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PRESS RELEASE



Robert Pokorny: *No Running By The Pool*
September 16–October 14, 2023

Steve Turner is pleased to present *No Running By The Pool*, a solo exhibition featuring drawings from the last seven years by Los Angeles-based Robert Pokorny. According to the artist, “*drawing is at the root of my practice, where ideas are born, tested and refined. When drawing, I work freely, without inhibition, allowing the mark making to dictate where the drawing wants to go. The outcome is determined by the process and I know that I am on the right path when all my thoughts fade away.*” The works in *No Running By The Pool* include still lifes and portraits that contain Pokorny’s idiosyncratic humor and his ongoing conversation with art history.

Robert Pokorny (born 1969, Merced, California) earned a BA (1992) and MFA (2011) at California State University, Long Beach and has presented his work in numerous exhibitions since 2006. Pokorny has had gallery exhibitions at Steve Turner, Los Angeles (2023), Johansson Projects, Oakland (2021) and Ampersand, Portland (2019 & 2020). He has also had solo presentations at art fairs including Expo Chicago (2022) and CAN Art Fair, Ibiza (2022). Pokorny has been featured in Amadeus Magazine, Art Maze Magazine, Arte Al’ Limite, Cool Hunting, Juxtapoz, Maps, Sound & Vision Podcast and Voyage LA. This is Pokorny’s second solo exhibition with Steve Turner.

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Robert Pokorny

Charlene Sharese (Variation on Picasso's Marie Thérèse Leaning, 1939), 2019

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013197

Framed



Robert Pokorny

Woman with Hand on Face (Daydreamer), 2018

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013198

Framed



Robert Pokorny

Blue Muse, 2018

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013199

Framed



Robert Pokorny

Head of a Bearded Man Smoking a J, 2022

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013200

Framed



Robert Pokorny

After Vincent Van Gogh's 1887 Self Portrait, 2019

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013201

Framed

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Robert Pokorny
LA Knight, 2022
Crayon on Muscletone
11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)
12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed
r.pokorny013202
Framed



Robert Pokorny
The Cleanse, 2021
Crayon on Muscletone
8 1/2 x 11 inches (21.6 x 27.9 cm)
10 x 12 1/2 inches (25.4 x 31.8 cm) Framed
r.pokorny013203
Framed



Robert Pokorny
My Good Foot, 2021
Crayon on Muscletone
8 1/2 x 11 inches (21.6 x 27.9 cm)
10 x 12 1/2 inches (25.4 x 31.8 cm) Framed
r.pokorny013204
Framed



Robert Pokorny
Reclining Nude, 2018
Crayon on Muscletone
8 1/2 x 11 inches (21.6 x 27.9 cm)
10 x 12 1/2 inches (25.4 x 31.8 cm) Framed
r.pokorny013205
Framed



Robert Pokorny
Autumn, 2019
Crayon on Muscletone
11 x 8 1/2 inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)
12 1/2 x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed
r.pokorny013206
Framed

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Robert Pokorny

Bitchin' Summer, 2023

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 ¹/₂ inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 ¹/₂ x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013207

Framed



Robert Pokorny

Wide Awake, 2023

Crayon on Muscletone

11 x 8 ¹/₂ inches (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

12 ¹/₂ x 10 inches (31.8 x 25.4 cm) Framed

r.pokorny013208

Framed