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J. Margulis, *Untitled*, 2026. Acrylic sheets, mixed media. two panels, 36 x 36 in. each

Surfacing Forms

September 10 – October 18, 2026

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 6–8pm

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New York, NY — Nicolas Auvray Gallery is pleased to present *Surfacing Forms*, a new exhibition by J. Margulis opening this September. From intimate wall works to immersive, multi-panel compositions, the exhibition marks the most extensive presentation of the artist's practice to date.

Margulis's work explores the shifting nature of perception. Constructed from painted, faceted slats positioned at precise angles to the wall, each relief contains multiple compositions within a single structure. Nothing in the work itself moves; instead, the image changes as the viewer does, revealing different arrangements of color and form from one position to the next.

This movement lies at the heart of *Surfacing Forms*. Rather than offering a single, fixed composition, the works unfold through time and space. No one viewpoint reveals the whole; perception becomes an active part of the work, shaped by movement, position, and memory.

Margulis's practice enters into dialogue with the histories of kinetic and perceptual art, particularly in Venezuela. Artists such as Carlos Cruz-Diez and Jesús Rafael Soto expanded the possibilities of color, movement, and spatial perception, challenging the idea of the artwork as a fixed visual experience. Born in Venezuela, Margulis engages this history from a contemporary position, extending its concerns through complex surfaces and an expansive chromatic vocabulary.

Across the exhibition, color appears, disappears, fragments, and recombines as the viewer moves. Each relief offers not a single transformation but a continuum of visual possibilities, making vision itself a central material of the work.

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