THE WATERMILL CENTER


## ROBERT NAVA / STAND

Robert Nava / STAND features contemporary drawings and animations by Inga Maren Otto Fellow Robert Nava, inviting visitors to engage with the works within the artist's studio space. The exhibition will include new works on paper made during his residency at The Watermill Center, which will be complemented by additional recent works. Robert Nava's work embodies a new kind of mythmaking, drawing from mythology, philosophy, religion, and ancient history as well as video games, monsters, and the animal kingdom.

On view through September 2022.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Robert Nava (b. 1985, East Chicago, IN) received a BFA in Fine Art from Indiana University as well as an MFA in Painting from Yale University. His practice centers on large-scale paintings and works on paper that portray whimsical creatures, rendered through gestural markings. Finding inspiration in the art of the distant past, from Medieval Christian imagery to Mayan and Sumerian art, as well as popular contemporary sources such as animation, Nava creates compositions that are carefully considered yet marked by a sense of naivete and spontaneity. His art has been exhibited in various solo exhibitions both domestically and abroad, including Bloodsport (2022) at Night Gallery, Robert Nava (2021) at Pace East Hampton, Robert Nava (2021) at Pace Palm Beach, Robert Nava: Angels (2021) at Vito Schnabel Gallery, and Robert Nava (2020) at Sorry We're Closed in Brussels. Robert's work is in the public collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois; Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, Florida; Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, California; The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas; and Zuzeum Art Center, Riga, Latvia.

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