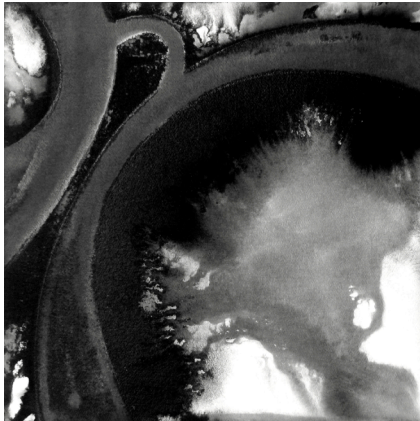


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Paul Furfaro. Untitled, 2007, Ink and dye on rag paper.

Press Release

Paul Furfaro

Genesis II

November 8 – December 8 2007

The **Robert Steele Gallery** at 511 West 25th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues in Chelsea is pleased to announce the opening of ***Genesis II***, new drawings by **Paul Furfaro**, opening on Tuesday, November 6th through December 8th, 2007. A reception will be held **Thursday, November 8th from 6 to 8pm**. Also on view in the Gallery's **Project Room** will be new collages on linen by **Laurie Frick**. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 to 6pm and by appointment.

The fifteen drawings that comprise the current exhibition entitled ***Genesis II*** continue **Paul Furfaro's** fascination with, and investigation of, the activity of drawing: the materials, the methods, the mixes of media and the physical supports. Above all is the very act of close and intense observation over time and the unexpected results coming from such focused experimentation with an extremely restricted palette: the paper is a heavy white rag, one square meter in size; the inks and dyes are intense blacks and velvet greys.

Working almost exclusively from seashells as a point of intense departure, **Furfaro** has used their structural passages as an entry point into a working investigation of process, a choice that was as restricting as much as it was ultimately liberating. With countless layers of India ink and wash, the artist's best work results in large drawings of amazing richness, depth and warmth.

Undulating shapes and vaguely familiar organic forms are completely abstract, sensual and voluptuous, presenting a quiet energy, a sense of a vibrant rush of motion caught frozen and still. This is Nature's Rorschach test, where you can fill in your own anthropomorphic image, be it landscape, fingerprints or even the nether parts of seashells. In these sultry and polymorphous drawings and observations, **Furfaro** begins to do for seashells what O'Keefe did for flowers.

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