ERIC ZENER

Rising

May 5 – May 28, 2022



RISING, 2022, Oil on Canvas, 60 x 90 in. (152.4 x 228.6 cm.)

Gallery Henoch is pleased to present *RISING*, an exhibition of new paintings and resins by Eric Zener, which will run May 5 - 28, 2022.

Zener appropriates the natural world to portray moments of personal decision and change. "He uses vast expanses of water and sprawling forests as signifiers of this realm of forces greater than ourselves. In his canvases we find divers suspended midair or swimmers plunging into deep blue water. Each of these subjects are consumed by their activity, and we can savor this state of immersion vicariously through Zener's work," observes Peter Brock in the exhibition brochure.

The artist reveals little about the individuals appearing in his paintings: their faces are turned away or obscured. With the focus shifted away from their identity, we are encouraged to consider our relationship to their experience.

While many of the paintings depict figures situated in water, a number of them explore the mysteries of nature devoid of human presence. In these the viewer is introduced to a world characterized by densely forested views or disturbed water. In these works, Zener finds a "connection to an ephemeral experience" that transcends the personal.

Eric Zener lives and works in the Bay Area and has been exhibited in the United States and internationally for over 25 years.

Gallery Henoch, 555 West 25th Street (between 10th and 11th Ave). Subway: C or E to 23rd St. Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:30 am - 6:00 pm or by appointment. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Andrew Liss, info@galleryhenoch.com, 917.305.0003.

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