## DEREK ELLER GALLERY

## André Ethier Thoughtful Paintings Project Room July 8 - August 27, 2021

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 8, 12-7 pm



Untitled, 2021, oil on canvas, 20 x 24 inches

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition of recent paintings by Canadian artist André Ethier.

Ethier's intimately scaled oils exist somewhere between allegory and autobiography. Reminiscent of a mythological character, his protagonist evokes the image of a muscleman, a philosopher, and a victim of fate. He is placed within a barren wilderness, a weak version of a frontier that could only be imagined by a self-centered simpleton. He clumsily strums his guitar and sings his song, tangled in the trees. Ethier writes, "Fittingly, it feels equally clumsy to paint...to drag my hairy brush around the canvas, seems as ridiculous and comical as celebrating the conquering of The Wilderness".

André Ethier (b. 1977) lives and works in Toronto, Canada. His work has been featured in exhibitions at Honor Fraser, Los Angeles, CA; Galeria Marta Cervera, Madrid, Spain; Paul Petro Contemporary Art, Toronto; Harper's Apartment, New York: Musee Des Beaux-Arts De Montreal, Montreal, Canada; Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC and Gallerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris, France, among others. This will be his seventh solo exhibition with the gallery.

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 300 Broome Street between Eldridge Street and Forsyth Street. Hours are Monday - Friday 11am to 6pm, and by appointment. For further information please contact the gallery at 212.206.6411 or visit www.derekeller.com. Derek Eller Gallery is located at 300 Broome Street between Eldridge Street and Forsyth.