



Benjamin Degen, Owl, 2020. Susan Inglett Gallery

Have you ever been in the forest and heard the sound of an owl swooping overhead? I have. Several times. And I'll never forget it. Owls are stealth and wicked hunters. They fly smoothly and swiftly but most importantly they fly in a practically silent manner. Yet their presence is known. Degen's piece moves me; it captures a moment in time - of the owl's flight through the trees. His drawing is silent yet one can hear the sound of the many brushstrokes - each tiny mark clawing its way into fruition - making its presence known.