

MATTHEW MARKS GALLERY

523 West 24th Street, New York, New York 10011 Tel: 212-243-0200 Fax: 212-243-0047

***PRESS RELEASE***

**Ron Nagle: Necessary Obstacles**  
September 11 – October 23, 2021  
Opening Friday, September 10, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Matthew Marks is pleased to announce **Ron Nagle: Necessary Obstacles**, the next exhibition in his gallery at 523 West 24th Street.

The exhibition features eighteen new sculptures and six related drawings. Each sculpture is meticulously crafted by hand in the artist's San Francisco studio in a variety of materials including clay, catalyzed polyurethane, epoxy resin, and wood. Despite their intimate scale, Nagle's works have an outsized visual presence. Evoking otherworldly landscapes or surreal architectural arrangements, Nagle's diminutive sculptures are "invested with the grandeur of the Taj Mahal" as the critic Dave Hickey has written. With their unexpected combinations and forms, Nagle's inventive works elicit a vast range of associations. "The thing you want people to feel," Nagle has said, "is something they haven't felt before."

Nagle (b. 1939) began working with ceramics in the 1950s, while still in high school. His first one-person exhibition took place in 1968, and since then his work has been shown at numerous museums around the world, including most recently "Ron Nagle: Handsome Drifter" at the Berkeley Art Museum, as well as one-person exhibitions at the Vienna Secession, the Fridericianum in Kassel, and the Perimeter in London.

**Ron Nagle: Necessary Obstacles** is on view at 523 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street from September 11 to October 23, 2021, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

For additional information, please contact Jacqueline Tran at 212-243-0200 or [jacqueline@matthewmarks.com](mailto:jacqueline@matthewmarks.com)