

Jill Moser □

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Jill Moser, *Wingate Sanguine, Wingate Silver and Wingate Violet* (2015)

Three 3-color etchings in aquatint, soap ground and spit bite, image 10 x 10 inches each, sheet 18 x 19 inches each. Edition of 30 each. Printed and published by Wingate Studio, Hinsdale, NH. \$1,500 each.

Steadily building a notable oeuvre in prints, the New York-based artist Jill Moser has been working in various mediums at studios around the city and beyond over the past five years. Whether large screenprints or small etchings, her abstract prints are recognizable in the finesse with which a seemingly effortless gesture is choreographed into an emptied field. Moser's marks veritably breeze into view, full of light and air. Three intaglios made late last winter at Wingate Studio in New Hampshire, during what proprietor Peter Pettengill describes as "pouring snow," are among Moser's most lovely. Over flats of color aquatint, Moser composed a wide, porous, brushstroke-like gesture in soap ground. Pettengill reports the work as deceptive in its look of spontaneity. In fact, Moser cannily manipulated the soap medium, allowing it to set, thick and thin, so that in the second plate, the "gesture" is in fact a negative activating the entire field. Over this she printed a third plate in spit bite with a more saturated color. The palette is lush, with one print in pink and reds, a second in yellow and silver, and a third in violet and silver. Maybe it was the snowy days, but these prints feel hushed and personal, with the stroke dominating the small square format while remaining weightless—an admirable feat.



From left to right: *Wingate Sanguine, Wingate Silver, and Wingate Violet* (2015)