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**One River School of Art + Design presents
Matt Phillips
Solo Exhibition ‘Almost Back to Normal’**

One River School of Art + Design is proud to present “Almost Back to Normal” a solo exhibition by *Matt Phillips* at One River School in Allendale, NJ. Join us for the opening reception on Saturday, September 16th from 1PM to 4PM featuring an Artist Talk at 2PM. Phillip’s work will be on display until November 12, 2017.

Phillips’ art contains certain essential paradoxes. Most of his pictures are made over long periods of time and through successive layers, yet the final product is both fresh and luminous. The works lay bare the imperfections and spontaneity of the artist’s hand, yet are principally constructed with geometric elements. More often than not, Phillips’ images are constructed on the rational structure of the grid, but at some point, spontaneity, revolt, and humor emerge, helping them arrive at their poetic conclusions. These are paintings that give to the viewer upfront—but, in the end, they also take a little back.



Matt Phillips , A Place Where Squares Can Have a Ball , 2017

Matt Phillips is a Brooklyn-based painter. Recent solo exhibitions include *Comfort Inn*, at Steven Harvey Fine Art Projects (New York) and *Yard Sale* at Devening Projects and Editions (Chicago). This past April, Phillips opened a solo exhibition in Trento, Italy at Studio d’Arte Raffaelli and in 2015, the NYC Dept. of Ed. and the Public Art for Public Schools Program commissioned him to install a large-scale mosaic at PS106. He is a MacDowell Colony Fellow and was an artist-in-residence at Yaddo in June, 2017. Phillips is also a co-founder of TSA New York, a cooperative gallery, performance, and exhibition space. He is a professor of art at FIT in New York City.

OPENING RECEPTION

September 16th 1-4PM, Artist Talk at 2PM

EXHIBITION ON VIEW

Through November 5th, 2017

ONE RIVER SCHOOL OF ART + DESIGN

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ABOUT ONE RIVER SCHOOL OF ART + DESIGN

Founded by Matt Ross in September of 2012 “one river” west of New York City, [One River School of Art + Design](#) has embarked on a mission to transform art education in America. The company plans to open up to 100 new locations across America over the next five years and has developed an innovative franchise program to drive growth. Today, One River operates two schools in NJ and a franchise location in Frisco, TX. One River will be launching new schools in Westchester, NY, Millburn, NJ and suburban Chicago in early 2018.