

David Rathman

Up To You, Down To Me

November 20 – December 23, 2014

Reception: Thursday, November 20, 6pm – 8pm

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday, 10am – 6pm



They Had the Numbers, We Had the Heights, 2014
Watercolor on Paper

Morgan Lehman is pleased to present *Up To You, Down to Me*, David Rathman's first solo exhibition with the gallery. This exhibition presents Rathman's latest series, which continue his exploration of everyday objects, experiences, and the stories they tell.

Working in watercolor and ink on paper or canvas, Rathman makes paintings that impart subjective, personal scenarios and emotional narratives. Despite largely monochromatic palettes and moderately scaled works, his skill with watercolor results in dramatic atmospheric landscapes that create vivid and poignant vignettes, ultimately giving a voice to otherwise banal day-to-day life and materials.

Rathman's natural attraction to images of forlorn basketball hoops, junked cars, cowboys, and rock and roll allow him to expand on de Kooning's idea of "slipping glimpses" to find beauty and meaning in the detritus of the American social and cultural sphere. Each object or person is, as Rathman states, "connected to great amounts of energy" and countless stories. In the past, Rathman has focused his efforts on one theme, however, in this series, Rathman brings objects - and in some cases people - together, to create works that capture the vulnerability, precision, and possibility of these broken objects in iconic images of the American experience.

David Rathman lives and works in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in 1982. Rathman's work has been featured in group and solo exhibitions in galleries and museums worldwide, and his work is held in numerous public and private collections including the Orlando Museum of Art (FL), the Walker Art Center (MN), the Whitney Museum of American Art (NY), the New Museum of Contemporary Art (NYC), and the Art Institute of Chicago (IL), among others.