



**Jonathan Casella**  
***Doublestar III***

F2T Gallery | Via Statuto 13, 20121 Milan

Opening March 30th, 2022, 6-9pm  
March 31st - May 14th, 2022

*“There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into a sun.”*

Pablo Picasso

... and there are others, who transform lines and geometrical forms into a star.

F2T Gallery is extremely proud to present “Doublestar III” by Jonathan Casella (b. 1986). After exhibiting in the United States, the artist is presenting for the first time his works in Europe.

Born and grown up in Houston (Texas), Casella travelled around the US over the past few years, from San Francisco, to New York and then Los Angeles, where he is currently based.

“Doublestar III” wants to highlight the story of a journey within ourselves. The exhibition focus on the artist’s signature motif of depicting five-pointed stars, reminiscence of Pop Art movement, posing questions about the nature of representation and reality.

During the 20th century, particularly in the post war era, America has been a prominent actor in the development of modern and contemporary art, with many artists taking references from the US economic and political institutions.

In Jonathan’s paintings we can clearly notice inspirations from the Pop Art masters, such as Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

In the past, several artists had used stars to enrich their paintings, but the key element for Jonathan is to depict them as the main subject of his works, making them so recognizable; by employing a precise series of patterns, forms and colors, he is able to create a clear stylistic language, developing his own vocabulary of expression.

Imitating the effect of collage, Casella merges visual and graphic contents to design his creations. While the forms and the geometry vary among the canvases, he always remains faithful to his style.

At first sight, the stars appear just like colorful, collaged big subjects, but despite the appearances, they represent the strong union of body and soul.

It is common to say when someone looks up at the stars it is to find his own dimension lost in the world. As a matter of fact, a shining star never gets lost in the darkness. Throughout history, the stars have always represented a guide and a symbol of hope for human beings, and with this exhibition, F2T Gallery wants to introduce the personal vision that Jonathan Casella has expressed within these new body of works.

*"The cloud hides the stars and sings victory but then fades away: the stars last. "*

Rabindranath Tagore

*Jonathan Casella (b. 1986, Houston, TX) holds a BA from San Francisco State University, CA. He has exhibited widely, including venues in Los Angeles, South Korea, Montreal and New York. This is the first time exhibiting in Europe. Selected solo and group shows have been recently held at UNTITLED Miami with Anna Erickson, M+B (LA), Bozomag (LA), Mindy Solomon Gallery (Miami), and Harper's East Hampton (NY).*

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Gallery hours | Tuesday – Saturday, 11am – 7pm

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