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GORDON RAYNER

*miniatures*

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Once tucked away inside the artist and his wife's Toronto home, this intimate collection of artworks offers a glance into Rayner's life and memories. Vibrant scenes from Oaxaca, intimate portraits, and serene landscapes — transient moments that Rayner has captured in impressionistic light and heavy impasto.

These evocative miniatures present glimpses into different worlds, reflecting Rayner's love of travel alongside his ever-evolving interests and subject matter. Although the artist was born and died in Toronto, his late wife, Kate Rayner, described Toronto as *"a city he loved, but also loved to wander from. He travelled the world and also spent much time in the Ontario bush country, whose mysteries inspired much of his work. ... While he was criticized by some for being always unpredictable, he had many ideas and too much curiosity to rest in one place."*

The transportive experience of these artworks belies their scale. The paintings draw viewers in close, then immerse them in scenes from the past — a bustling parade of trombones and tubas on the streets of Mexico, an evening with friends, or a raging storm in the countryside. "Miniatures" evokes a sense of wonder, taking viewers to another time and place.

This exhibition offers a rare opportunity to engage with the smaller-scale side of Gordon Rayner's practice, which he developed alongside the larger, series-based works for which he is best known, such as the Oaxaca Suite and his late self portraits.

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GORDON RAYNER

*Early Autumn*

1998

oil on masonite

13.5 x 10.5 inches (34.5 x 26.5 cm)

15 x 12 inches (38 x 30.5 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Tlacolula, Oaxaca*

1998

oil on masonite

9.5 x 7.5 inches (24 x 19 cm)

11 x 9 inches (28 x 23 cm) framed

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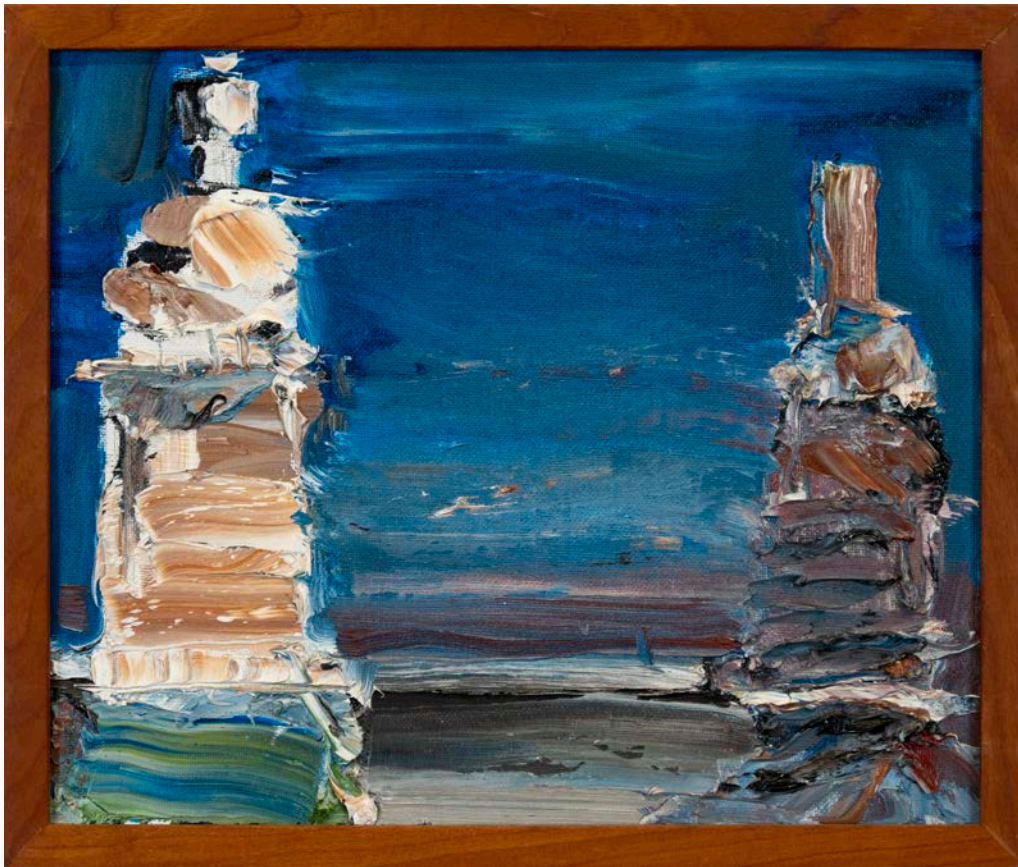
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GORDON RAYNER

*Old Chimneys #1*

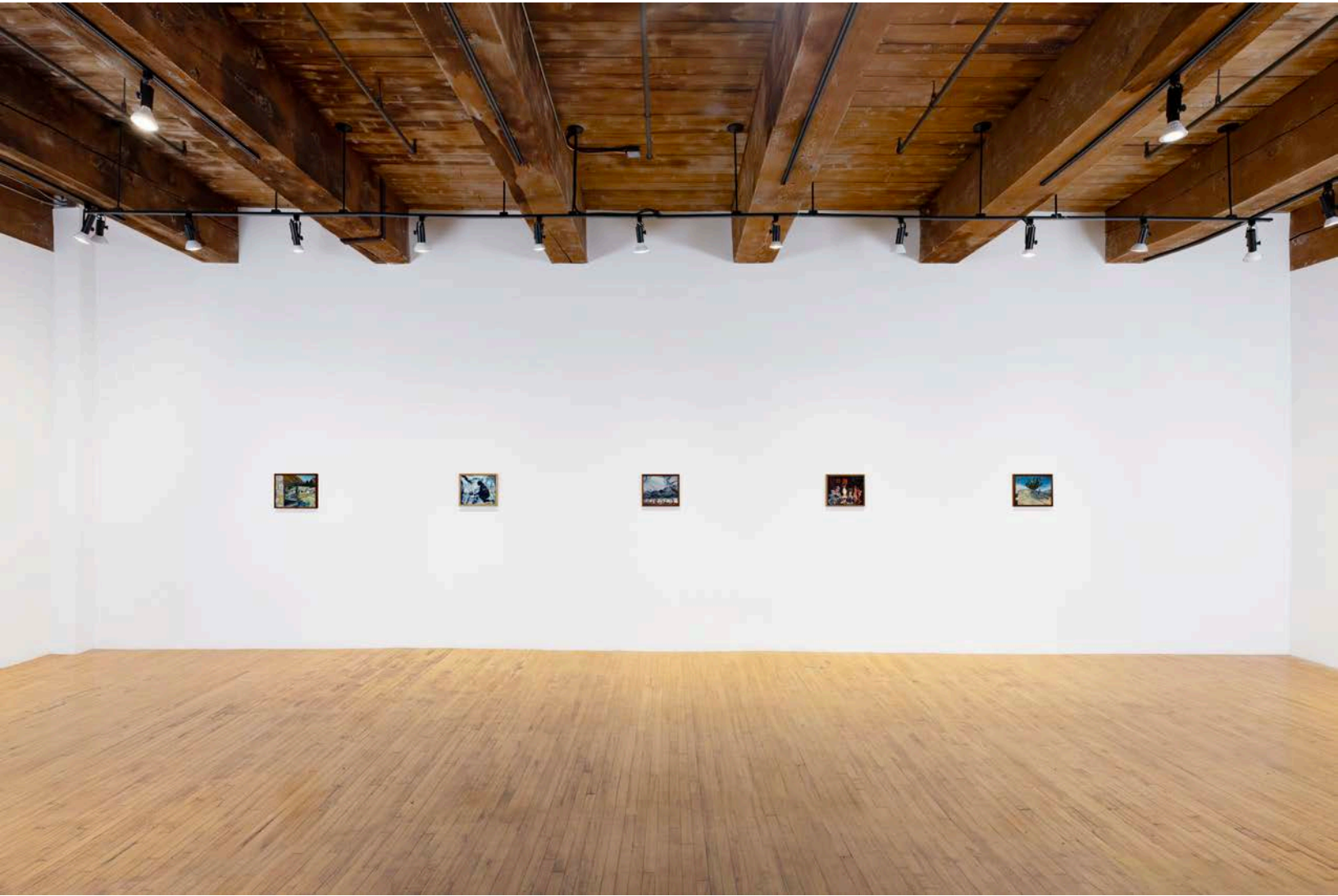
1998

oil on masonite

10 x 11.5 inches (25.5 x 29 cm)

13 x 11 inches (33 x 28 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Mountain Town (Oaxaca, Mexico)*

1999

oil on masonite

12 x 15.5 inches (30.5 x 39.5 cm)

13 x 17 inches (33 x 43 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Mayan Prayers in Chichicastenango*

2000

oil on masonite

10.5 x 13.5 inches (26.5 x 34.5 cm)

15.25 x 12 inches (38.5 x 30.5 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Gracias, Sr. Lowry*

1999

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15 x 19 inches (38 x 48.5 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Playing Chess with the Maya*

1999

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12 x 15 inches (30.5 x 38 cm) framed

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*Yagul Pyramid (Mexico)*

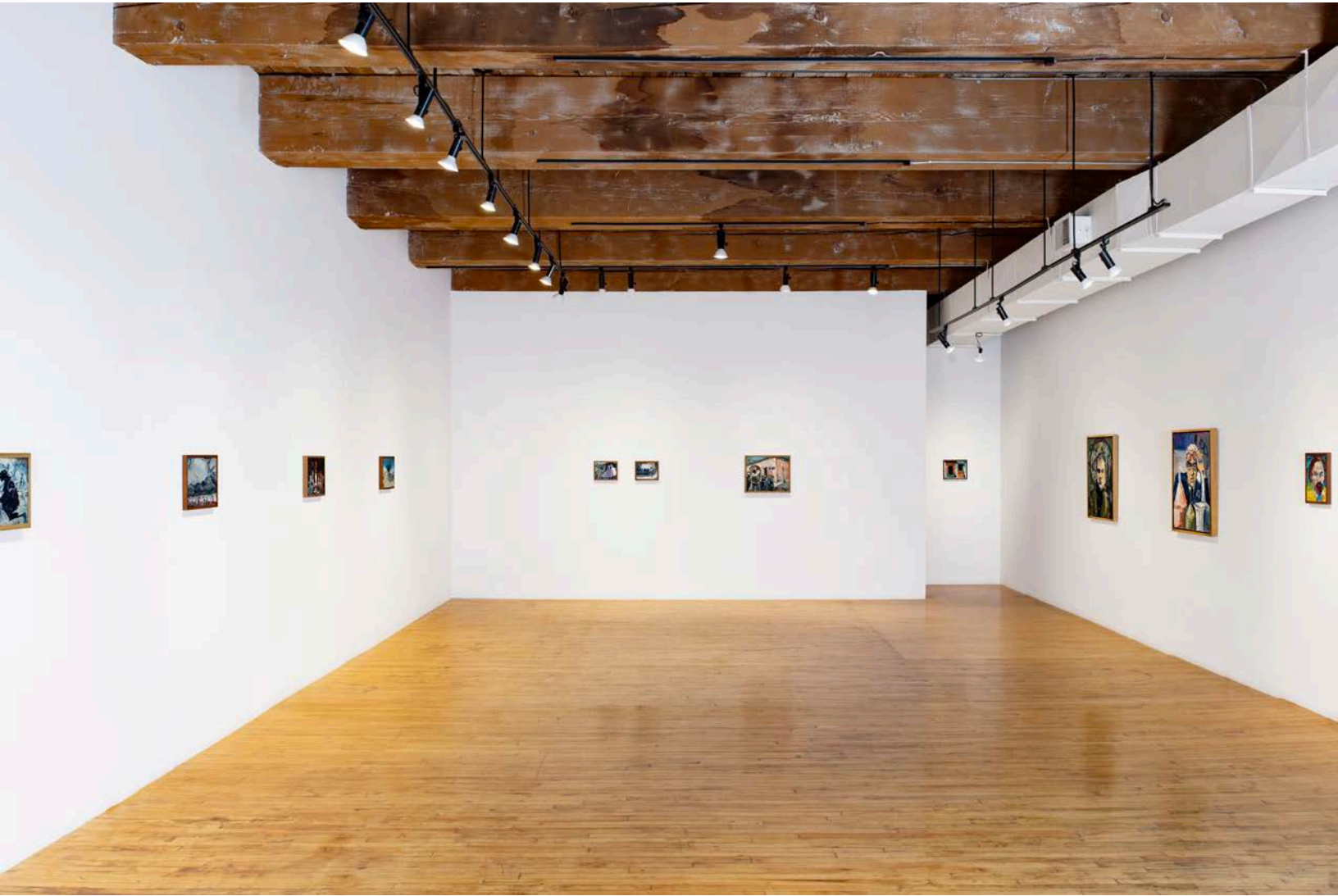
1999

oil on masonite

10.5 x 13.5 inches (26.5 x 34.5 cm)

12 x 15 inches (30.5 x 38 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER  
*Street Band & Giant Puppets of Mexico*  
2000 Jan.  
oil on masonite  
7.5 x 9.5 inches (19 x 24 cm)  
9 x 11 inches (23 x 28 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Cattle Show (Mexico)*

2000

oil on masonite

7.5 x 9.5 inches (19 x 24 cm)

9 x 11 inches (23 x 28 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Street Band Oaxaca, Mexico*

2000

oil on masonite

15.5 x 19.5 inches (39.5 x 49.5 cm)

17 x 21 inches (43 x 53.5 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Oaxacan Facade*

1999

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10 x 13 inches (25.5 x 33 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Portrait of Francis Bacon*

2002

acrylic on board

30 x 24 inches (76 x 61 cm)

32.75 x 26.75 inches (83 x 68 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Portrait of Morandi*

2001

oil on masonite

30 x 24 inches (76 x 61 cm)

32.25 x 26.5 inches (82 x 67.5 cm) framed

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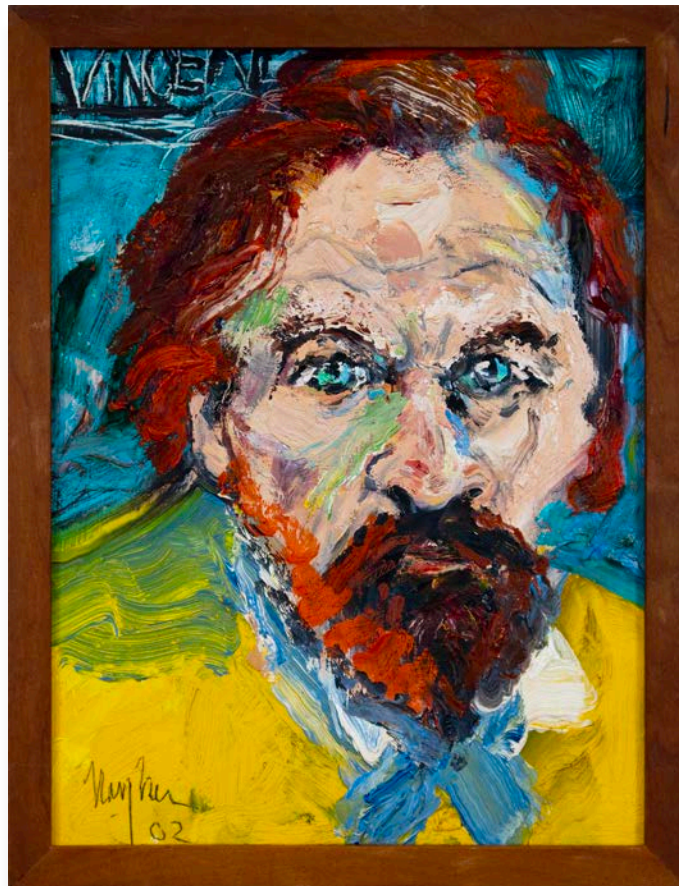
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GORDON RAYNER

*Vincent Van Gogh*

2002

oil on masonite

11.5 x 8.5 inches (29 x 21.5 cm)

13 x 10 inches (33 x 25.5 cm) framed

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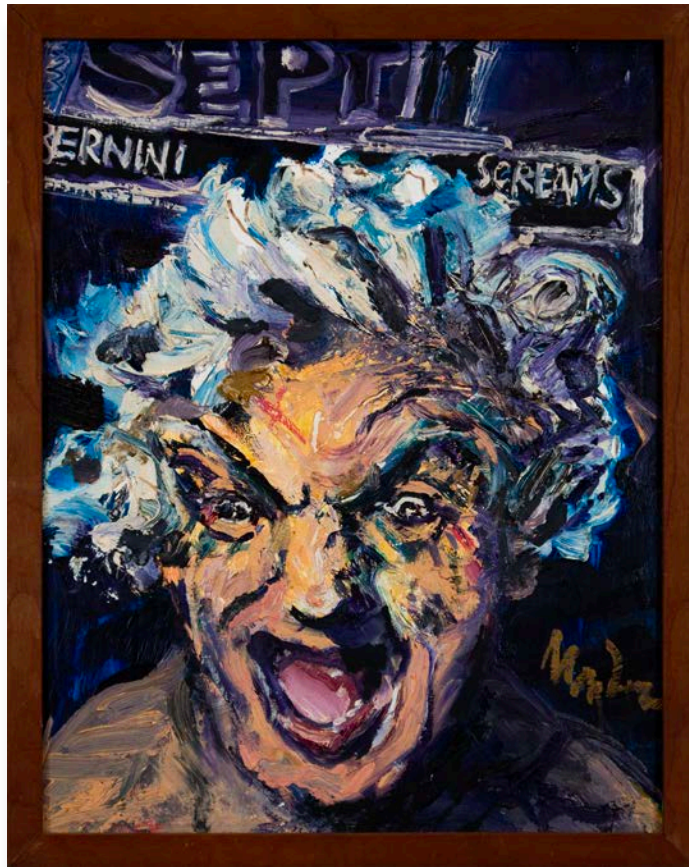
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GORDON RAYNER

*Bernini*

2002

oil on masonite

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GORDON RAYNER

*The Great Divide*

1999

oil on masonite

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15 x 12 inches (38 x 30.5 cm) framed

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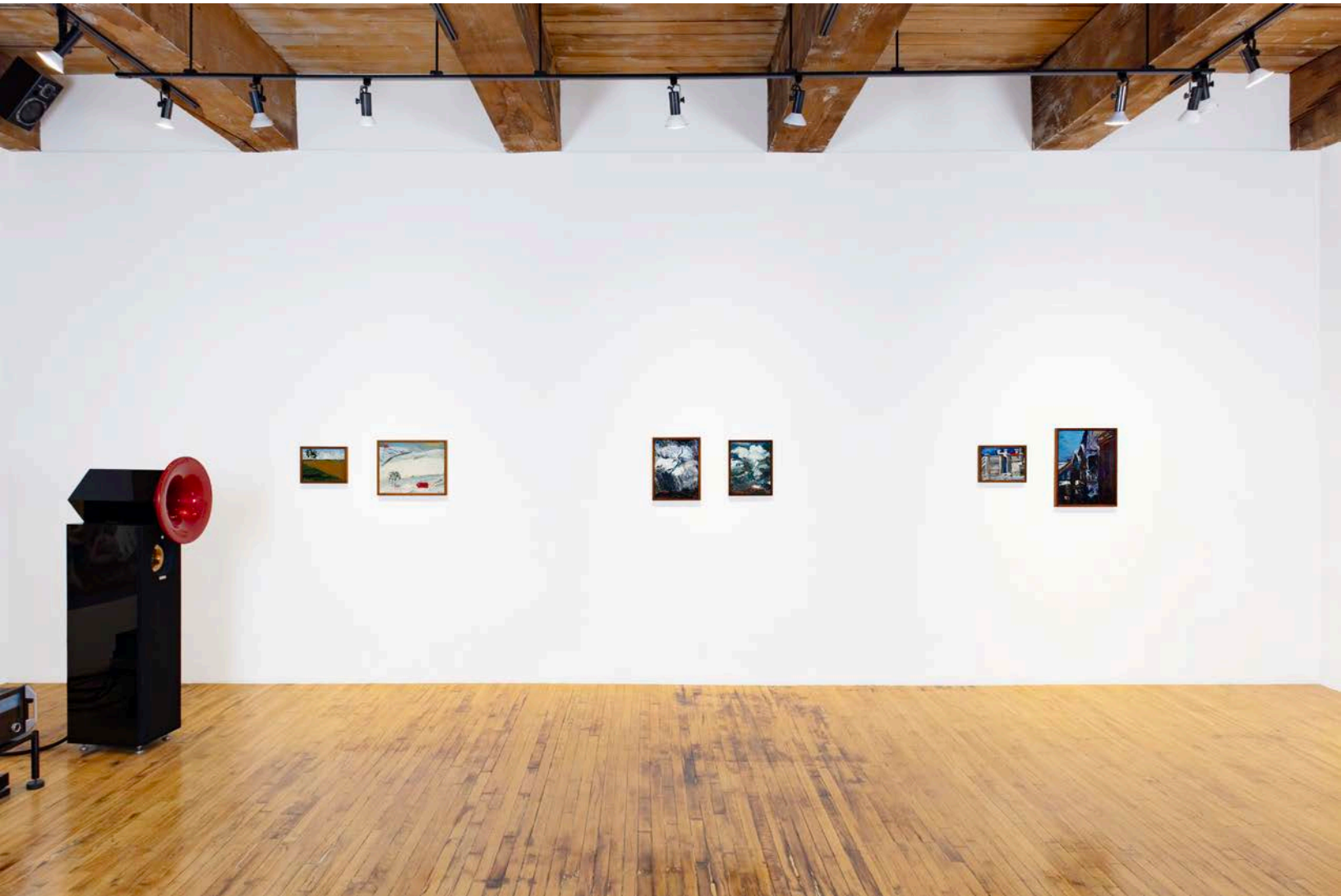
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*The Fisherman's Daughter (Mexico)*  
1998  
acrylic on canvas  
59 x 44 inches (150 x 112 cm)

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GORDON RAYNER

*Colour Field*

1999

oil on masonite

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GORDON RAYNER

*Fields of Peace*

1999

oil on masonite

13.5 x 17.5 inches (34.5 x 44.5 cm)

15 x 19 inches (38 x 48.5 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Blue Snake Lightning*

1999

oil on masonite

15.5 x 11.75 inches (39.5 x 30 cm)

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GORDON RAYNER

*Barnstorm #2*

1999

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13.5 x 10.5 inches (34.5 x 26.5 cm)

15 x 12 inches (38 x 30.5 cm) framed

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*Winter Alley*

1999

oil on masonite

8.5 x 11 inches (21.5 x 28 cm)

10 x 13 inches (25.5 x 33 cm) framed

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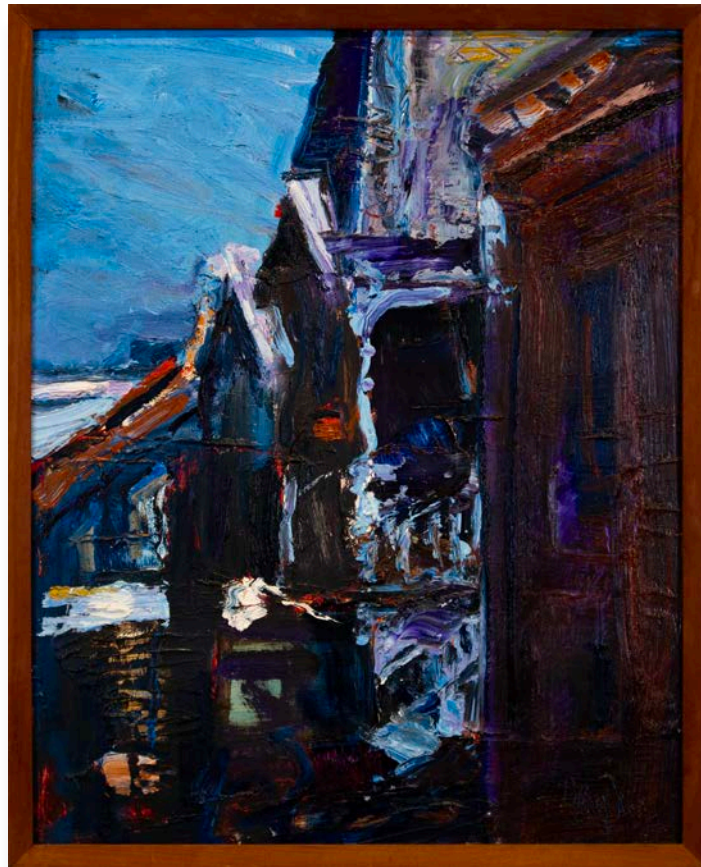
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GORDON RAYNER

*City Blues*

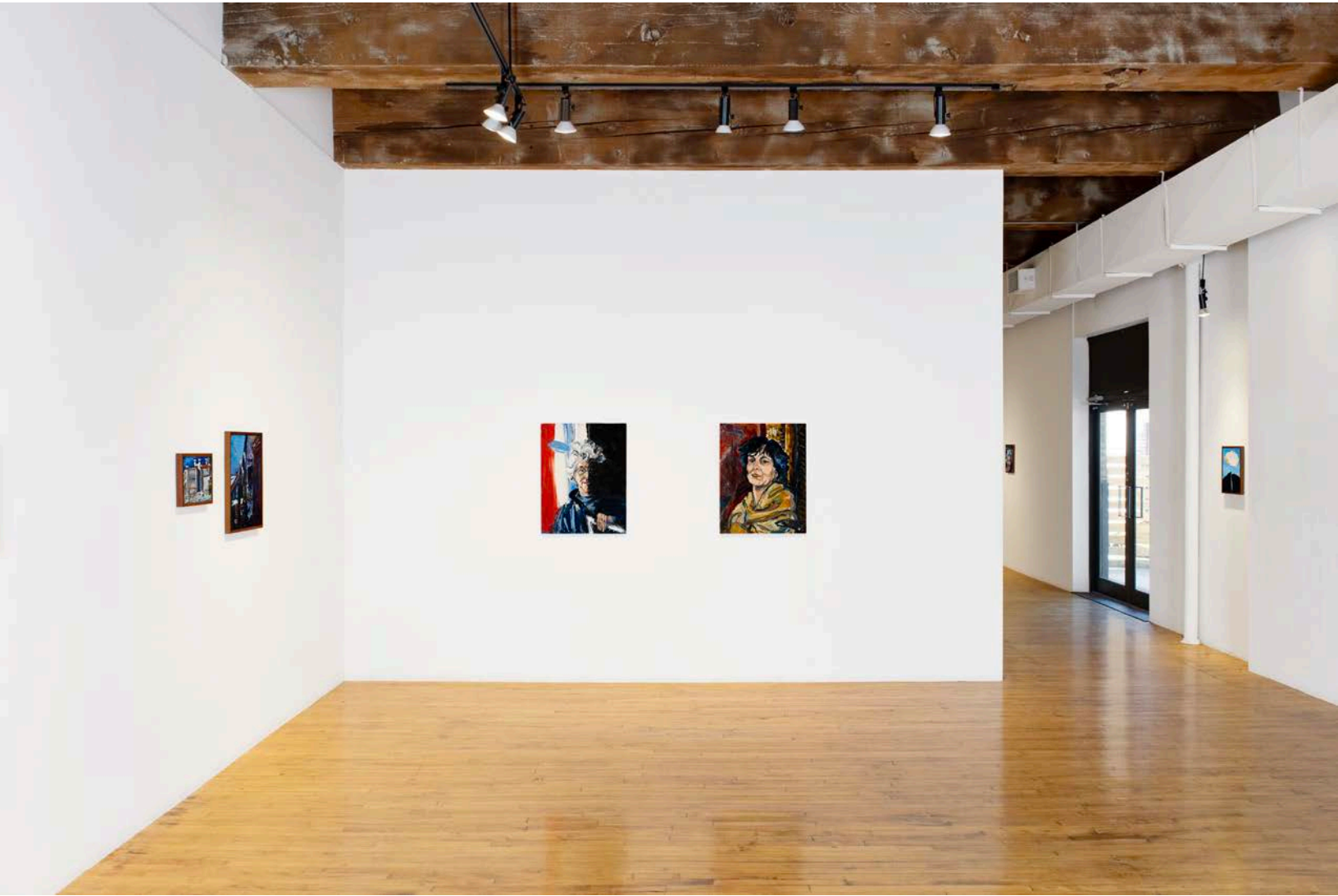
2000

oil on masonite

19.5 x 15.5 inches (49.5 x 39.5 cm)

21 x 17 inches (53.5 x 43 cm) framed

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GORDON RAYNER

*Marlene Markle #1*

2001

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30 x 24 inches (76 x 61 cm)

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GORDON RAYNER

*Untitled*

2002

oil on masonite

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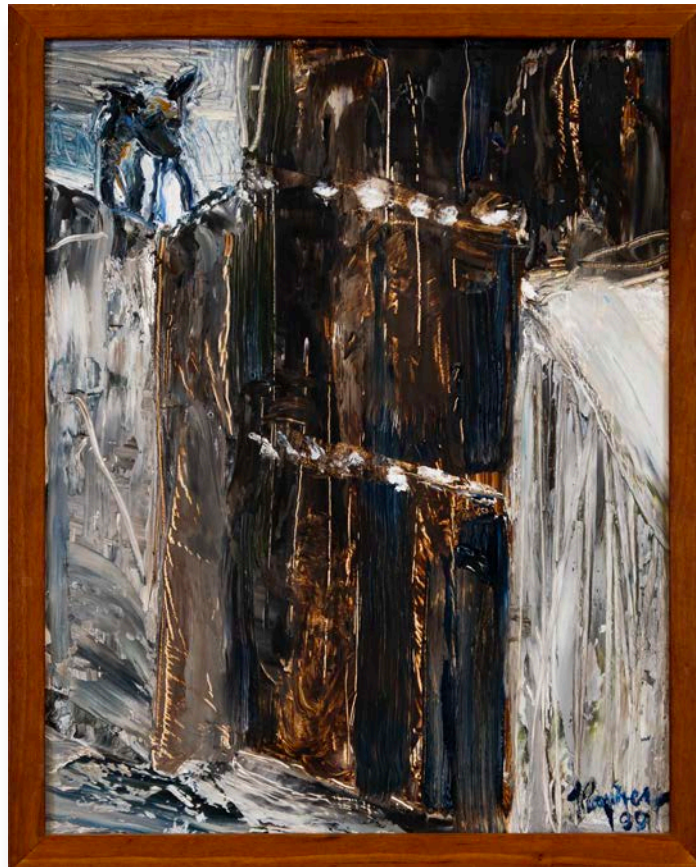
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*Guardian of the Lock*

1999

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GORDON RAYNER

*"Birch!" Bark the Doggies*

1999

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*Untitled*

1999

oil on masonite

10.5 x 14 inches (26.5 x 35.5 cm)

17 x 20 inches (43 x 51 cm) framed