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LUDUS

CAMERON WILSON RITCHER

September 17 - October 31, 2026

Opening reception: Thursday, September 17 | 5:00-7:00 pm

BOND MILLEN GALLERY is pleased to present *LUDUS*, a solo exhibition of new work from Richmond-based artist Cameron Wilson Ritcher. Opening September 17th, the exhibition deepens Ritcher's focus on form, pattern, and play. *LUDUS* will remain on view at Bond Millen Gallery through October 31, 2026.

The world is complex and beautiful and I get overwhelmed by it.

I think one purpose of my work is to help me make sense of it all - language, religion, how plants grow and buildings are built. Everything exists in relation to everything else. The grid helps me take inventory and organize information.

I've always been a play-oriented person, but as I've matured I've recognized my tendency toward organization. These two traits, which initially seem at odds, complement each other quite well. Routine and habit allow room for innovation; pattern gives structure to play. The desire to create order out of a beautiful, yet chaotic world is a defining aspect of what it means to be human.

Our species has a complicated relationship with our environment. At our best, we work with nature to make things that are more than the sum of their parts in wildly unexpected ways. I'm an observer, a tinkerer: I put one thing next to another, and another. Then I look, and I feel, and I listen, and I wait, and I change it around. I can't force a miracle through intellect or effort, but if I sit still long enough, things reveal themselves, and slowly or all at once something begins to happen.

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Cameron Wilson Ritcher uses painting and assemblage to explore themes of identity, humor, and abstraction.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Studio Art from James Madison University, where he accepted the award for a graduating senior with a concentration in painting, among numerous other awards and scholarships. His work is in the collections of Capital One, McKesson Corporation, and the James Madison University School of Integrated Science and Technology, among others. His awards include the Award of Merit from the Edna Curry/John Bower Exhibition and the Juror's Award from the James Madison University Undergraduate Juried Show.



ABOUT BOND MILLEN GALLERY

Located in Richmond, Virginia, Bond Millen Gallery is a dynamic gallery and advisory studio dedicated to contemporary art with heart and vision. We champion living artists—both emerging and mid-career—seeking to present thoughtful and innovative exhibitions across various spectrums of art practices, including painting, photography, sculpture, and printmaking.

Founded in 1999 by Page Bond and reimagined under Ashley Millen in 2023, the gallery remains committed to fostering meaningful connections between artists, collectors, and the broader community. With a roster of over sixty artists working in Virginia and beyond, our exhibitions and digital platforms aim to engage, inspire, and elevate.