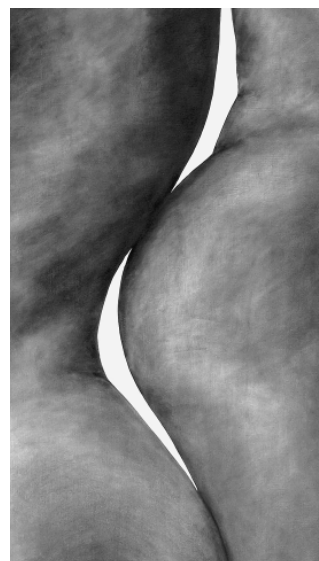


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**BRUNO DAVID GALLERY ANNOUNCE NEW AFFILIATION  
WITH PAINTER WILLIAM GRIFFIN**

The Bruno David Gallery is pleased to announce its new affiliation with painter William Griffin.

Mr. Griffin brings to the gallery another vision creating human figures as forms and shapes, continuing along a path of thoughtful contemporary art set by other artists in the Bruno David Gallery. We look forward to his upcoming exhibition on October 3 highlighting his recent work.



In his work, William Griffin blends the traditions of Old Masters with 21st century sensibility. He paints human figures as forms and shapes, touching and reacting in sensual gestures. By using the figure's power to express strong physical and emotional content, and by reducing the informational material, Griffin abstracts his images – much as a photographer or filmmaker crops and frames observed phenomena and concepts. The stylish, large-scale oil paintings he creates are within the long tradition of Western painting and are influenced by early 20th century artists' movement away from representational work. Yet they are by no means retroactive.

While studying painting and sculpture at Washington University, Griffin was invited to create sculptures for the St. Louis Veiled Prophet Parade, centerpiece event of the annual July 4th holiday celebration in St. Louis. Griffin has served as Artistic Director of the parade since 1989, bringing that annual event national attention and prominence. Like other painters who've also worked as commercial artists, Griffin's commercial experience has shaped and influenced his imaginative approach. His work has allowed him to explore a variety of styles and methods – producing public art, in sculpture and painted form, with a heightened interplay of illusion and reality." For further information, please contact the gallery.

Bruno David Gallery is a contemporary art gallery and one of the most important places to see art in Saint Louis. The Gallery represents the best artists that Saint Louis has to offer, along with artists of national and international reputation. The editors of the St. Louis Magazine awarded the Gallery: *Best Gallery in St. Louis* in 2008. The gallery is located in the heart of the Grand Center arts district, directly opposite the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis.

Image: *Untitled II (Encounter Series)* - Detail, Oil on canvas, 73 x 54 inches. Courtesy of the artist and Bruno David Gallery.

