



KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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The Avocet Portfolio 2023

Curated by Andrea Callard

June 17 – July 30, 2023

Curator's Talk & Opening Reception: Saturday, June 17, 4pm

Gallery Hours: Thursday - Sunday, 12 - 5pm

Artists: Tomie Arai, Noah Baen, Lisa Bateman, Andrea Callard, Susan Spencer Crowe, Jane Dickson, Conrad Gleber, Betti-Sue Hertz, Carter Hodgkin, Rebecca Howland, Miriam Jacobs, Peter Julian, Darra Keeton, Whitfield Lovell, Sarah Greer Mecklem, Ann Messner, Richard Mock, Peter Nadin, Gail Nathan, Florence Neal, Kingsley Parker, Cara Perlman, Rachael Romero, Christy Rupp, Rand Russell, Clarissa Sligh, Kim Sloane, Kiki Smith, Jolie Stahl, Richard Tobias, Frances Valesco

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *The Avocet Portfolio 2023*, an exhibition of fine art screen prints by thirty-one artists. The portfolio was produced in a farmhouse studio at Art Awareness in Lexington, NY between 1985 and 1991. Participants invited by organizers Andrea Callard and Jolie Stahl included twelve members of COLAB (Collaborative Projects, Inc.), an activist collective known for its DIY exhibitions and multimedia projects. Artists worked in groups and used a new line of nontoxic inks to complete forty-eight editions of screen prints over seven summers.

The large-scale prints are vibrant, richly layered and stylistically diverse. Some take inspiration from the studio's rural surroundings, depicting fauna, figures and landscapes coexisting. Others explore geometric abstraction or nascent geopolitical concerns. Seen together, *the Avocet Portfolio* reflects the dynamic exchange of ideas, techniques and innovations central to creative collaboration. It represents a vital moment in the history of experimental printmaking.

A brochure with an essay by Alex Young accompanies the exhibition.

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Programs Director Sallie Mize at sallie@kentlergallery.org, call 718-875-2098 or visit www.kentlergallery.org.

Founded by two artists in 1990, Kentler International Drawing Space Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization presenting contemporary exhibitions of drawings and works on paper by emerging and under-recognized local, national and international artists as part of the cultural fabric of our community. Programs include: Exhibitions & Events, The Kentler Flatfiles and K.I.D.S. Art Education.

