



Marcel Dzama



Seen individually Marcel Dzama's small and delicate drawings, hand-tinted with watercolor and root beer, have an eccentric aesthetic sensibility. The compositions of cartoon-ish creatures combine references that are at once intellectually highbrow and reminiscent of retro pop culture from the Roaring Twenties and the Fifties.

Papering the walls of the gallery with these drawings, the resulting installations are a barrage of disconnected and darkly humorous images linked by their psychological tension. The myriad images create the effect of a multi-channel visual binge. Dzama continues a trajectory in contemporary drawing that could, for example, include Kippenberger's "Hotel Drawings", and the work of Raymond Pettibon.

Dzama is the founder of the collaborative group The Royal Art Lodge that has an upcoming exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, among many other international venues. Dzama also plays in the band *Albatross Note*.

Dzama's cast of characters is expansive and many characters reappear, creating various threads in the many different compositions. As the artist himself said: "There is a narrative, but it's so muddled that it's like an inside joke that has gone too far."

"About a year ago, I saw Marcel Dzama's stuff in zingmagazine and fell madly in love. Then his show at David Zwirner just killed me. A hundred or so drawings (bears with handguns, whale-men looking so sad), all of them stunning. Two percent wit, ninety-eight percent a fragile, beauty-perfect alchemy. He is my lord and my light. "

-David Eggers (novelist)

Marcel Dzama was born in 1974 in Winnipeg, Canada, where he lives and works. Since graduating in 1997, Dzama has had critically acclaimed solo shows at David Zwirner Gallery, New York and at the Timothy Taylor Gallery in London.













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