

**Flow Motion . New Paintings by David Ralph . Boutwell Draper Gallery .
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“As the Greek philosopher Heraclites declared – our only constant is change. In the exhibition Flow Motion I’m continuing my interest in exploring the sensation of being mobile, in transition or flux between places and moments. I’m also suggesting that change, however constant is gaining speed as old institutions are replaced by highways, information superhighways and skyways. A painterly layering of moments is captured, blurred and fragmented in the work as if paused like a movie stuck between frames. The work suggests aspects of life as an ephemeral series of events in perpetual motion. Motion that is in some works symbolized by vehicles and thresholds to new experiences.”

David Ralph is a Finalist in the inaugural 2011 Charlatan Ink Contemporary Art Prize exhibition in New York, and has been a finalist the 2011 Albany Art Prize, the past 4 consecutive Arthur Guy Memorial Painting Prizes, 2010 Fletcher Jones Art Prize, the 2010 Sulman Prize, the 2010 Royal Bank of Scotland prize. He was also a recipient of an Australia Council New Work Grant in 2010 for his first exhibition 'Salvage' at the Boutwell Draper Gallery. He has an MFA in Painting from the Victorian College of the Arts Melbourne and an MA from the Chelsea College of Art and Design in London and has frequently exhibited nationally and internationally in recent years.