

ALEXANDRE GALLERY

Marvin Bileck: Thimbleton Bridge
Emily Nelligan: Drawings

Remains on view through Saturday, January 18th
Catalogue available



The gallery is pleased to announce the joint exhibitions *Marvin Bileck: Thimbleton Bridge* and *Emily Nelligan: Drawings* on view through January 18, 2014.

Marvin Bileck, long renowned for his exquisite and intricately detailed landscape drawings, etchings and engravings, was also an acclaimed illustrator. This exhibition presents the previously unpublished colored pencil illustrations for the story *By Trolley Past Thimbleton Bridge*. Originally inspired by the Virginia Woolf children's book *Nurse Lugton's Curtain*, Bileck's illustrations depict a magical and whimsical coming to life of exotic animals, characters, balloons, trains and mechanical objects embroidered into a drawing room curtain. The show includes 25 original illustrated pages. Among the other books also illustrated by Bileck is *Rain Makes Applesauce*, for which he was awarded a Caldecott Honor.

Each summer for over fifty years Emily Nelligan has made small-scaled drawings at one location off the coast of Maine – Great Cranberry Island – using only charcoal and erasure on letter writing paper. Despite the modest means and size (about 7 x 10 inches, each), Nelligan's drawings capture the awe, majesty and mystery of the changing atmosphere, light and coastal landscape at the regular sites she has drawn over the years. Subjects include the setting sun, rising moon, fog shrouded coast and the darkness of the sea on a cloud covered night. Each drawing is titled with the date on which it was made. This show will include twenty-five recent drawings from 2009 to 2012 by this artist who seldom exhibits her work.

Marvin Bileck (1920 – 2005) and Emily Nelligan (b. 1924) first met as students at Cooper Union in early 1940s. They married and shared a life devoted to each other and their art until Bileck's death eight years ago. Nelligan lives and works in northwestern Connecticut and Maine.

The gallery is located in the Fuller Building at 41 East 57th Street, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10022. During the month of December, hours are from Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 to 5:30, and Saturdays 11:00 to 5:00 until Saturday, December 21st. Closed for the holiday on December 22nd. The gallery will reopen on January 2nd, 2014.

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