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Darren Almond

September 20 – October 25, 2014

Opening: Saturday, September 20, 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Matthew Marks is pleased to announce **Darren Almond**, the next exhibition in his gallery at 1062 North Orange Grove.

No matter which medium he works in, Almond's primary material — and subject — is time. To make *Perfect Time 8 x 7*, Almond synchronizes a display of fifty-six electronic flip clocks to advance together, announcing each passing minute and the arrival of every hour. Because its numerals are mismatched, the artwork can't be read like a traditional clock. By visually and sonically ticking off the minutes, however, it provides a continual reminder of time's passage.

Three paintings follow a similar format, with multiple panels of bisected numerals arranged in grids, their positions determined by chance. The largest of these paintings, *Chance Encounter 100*, consists of forty-two acrylic-on-linen panels. Built up of precisely applied layers, these paintings are a recent addition to Almond's practice.

The exhibition also includes a photograph from the artist's ongoing *Fullmoon* series, which, like his sculptures, renders time visible. Made with an extremely long exposure, *Fullmoon@Islay* captures a Scottish seascape lit only by the moon, delivering a clarity of vision surpassing that of the naked eye.

Three other works make historical time visible: two cast bronze and aluminum sculptures inspired by the nameplates of Britain's intercity trains, and the sculpture *Johns Radiometer*, which is modeled on a nineteenth-century device for measuring electromagnetic radiation. When exposed to light, its metal vanes spin within the large hand-blown glass chamber.

Darren Almond (b. 1971) began exhibiting his work publicly in 1991 and currently lives and works in London. He has had solo exhibitions around the world, including museums in Zurich, Chicago, Madrid, and Mito, Japan. This will be his seventh solo exhibition at Matthew Marks Gallery since 2000.

Darren Almond will be on view at 1062 North Orange Grove from September 20 to October 25, 2014, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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