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## *Coning*

### WHIT FORRESTER & RONI PACKER

Friday, July 12 – Saturday, August 17, 2019

Opening reception: Friday, July 12th 5:00-8:00 pm



“Here lies Sir Tact, a diplomatic fellow, who’s silence was not golden, but yellow” - Timothy Steele, *Epitaph*

“A yellow memory from the yellow age. Fool’s yellow, and yellow silence. When yellow wishes to ingratiate it becomes gold” - Derek Jarman, *The Perils of Yellow*

Aspect/Ratio is pleased to present *Coning*, a two-person exhibition from artists Whit Forrester and Roni Packer. Coning is defined as a solid whose surface is generated by a line passing through a fixed point and a fixed plane curve not containing the point, consisting of two equal sections joined at a vertex (Merriam-Webster). It is with this precision and purism that Forrester and Packer approach their work. Both artists celebrate their shared devotion to color, form, and material. Yellow and gold are equally celebrated for their vibrancy but here serve to ensconce the viewer.

Whit Forrester is Chicago based artist who was born in Kentucky. They received a BA from Oberlin College and an MFA from Columbia College. Whit has exhibited internationally and with a range of aesthetic interests that include: practices of accumulation, manifestations of power, diaspora, noetic science, new materialisms, discourses around the transcendent and the material relationship between self and world. Exhibition highlights include *Groundings* at MCA Chicago and *New Age, New Age: Strategies for Survival* at DePaul Art Museum.

Roni Packer is a painter who prioritizes the paint over the image. Her spacious paintings and installations are a material and formal explorations that invariably put color at their core. Born and raised in Tel Aviv and currently based in Chicago, she received her MFA from The University of Illinois-Chicago in 2017, and was a BOLT resident at the Chicago Artists Coalition in 2017-2018. Packer’s work has been exhibited nationally and internationally including *Ground Floor* at Hyde Park Art Center and *Living Architecture* at 6018 North.