

Michael Bise

Afterlife

March 26 – May 7, 2022

Open House Saturday, March 26, 12-5, Artist Talk 3 pm

Moody Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new drawings by Michael Bise. *Afterlife* marks his ninth solo exhibition with the gallery and will be on view March 26 – May 7, 2022. An Open House will be held Saturday, March 26 from 12-5 pm with the Artist in attendance 3-5 pm and an Artist Talk at 3 pm.

Bise's newest series of drawings continue to maintain a commitment to autobiographical narrative. More than ever, he draws out from these personal narratives broader symbolic and archetypal meanings. Beyond the individual significance Bise's images may hold for himself or his loved ones he engages ancient and medieval conceptions of what it means to exist in a family; to be a mother, a father, a husband, a wife, a sister, son or brother. Integrating traditional drawing processes with ideas from ancient, medieval and modernist canons of painting, Bise integrates multiple traditions within a style that remains attached to the distant past while engaging with modernist and postmodernist tendencies in image making.

Michael Bise (b. Flagstaff, Arizona, 1976) currently lives and works in Houston, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas (2001) and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Houston (2005). Bise's work is included in the permanent collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston Airport System, City of Houston, and the Art Museum of Southeast Texas. His work has been exhibited at the Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston; Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston; Art Museum of Southeast Texas; Art Museum of South Texas; Tyler Museum of Art; Galveston Arts Center; Fort Worth Contemporary Arts at Texas Christian University; and the McKinney Avenue Contemporary. Bise is a recipient of the Hunting Art Prize (2012), a Houston Arts Alliance Individual Artist Grant (2014), and an Artadia Finalist (2012, 2014). He is a studio instructor at the Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston since 2013. His writing and art criticism can be found on Glasstire.com.

Moody Gallery is open Tuesday - Friday 10:30 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. To make an appointment to view the exhibition, please call or email the gallery at 713-526-9911 or info@moodygallery.com. Michael Bise – *Afterlife* can also be viewed online at www.moodygallery.com.