# GUY CHURCH And the things speak with their own voice January 13 – February 24, 2019

I ALWAY ENJOYED THE GREAT MASTER PAINTING I FOUND IN BOOKS. THEIR POWER AND BEAUTY OF STYLE MADE ME WISH I COULD HAVE SOME OF THEM. I JUST HAD TO PICK UP A PENCIL AND START TO DRAW. ART HAS A WAY OF SEEING THINGS LIK A POEM HAS A WAY OF SAYING SOMETHING. AND THE WARP OF THE ABSTRACT ART CAN EXTEND BEYOND THE OUTER LIMITS. I GET BOTHERED SOMETIMES ABOUT PEOPLE THAT WON'T UNDERSTAND OR DON'T CARE ABOUT ART. THEY ARE JUST MISSING SO MUCH. ALL THE MANY FORM ENRICH OUR LIVES IN EVERY WAY. CONSIDER SOME OF THE MANY ART FORMS. DRAWING OF COURSE AND PAINTING, MUSIC AND DANCE, LITERATURE AND THEATER, SCULPTURE, ARCHITECTURE, FASHION, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND EVEN THE WAY WE COOK OUR FOOD, WHAT IDENTIFIES OUR CULTURE FROM THE CULTURE OF ANOTHER COUNTRY IS VIRTUALLY AN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION. I LIKE PEOPLE SUBJECTS" THAT SHOW AN ART IN LIVING. I KNOW THE HOUSE BUILT ON SAND IS NOT STRICKLY A PEOPLE SUBJECT, BUT IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE, I TRY TO DO SOME DIFFERENT THINGS.

Guy Church (b. Wisconsin) is a self-taught artist living in Memphis for the past twenty years. Since beginning to make drawings in 1986, his exhibitions include: Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta; Tops Gallery, Memphis; Coop Gallery, Nashville; Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, Madison; Good Weather Gallery, Little Rock; Natasha Nicholson Gallery, Madison; Bradbury Art Museum, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR. Downs & Ross is indebted to Matt Ducklo of Tops Gallery for assistance in organizing this exhibition.

### **EXHIBITION CHECKLIST**

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#### First Room (clockwise from checklist)

The Edge, 2019 Colored pencil on paper 20  $^{3/4}$  x 17  $^{3/4}$  inches / 52.7 x 45.1 cm (framed) 17 x 14 inches / 43.2 x 35.5 cm (unframed)

Old Noah builds himself an Ark, 2018 Colored pencil on orange sandpaper 14  $^{1/2}$  x 16  $^{1/2}$  inches / 36.8 x 41.9 cm (framed) 9 x 11 inches / 22.8 x 27.9 cm (unframed)

House on Sand, 2018 Colored pencil on orange sandpaper 14  $^{1/2}$  x 16  $^{1/2}$  inches / 36.8 x 41.9 cm (framed) 9 x 11 inches / 22.8 x 27.9 cm (unframed)

The Drop Off, 2016 Charcoal on paper 30 <sup>3/4</sup> x 38 inches / 78.1 x 96 1/2 cm (framed) 22 <sup>1/2</sup> x 30 inches / 57.1 x 76.2 cm (unframed)

The Feathered Friend, 1992 Colored pencil on paper 29 <sup>1/2</sup> x 37 <sup>1/2</sup> inches / 74.9 x 95.2 cm (framed) 22 x 30 inches / 55.8 x 76.2 cm (unframed)

The end of the train, 1987 Colored pencil on paper 35 3/4 x 44 inches / 90.8 x 111.7 cm (framed) 33 x 40 inches / 83.8 x 101.6 cm (unframed)

## Hallway (from entrance, right to left)

Not enough shade, 1995 Graphite on paper 10  $^{3/4}$  x 10  $^{3/4}$  inches / 27.3 x 27.3 cm (framed) 4  $^{3/4}$  x 4  $^{3/4}$  inches / 12 x 12 cm (unframed)

Call of the back woods, 1997 Graphite on paper  $15^{1/2}$  x 13 inches / 39.4 x 33 cm (framed) 14 x 11 inches / 35.5 x 27.9 cm (unframed)

#### Second Room (clockwise from entrance)

Fido cannot play ball, 2014 Charcoal on paper 15  $^{1/4}$  × 18  $^{1/2}$  inches / 38.7 × 47 cm (framed) 14 × 11 inches / 35.6 × 27.9 cm (unframed)

The Great Outside World, 2017 Graphite on paper 22  $^{3/4}$  × 19  $^{1/2}$  inches / 57.8 × 49.5 cm (framed) 16  $^{1/2}$  × 13 inches / 41.9 × 33 cm (unframed)

The Backdoor, 2018 Colored pencil on paper  $17^{3/4} \times 15^{1/4}$  inches /  $45.1 \times 38.7$  cm (framed)  $14 \times 11$  inches /  $35.6 \times 27.9$  cm (unframed)

A Pile of Books, 2018 Colored pencil on paper  $18^{1/4} \times 15^{1/4}$  inches / 46.3 × 38.7 cm (framed)  $13^{1/2} \times 10^{1/2}$  inches / 34.3 × 26.6 cm (unframed)

The Den Tree, 2015 Graphite on paper  $18^{1/4} \times 15$  inches /  $46.3 \times 38.1$  cm (framed)  $14 \times 11$  inches /  $35.6 \times 27.9$  cm (unframed)

And the Things Speak with Their Own Voice, 2017 Charcoal on paper  $38 \times 30^{1/2}$  inches /  $96.5 \times 77.5$  cm (framed)  $30 \times 22$  inches /  $76.2 \times 55.9$  cm (unframed)

A Study for Janie, 1997 Graphite on paper  $15^{1/2} \times 13$  inches /  $39.4 \times 33$  cm (framed)  $14 \times 11$  inches /  $35.5 \times 27.94$  cm (unframed)