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# A Game for the Living

Jared Buckhiester & Peter Shear

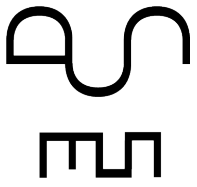
Dunes presents A Game for the Living, an ecliptic pairing of ceramics by Jared Buckhiester and oil paintings from Peter Shear. The artists first met eleven years ago, during four weeks of making art on Lake Michigan. Jared returned to New York, and Peter to Minneapolis, and the two have remained in touch from a distance ever since. The show takes its title from a crime novel of exist estil anguish by Patricia Highsmith, a whodunnit about two male artist friends with many questions. Answers elude and structure falls to pieces amid so much inquiry.

Jared Buckhiester's six ceramic figures are suggestive artefacts with a tight grip on desire. Timeless narrative fantasies embody an imaginary both refined and coarse—the earthy gravitas presented by these sculptures is a forcible surrender. Animals and men become interchangeable beasts, a shared self in conflict/capitulation.

A scriptorial cosmos emerges in Peter Shear's twelve oil paintings: a framing of lines mouthed in the wings, occasionally vocal. Buoyant frequencies resonate as dynamic cues. Instances of skilled capture or release. The sureness of what gets made visible is halting, and in this is wisdom.

There can be a balancing effect to polarity, and discovery in difference. These works by Peter Shear and Jared Buckhiester, though discrete, are intuitive allies. Each sculpture and painting, whether fettered or ephemeral, enacts sublimation as a means to get at an ever-fugitive transcendence.

- Charity Coleman



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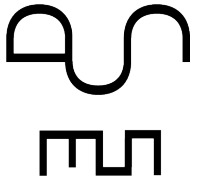
*So Far*, 2021-23

Oil on canvas

22 x 26 in

55.9 x 66 cm

(PS677)



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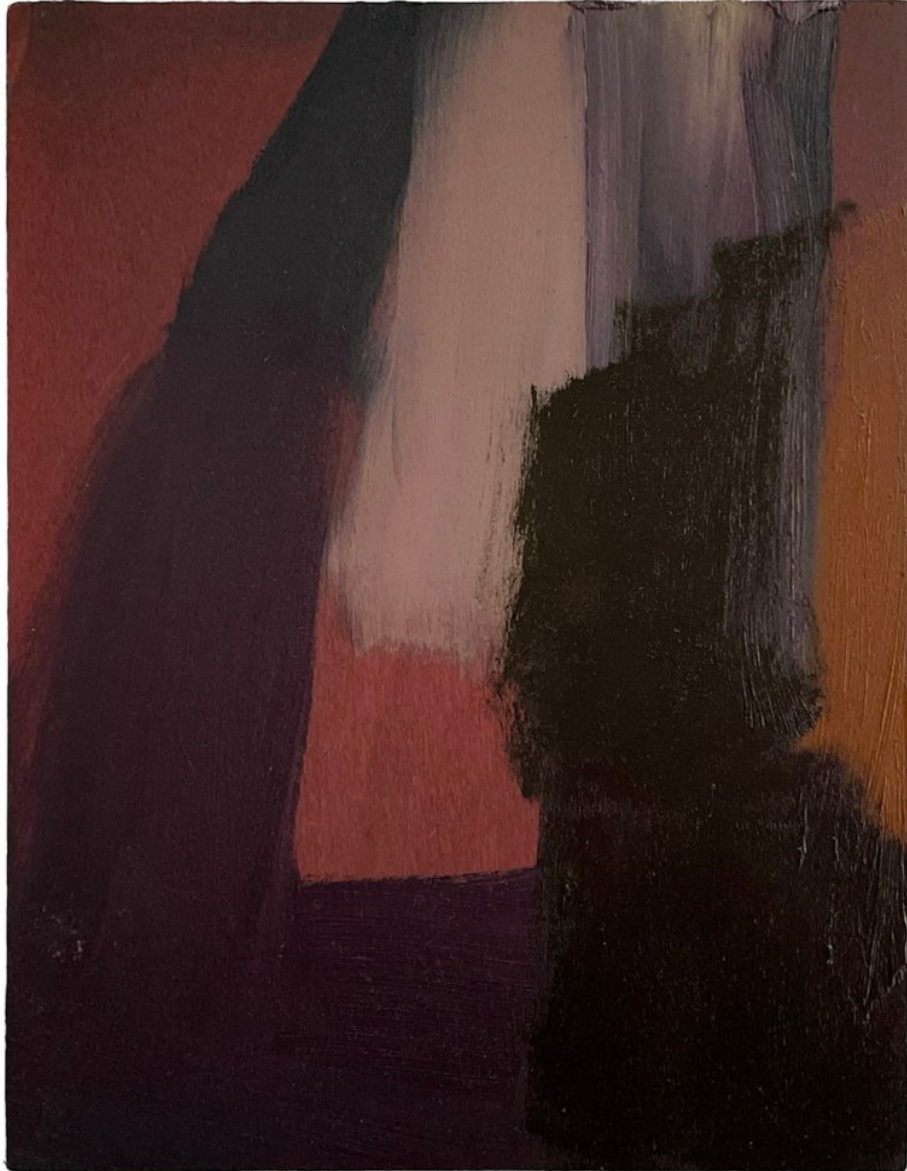
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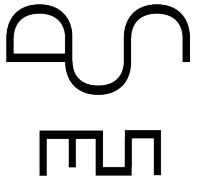
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Peter Shear

*Surf*, 2022-23  
Oil on panel  
10 x 8 in  
25.4 x 20.3 cm  
(PS678)



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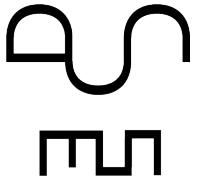
*Please Join, 2023*

Oil on canvas over panel

11 x 14 in

27.9 x 35.6 cm

(PS676)



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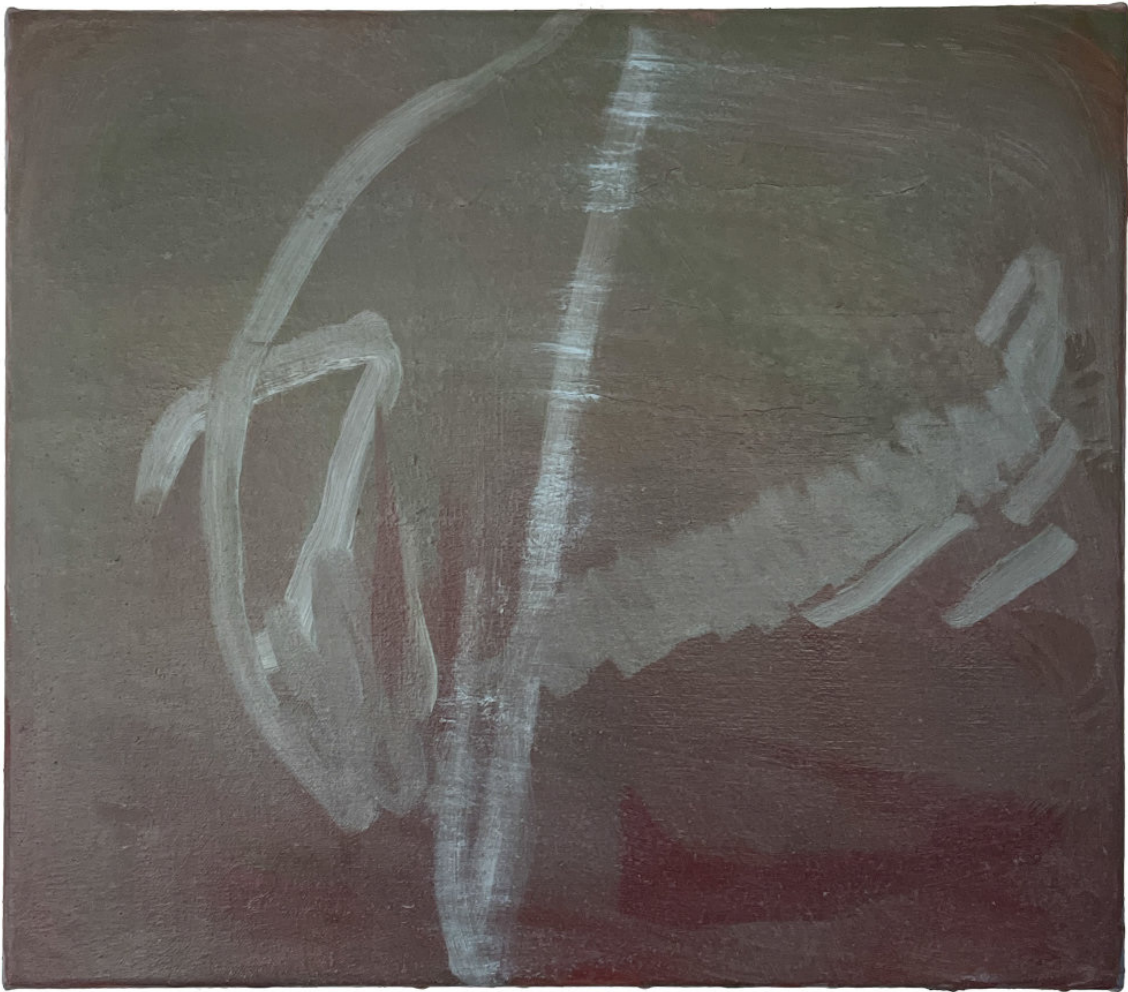
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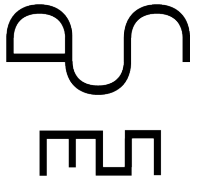
*Inspector*, 2022-23

Oil on canvas

14 x 16 in

35.6 x 40.6 cm

(PS675)



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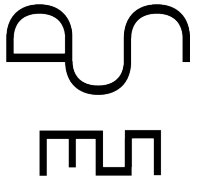
*Fold, 2023*

Oil on canvas over panel

14 x 11 in

35.6 x 27.9 cm

(PS674)



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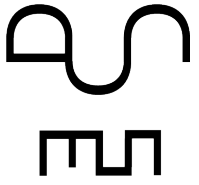
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*Charge*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
11 x 14 in  
27.9 x 35.6 cm  
(PS673)



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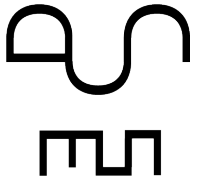
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Peter Shear  
*Cat*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
12 x 12 in  
30.5 x 30.5 cm  
(PS672)





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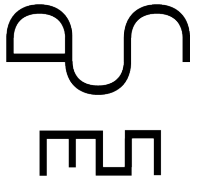
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Peter Shear  
*Casino*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
25 x 24 in  
63.5 x 61 cm  
(PS671)



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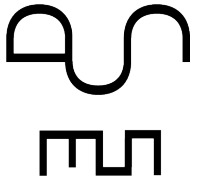
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*Tread*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
12 x 12 in  
30.5 x 30.5 cm  
(PS656)



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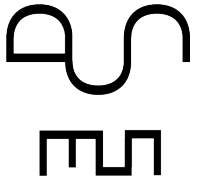
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Peter Shear  
*Gallon*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
12 x 10 in  
30.5 x 25.4 cm  
(PS626)





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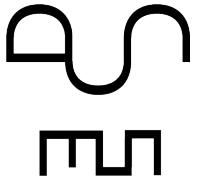
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Peter Shear  
*Skeleton*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
12 x 10 in  
30.5 x 25.4 cm  
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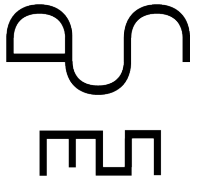
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Peter Shear  
*Missing Stay*, 2023  
Oil on panel  
18 x 20 in  
45.7 x 50.8 cm  
(PS533)



Jared Buckhiester

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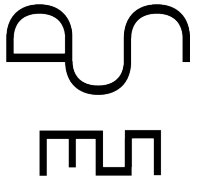
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*His Duty he Always Faithfully Did*, 2023  
Glazed Stoneware  
21 x 7.5 x 9 in

(JB133)



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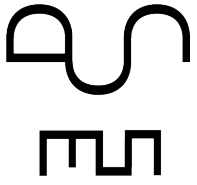
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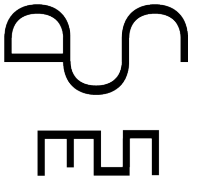
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Untitled (man eating a snake)*, 2022  
Stoneware  
19 x 13 x 12 in

(JB 134)





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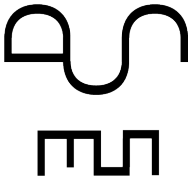
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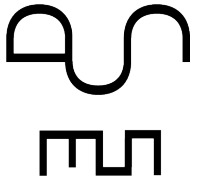
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Jared Buckhiester  
*The Remembered Part*, 2023  
Glazed Stoneware and walnut  
12 x 17.5 x 7 in

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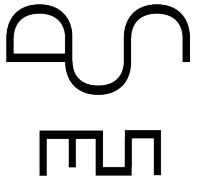
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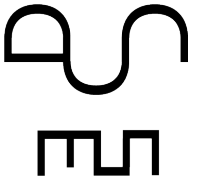
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Man Carrying (blue)*, 2022  
Glazed Stoneware and Walnut  
19.5 x 7 x 7 in

(JB 135)





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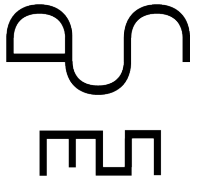
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*Man Carrying (blue)*, 2022  
Glazed Stoneware and Walnut  
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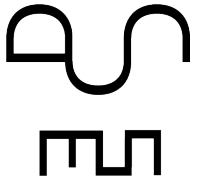
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Guide*, 2022  
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15 x 13 x 6.75 in

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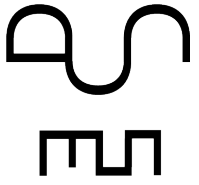
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*Guide*, 2022  
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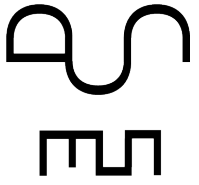
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Wise Man and the Renderer*, 2021  
Stoneware  
13.75 x 7 x 7 in

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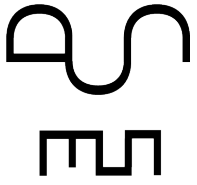
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*Wise Man and the Renderer*, 2021  
Stoneware  
13.75 x 7 x 7 in

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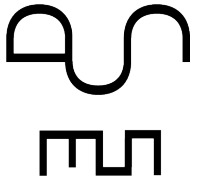
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Man carrying man (rainbow)*, 2022  
Stoneware  
19 x 8 x 6.5 in

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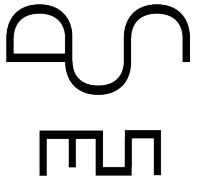
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*Man carrying man (rainbow)*, 2022  
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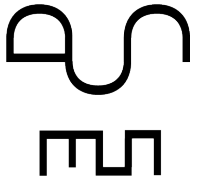
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Across the river of creeping vines, help me I am coming to your shore*  
Charcoal on paper  
47 x 36 inches (framed)

(JB 138)



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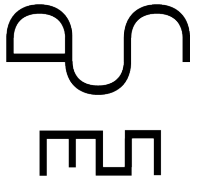
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*Our new-made foretopman*, 2021  
Charcoal on paper  
47 x 36 in (framed)

(JB 139)



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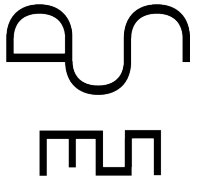
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Jared Buckhiester  
*Untitled Drawing I*  
watercolor and graphite on paper  
29.5 x 33 inches

(JB 139)



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Jared Buckhiester  
*Untitled Drawing II*  
watercolor and graphite on paper  
33 x 30 inches

(JB 140)