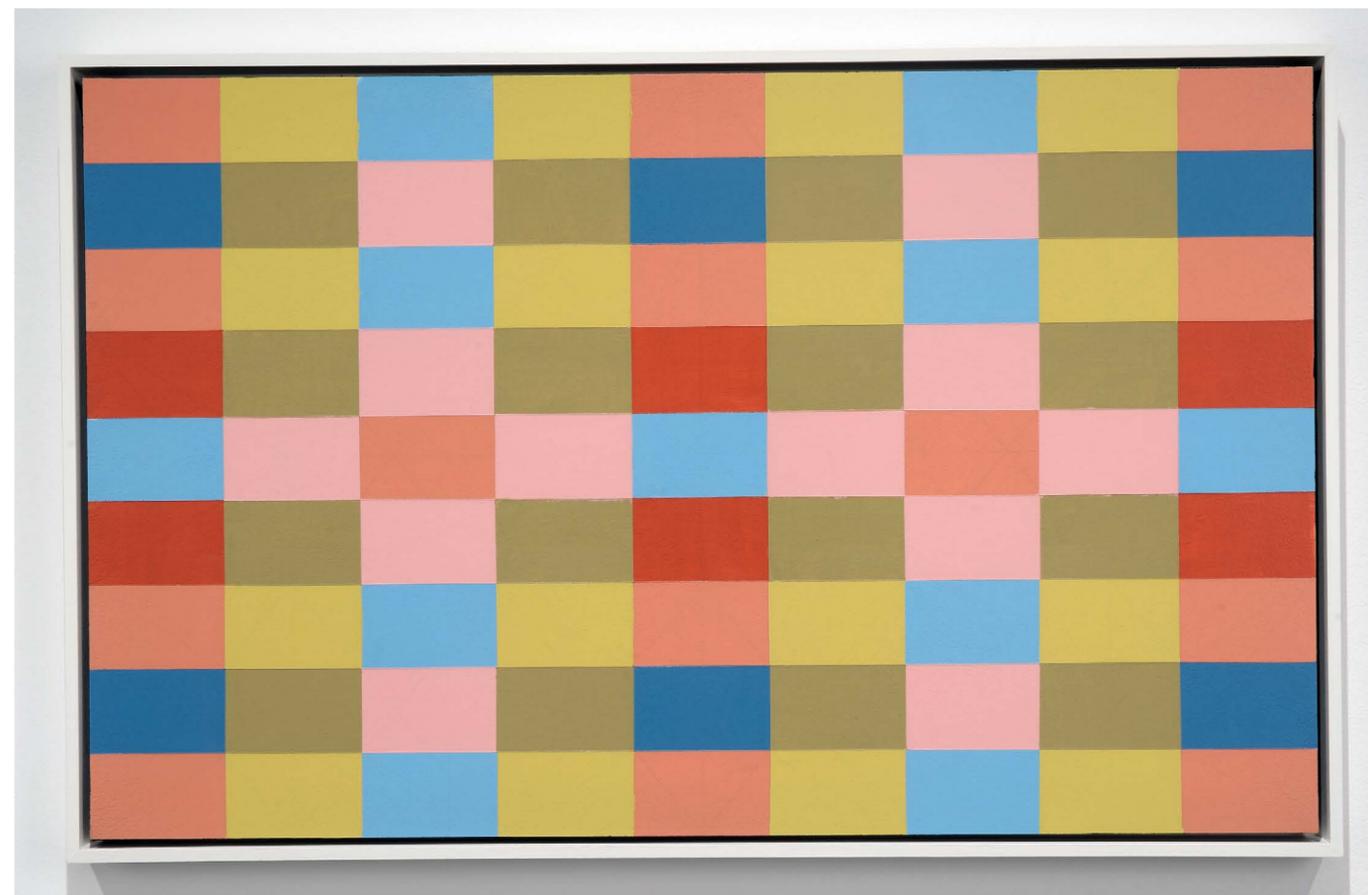
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2017
acrylic on masonite
13 7/8 x 24 inches



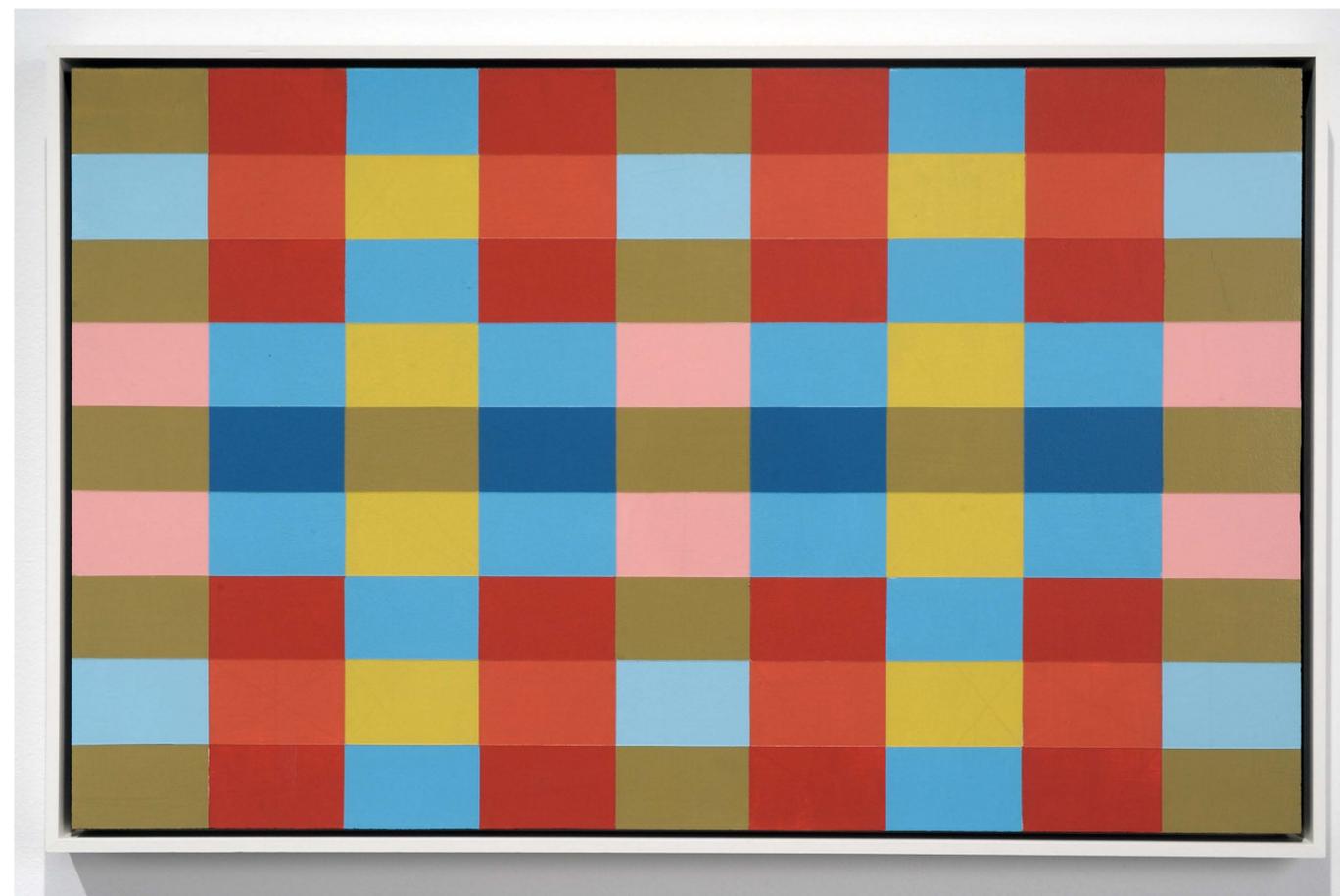
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acrylic on masonite
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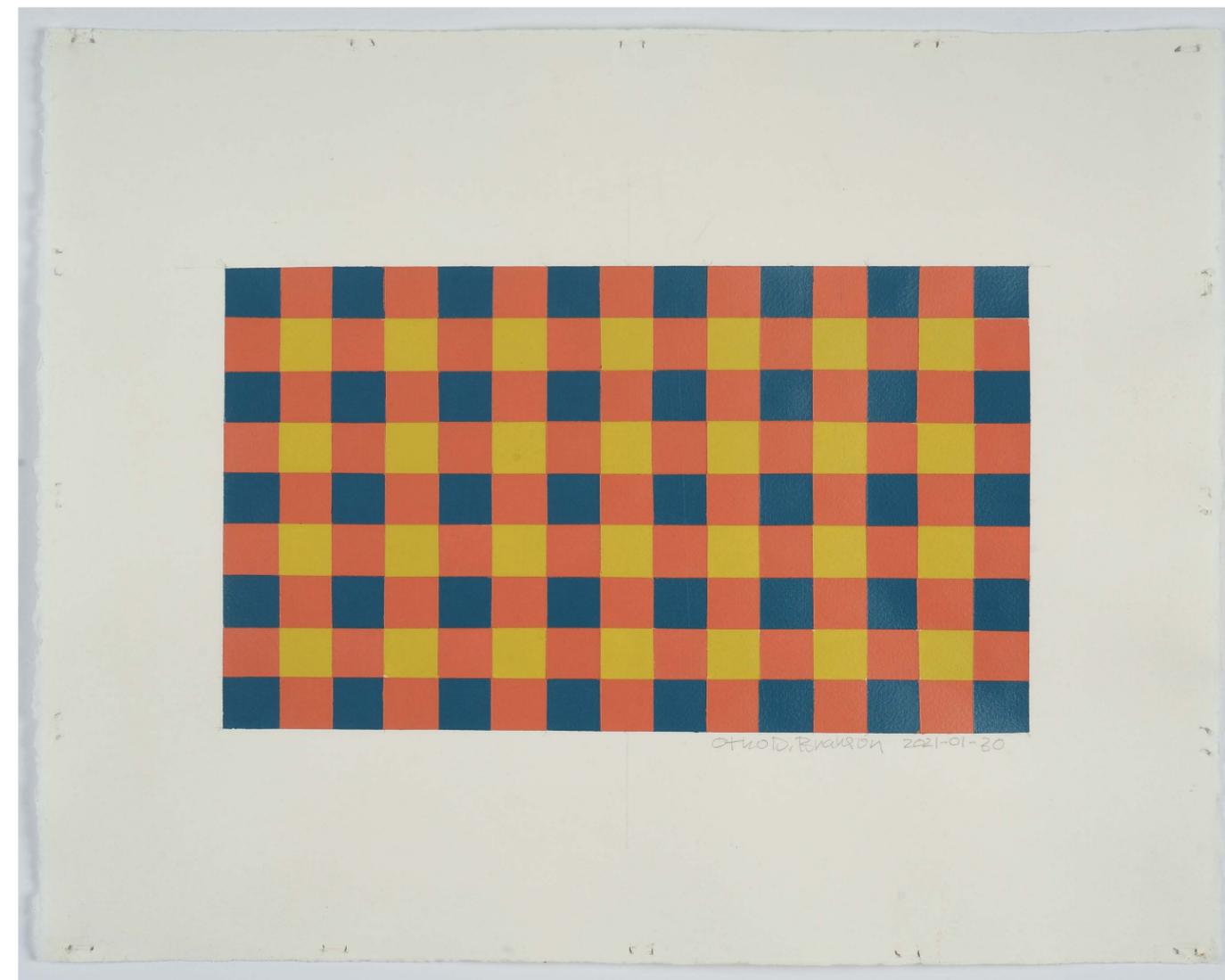
8/26/07
2007
graphite and acrylic on Arches paper
14 x 14 inches on paper 22 3/4 x 22 1/2 inches



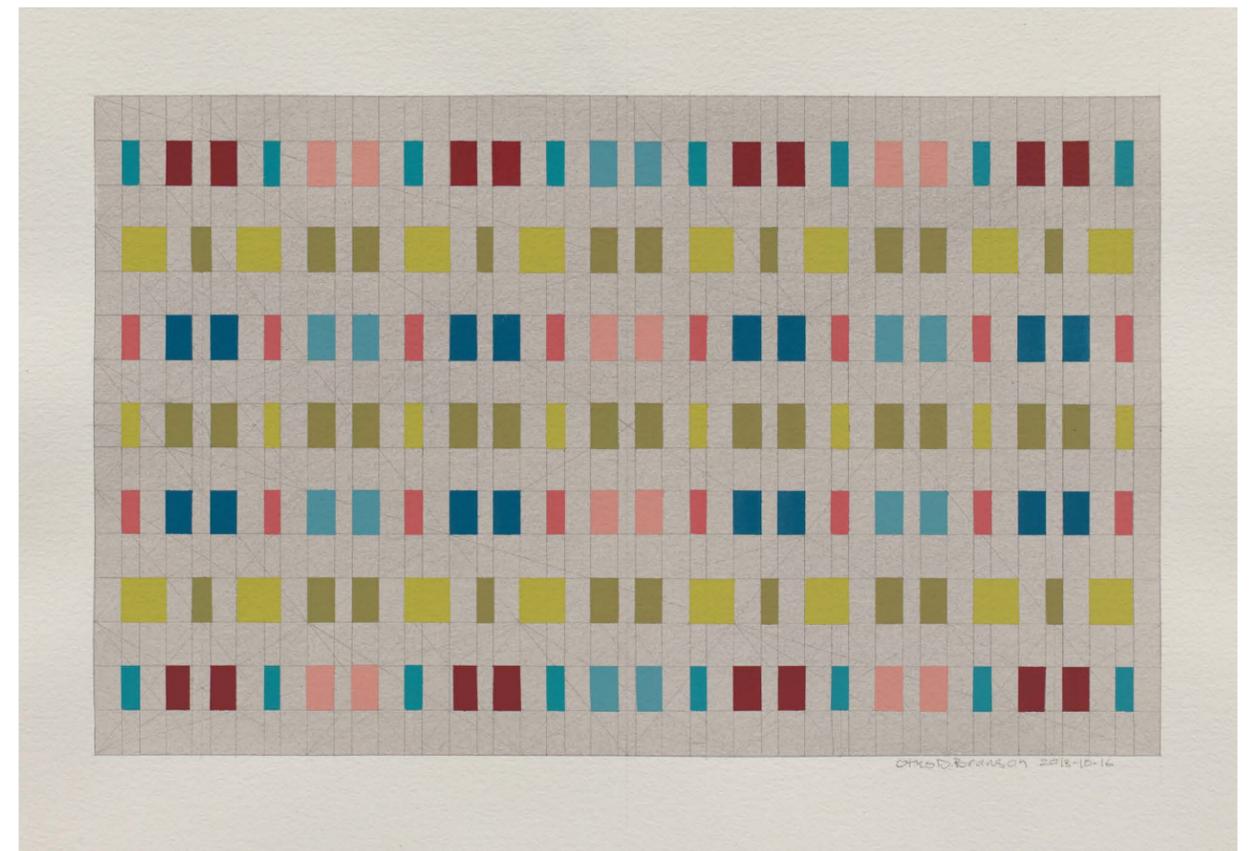
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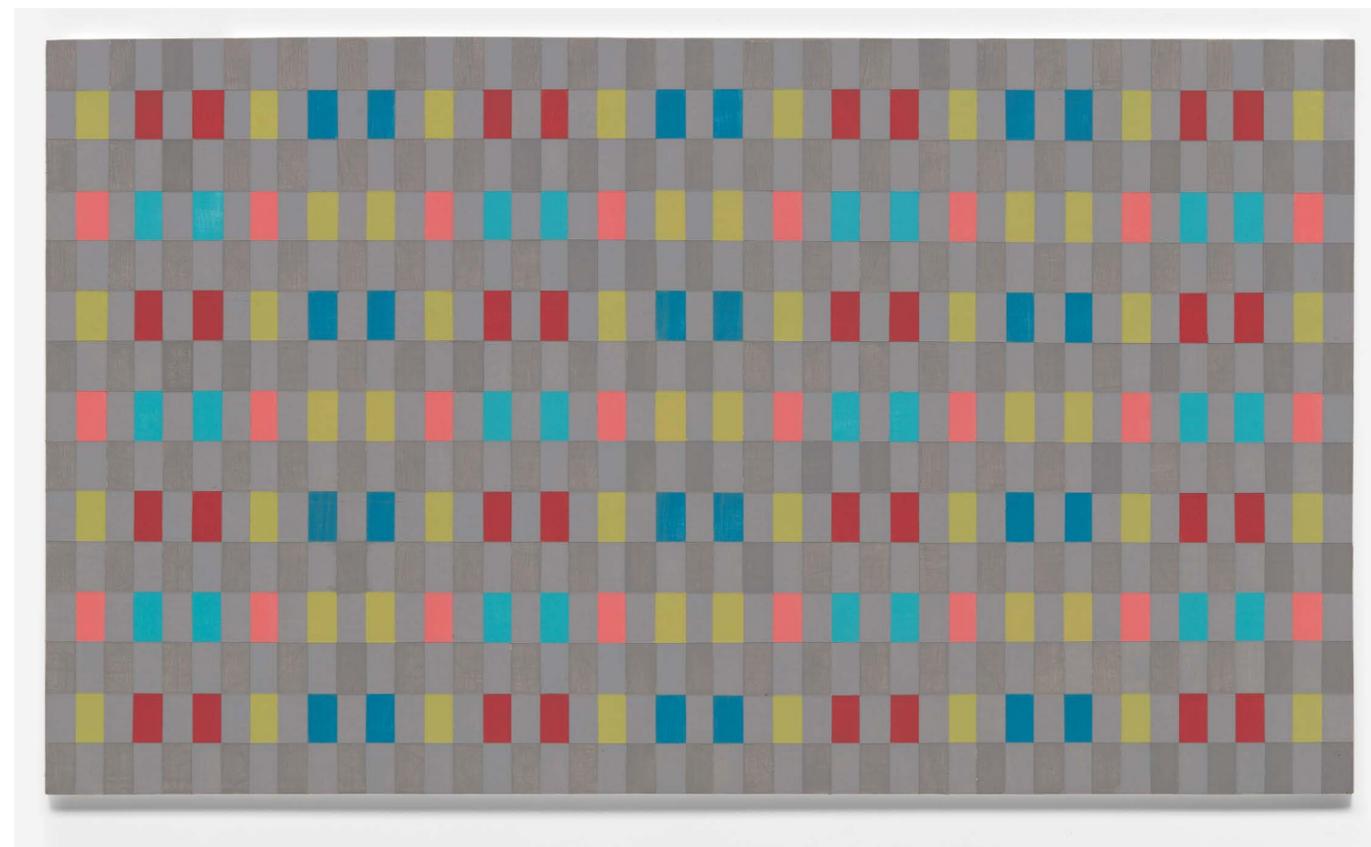
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2021
graphite and acrylic on Arches paper
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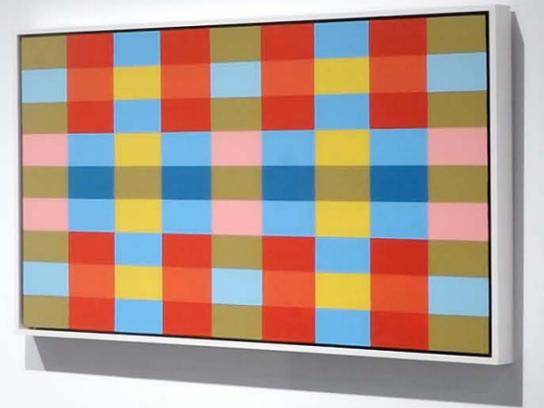
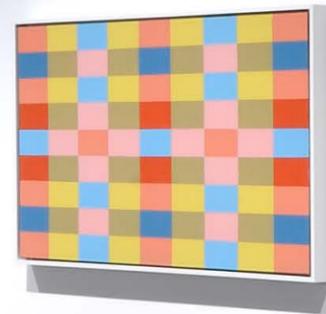
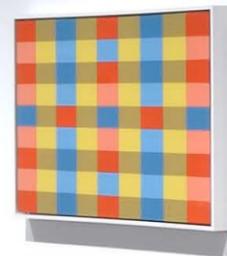
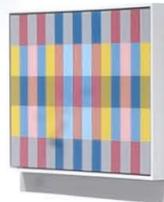
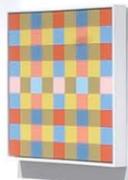
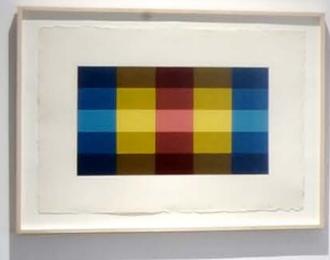


2018-10-16
2018
graphite and acrylic on Arches paper
14 7/8 x 22 1/2 inches on paper 22 1/2 x 30 inches



2018-12-18
2018
acrylic on masonite
18 1/4 x 31 7/8 inches





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