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David X. Levine: *John Surette*

Boston, MA – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *John Surette*, an exhibition of new work by Boston-area native and New York-based artist **David X. Levine**. The exhibition will be on view from Friday, September 12 through Saturday, October 18, 2014, with an opening reception Friday, October 3.

On View: September 10 - October 18, 2014

Reception: Friday, October 3, 2014, 5:30 – 8 PM

John Surette presents five recent works on paper and an editioned t-shirt. While colored pencil continues to be Levine's primary medium, his latest work also includes collage elements. The most noticeable change in his work over the past several years, aside from its increased scale, is Levine's abandoning of the intuitive, wonky and hard-won forms that used to dominate his compositions in favor of more strictly geometric forms. Levine has successfully wrestled the same unstable energy out of a square that he used to produce with his own personal forms.

The exhibition takes its name from the eponymous Boston-area musician, who has had a significant influence on Levine. In the work on view, *Surette*, Mary Tyler Moore and other pop icons as raw "material"; they function more as a brushstroke would than as cultural signifiers. Through their integration into his work, Levine explores memory and thought, and how the two intertwine and overlap to produce content that is at once highly personal and universal.

The t-shirt/print plays a central role in the exhibition and is the most consciously conceptual object that Levine has ever made. Titled "John Surette," the shirt functions as a formal art object while referencing a litany of other issues and concerns that are central to Levine's life and practice, from blue-collar art to iteration/repetition to installation, with the wearer as the center.

Levine's work has been the focus of a number of one-man exhibitions, including shows at Tony Wight Gallery in Chicago, Dust Gallery in Las Vegas and Eight Modern in Santa Fe. Group exhibitions include shows at Spencer Brownstone Gallery in New York City and Cherry Martin in Los Angeles. This is Levine's fourth exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery. His work will be the focus of a retrospective at the Boston University's Sherman Gallery in 2015.

The artist will be present for an opening reception on Friday, October 3rd from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*