Pieces such as Gray's 'Adjoined' are available at Bering & James (805 Rhode Pl., 713.524.0101).

Gray Matter

Houston's **Hank Gray**, who paints large-scale decorative abstracts topping out at $8,200 a pop, is suddenly one of the best sellers in the city, with many would-be buyers relegated to a waiting list. "I'm using a lot of negative space," explains the Memphis-born Gray. "The canvas isn't completely cluttered with color and subject matter. People like the balance."