

# Chicago Art World

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## 2014: Judy Ledgerwood @ Smart Museum



Judy Ledgerwood

"Chromatic Patterns for the Smart Museum"

December 26, 2013 - Spring 2015

Curated by Jessica Moss, Associate Curator for Contemporary Art

The David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art

University of Chicago

5550 S. Greenwood Avenue

Chicago, IL 60637

<http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu/>

<http://www.rhoffmangallery.com/>

*"Chicago-based artist Judy Ledgerwood's immense, site-specific wall painting for the Smart Museum is part of an ongoing series inspired by the energetic, asymmetrical rhythms of composer Morton Feldman's 'Patterns in a Chromatic Field' (1981). The painting is comprised of horizontal bands of boldly colored patterns—blue with bronze, fluorescent red with mint green, spring green with*

*copper—that run across the large central wall in the Smart's lobby. The work responds to both the soaring, symmetrical architecture of the space and, in its repeating patterns, the design of Louis Sullivan's elevator screens for the Chicago Stock Exchange building (two of which are on view in the lobby). The artist (with the help of an assistant) painted Chromatic Patterns by hand directly on the wall. The work, in the artist's words, is made to 'hang tapestry-like' with drooping and irregular edges that contrast with the clean lines of the Museum's modernist architecture."*

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Quotation above from: <http://smartmuseum.uchicago.edu/exhibitions/judy-ledgerwood-chromatic-patterns/>

A related exhibition runs concurrently at the Graham Foundation:

Judy Ledgerwood  
"Chromatic Patterns for the Graham Foundation"  
January 23 - April 5, 2014  
The Graham Foundation  
Madlener House  
4 W. Burton Place  
Chicago, IL

<http://www.grahamfoundation.org/>





Above: Artist Judy Ledgerwood, foreground, "Chromatic Patterns for the Smart Museum," background.



Above: "Chromatic Patterns for the Smart Museum," on January 12, 2014.