

DEREK ELLER GALLERY

Chris Hammerlein

January 7 - February 5, 2005

Opening Reception: Friday, January 7, 6 - 8 pm

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present new drawings by Chris Hammerlein.

With these latest drawings, Chris Hammerlein reveals a hitherto unacknowledged accomplishment of confident precision and exquisite élan in works of narrative and spatial complexity that recall Dürer, Hiroshige, and Holbein in their highly sophisticated graphic language. Physically large and ebulliently energetic, the works treat questions of the place and function of nature in the human imagination handled with a surety of execution and mature philosophical perspective. Contemplative in emotional depth and absorbing in explanatory observation, these black and white ink and graphite drawings express in generous detail, East and West and the timeless issues of civilized existence. As always, Hammerlein exercises an insouciant sense of humor, invigorating his psychologically dense compositions.

Chris Hammerlein's work has appeared in numerous exhibitions throughout the United States, Europe, and Mexico. This will be his third solo exhibition with the gallery.

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 526 West 25th Street, 2nd floor. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 11am - 6pm. For further information or visuals, please contact the gallery at 212.206.6411 or visit www.derekeller.com.