

## WILD THING

Jana Benitez Katherine Bradford Eleanor Conover Jarid Del Deo Lois Dodd Grace Hager Bernard Langlais James Prosek Dennis Pinette David Wilson

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**OPENING RECEPTION**Friday, September 5, 5-7PM

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ACROBATIC DOGS Bernard Langlais (Amer. 1921-1977)

Wild Thing presents work by ten artists who have drawn on the untamed, the primordial, the unruly, and even the supernatural for inspiration. Nature and natural cycles predominate – even where the human presence is felt. The emphasis is on the undomesticated, open-air environments, elemental materials, flora, fauna, weather, and in some cases, humans in the wild (and being wild). We have Lois Dodd's exuberant nudes frolicking in sunshine, contrasted with Katherine Bradford's nocturnal couple outside the comfort of their domestic space in a dark landscape. Eleanor Conover and Jarid del Deo engage with landscape directly, each using a unique personal language to express the sensation of time and place. Jana Benitez describes her work as rooted in the tension between boundless energy and restraint, surrender and control. James Prosek's sculptures of weathered wood, scoured by fire, offer narratives of re-birth and the fluidity of nature. Grace Hager's ceramic sculptures of trees, like David Wilson's woodland tableaux, present characterful avatars of things in the wild, slightly spooky, yet inviting. Dennis Pinette's fire and wind paintings champion the power of natural elements. Bernard Langlais populated the ninety acres of his farm in Cushing Maine with sculptures carved from wood. In this cast of thousands, animals and animal spirits predominated. These acrobatic creatures are welcome contributors to this mix, perhaps reminding us to look around at what's out there.

Melanie Essex August 2025



DREAMLAND 2025 oil on canvas 60 x 72 inches

Jana Benitez



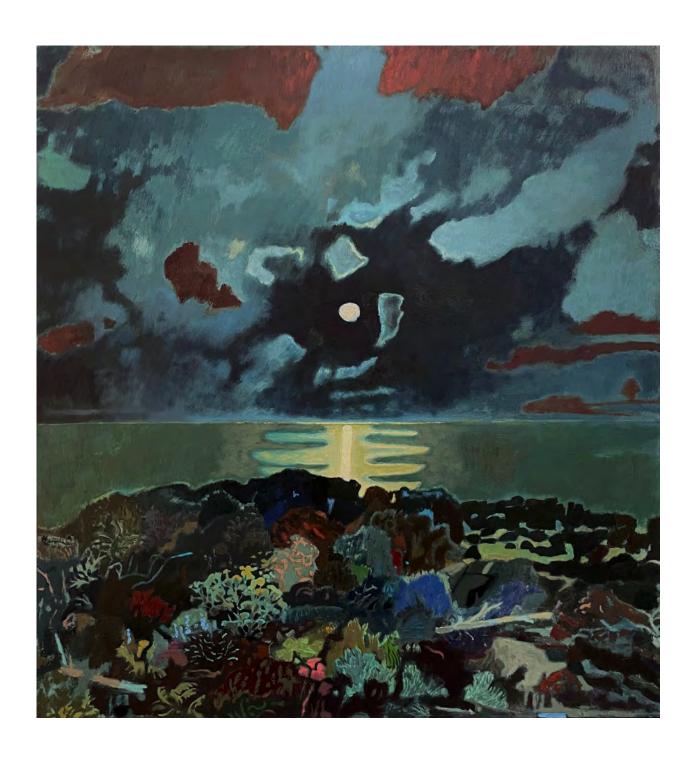
LOG CABIN AT NIGHT 2024 acrylic on canvas 60 x 48 inches

Katherine Bradford



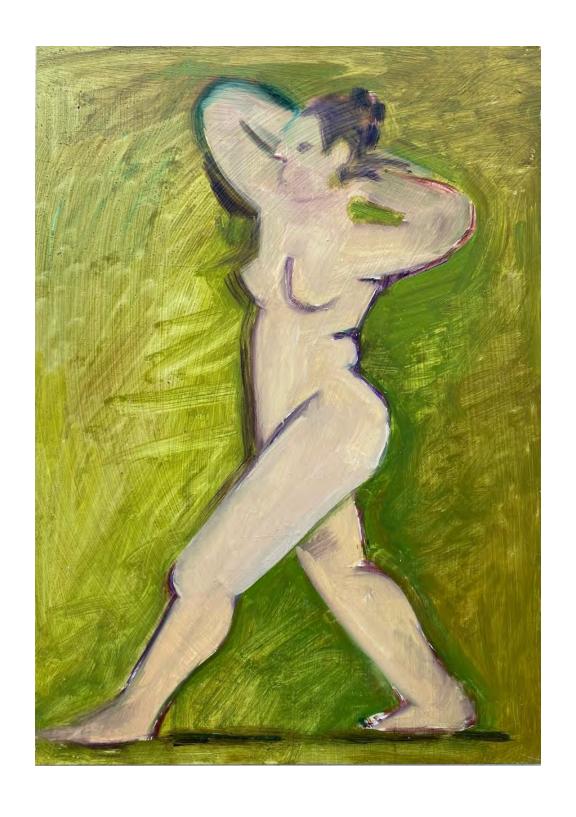
JUNE (Tailing, Tide) 2025 oil, acrylic, graphite and dye on sewn linen with marble and bowed and beveled pine 38 x 29 x 3 inches

Eleanor Conover



PIANO MUSIC 2025 oil on panel 24 x 22 inches

Jarid del Deo



STRIDING NUDE, HANDS BEHIND HEAD 2020 oil on step flashing 7 x 5 inches

Lois Dodd



MIDNIGHT PITCH 2023 terra sigillata on stoneware 14 x 14 x 8 inches

Grace Hager



BURNING SKY #2 2008 oil on gessoed rag 30 x 30 inches

Dennis Pinette



BURNED LOG WITH CLAY FLOWERS 2016 bronze, clay, oil paint 9 1/2 x 21 x 9 inches

James Prosek



SAGE WOODS oil on canvas 60 x 83 inches

David Wilson

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