

**Matt Magee: 'New Paintings'**; closes on Saturday. [Ellsworth Kelly](#), Victor Vasarely, Myron Stout, [Agnes Martin](#), the comics, textile design and bar codes — and Richard Pettibone's miniature re-dos of blue-chip art — seem to be among the inspirations and precedents deftly fused in these loquacious, worldly oil-on-panel abstractions. Quietly lush surfaces, reverberant titles and pristine colors that are rarely used more than two at a time (except on paper) enable Mr. Magee's efforts to hold their own against the teeming image-bank of high and low abstraction that he samples so judiciously and variously. Knoedler Project Space, 19 East 70th Street , (212) 794-0550, [knoedlergallery.com/project\\_space](http://knoedlergallery.com/project_space). (Smith)