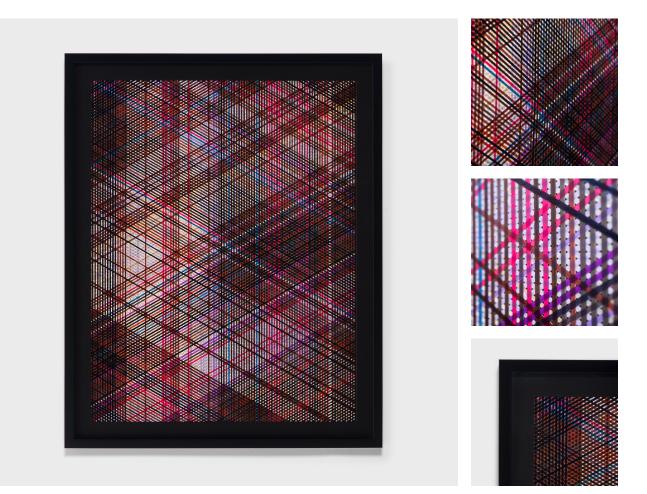
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## **"STUDY FOR WESTERLUND III" BY JAN PIETER FOKKENS**

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2020 • United States • Paper • Collection #CJPF014 W: 25.0" D: 1.25" H: 31.0"

The colorful paintings of Jan Pieter Fokkens transport us to distant worlds beyond our comprehension. Within seemingly infinite networks of lines, dots, and crosses, he decodes the recognizable to create something unfamiliar.

Each work begins with a colorized photo captured by a deep-space telescope. With the aid of custom algorithms, Fokkens manipulates the "fake pixels" of these images, isolating qualities of pattern and color. He then hand-draws these abstracted qualities as intersecting lines of color, reconstructing the sense of longing and wonder one feels when they look out at the stars. Continued...

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Entitled "Study for Westerlund III," this vibrant drawing offers a representation of the young star cluster Westerlund 2 within the constellation Carina. Located 20,000 light years away from Earth, the cluster is home to some of the hottest, brightest, and most massive stars ever known.

Framed. Pigment ink on photo paper.