

nyc art scene

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Editor's Pick
recently opened:

"Les Fleurs du Mal"
Ulrike Theusner & Paul Brainard

The Lodge Gallery
131 Chrystie St., NYC

2-person exhibition of drawings by Ulrike Theusner (Leipzig, Germany) and Paul Brainard (New York) exploring the darkneses and immoralities of society from two starkly contrasting perspectives. Theusner's delicate ink drawings tell a tale of moral decline through a visual narration illustrating a macabre underbelly of the wealthy set. Her lush settings depict a hallucinatory grotesqueness underlying the gluttony of an imagined male heir consumed by gambling, prostitutes and an excessive lifestyle. Conversely, Brainard's drawings scrape upward from a murky bottom layer with a bombardment of imagery depicting pornography, prostitution, and editorialized renderings of celebrities and historical figures. While Theusner's work feels deceptively heavenly, as if drawn with a feather, Brainard's work feels brutally carved, as if knifed by switchblade into a high school desk, both to a powerful effect. - thru Dec 14