

## Hawk + Hive Press Release

Luke Dougherty: Here a mist, there a mist

June 28th - July 27, 2025

Opening Reception: June 28th, 2pm - 6pm

61 Main Street, Andes, NY 13731

An exhibition of paintings and drawings by Luke Dougherty

Luke Dougherty's paintings feel less like declarations and more like exploratory exercises in dream, sensation and memory. From one work to another, his paintings move between abstraction and representation, as if neither genre can fully encompass Dougherty's desire to articulate his experience of the world.

The figurative works suggest narratives that are slippery—part story-book, part cautionary tale—and seem to straddle conscious and unconscious worlds. The abstract works are pure atmosphere—gestural, layered and open ended. His paintings feel built rather than composed—worked over, reconsidered, doubled back on until something resonates for him.

The large-scale drawings in this show are the result of multiple studies which might be made as a vehicle for generating ideas or in response to one of his existing paintings. Highly detailed and meticulous, they offer a different register, showing the hand of the artist in a medium he describes as his “mother tongue”.

What connects these works is a rigorous artistic practice, a sense of searching, and a desire to locate feeling through form.

In choosing a title for his show, Dougherty found the line “Here a mist, there a mist” in Emily Dickenson's poem *Our share of night to bear* (113). It encapsulates the interplay of perception, abstraction, and dreamlike ambiguity that defines this exhibition. He says “for me the sense of mist is in my paintings, also it's a really simple little poem about wonders and hurdles.”

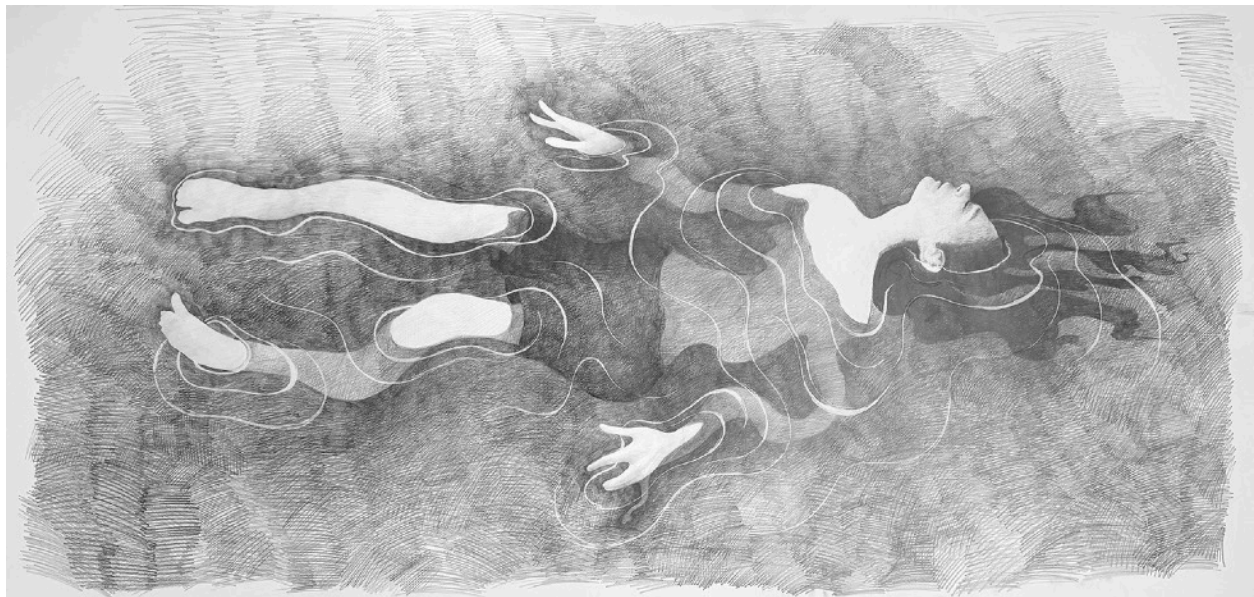
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1. *Boy and his horse*, 60 x 48 inches, oil on canvas
2. *Float*, 54 x 60 inches, oil on canvas
3. *Stay*, 55 x 42 inches, oil on linen
4. *Inside*, 60 x 40 inches, oil on canvas
5. *The game*, 60 x 48 inches, oil on canvas
6. *Jessie's Dream*, 19 x 24 inches, pencil on paper
7. *Float 2*, 38 x 78 inches, pencil on paper
8. *The sea 1*, 48 x 60 inches, oil on canvas