

Morris David Dorenfeld

Tapestry Master

(Am.1937-2023)

May 1 - May 29, 2023

Opening Reception and Book Signing

The Tapestries of Morris David Dorenfeld:

Paintings in Fiber

First Friday May 5 5-7pm

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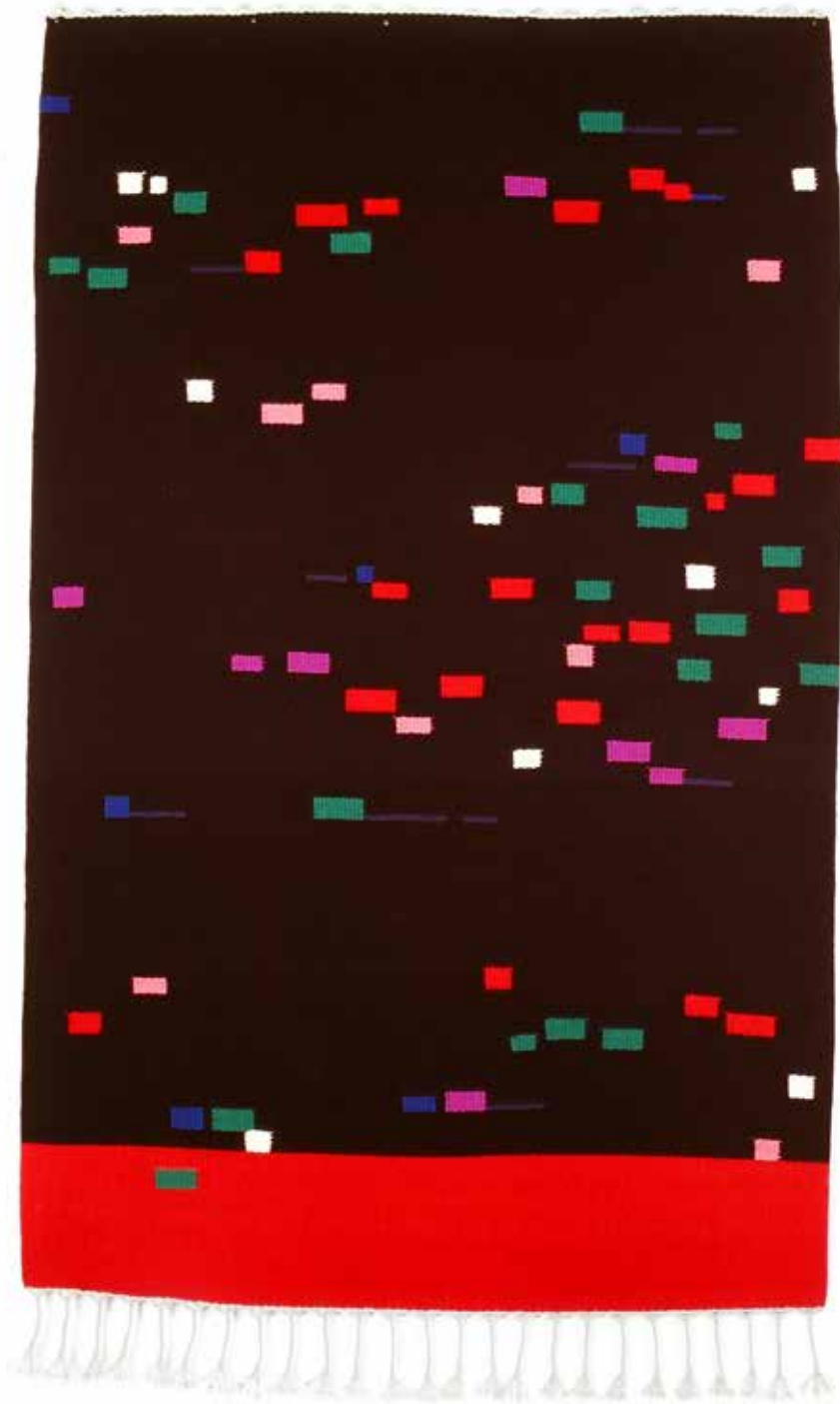
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Tapestry 81: LILAC WINE 1996
wool weft, linen warp 68 x 45 inches



Tapestry 72: TRIAD 1993
wool weft, linen warp 69 x 45 inches



Tapestry 93: WHEELER BAY II FOR BOB 2002
wool weft, linen warp 71 x 45 inches



Tapestry 101: DOMINO III 2006
wool weft, linen warp 66 x 46 inches

“Being a painter by training, I use the loom to weave wool tapestries – paintings in fiber. The weavings rely on compositions of harmony, proportion, balance, and above all the visual music of color. Brilliant primary color itself is the subject of the artwork – color is king.

As early as I can remember, I was drawn to art and especially color. This led me to study at the Art Institute of Chicago, from which I graduated with a major in painting, never suspecting that weaving would eventually become my medium of choice.

I came to weaving through the serendipity of discovering a beautiful old barn loom in New Hampshire, just before moving to Maine in 1978. It opened the door to this iconic medium which has held me in its thrall for over four decades. My work is now done on a treasured, vertical, Finnish, Varpapuu tapestry loom, around which my life and home in Maine revolve.”

Dorenfeld on his work, April 2022

This exhibition celebrates the publication of a new book on the life and art of the artist titled ***The Tapestries of Morris David Dorenfeld: Painting in Fiber*** by Christopher Williamson. Proceeds from the sale of the book support the Morris David Dorenfeld Foundation. It was Morrie’s dream that his art be preserved in museums and private collections and that grants be given to support artists working in the fiber arts. Art consultant, Ron Crusan, is the director of the Foundation.



Tapestry 106: DOMINO SERIES VIII 2007
wool weft, linen warp 68 1/2 x 46 1/2 inches



Tapestry 110: IMPROVISATION III 2008
wool weft, linen warp 68 1/2 x 46 inches



Tapestry 115: CENTER RING SERIES III 2010
wool weft, linen warp 68 x 46 inches



Tapestry 139: B.D. I REMEMBER EVERYTHING 2018
wool weft, linen warp 68 x 47 inches



Tapestry 125: HUNTER VARIATIONS 2014
wool weft, linen warp 70 x 46 inches



Tapestry 140: B.D. I REMEMBER EVERYTHING 2019
wool weft, linen warp 68 x 47 inches



"It is said, "Your eyes are the window to your soul." I believe these works of art are the window to my soul. The creation of art is an act of faith - a celebration of life. It proclaims - We are here. We were here. We mattered, We matter."

Morris David Dorenfeld

Tapestry 128: Hunter Variations, 2015
wool weft and linen warp 68 x 47 inches
private collection