

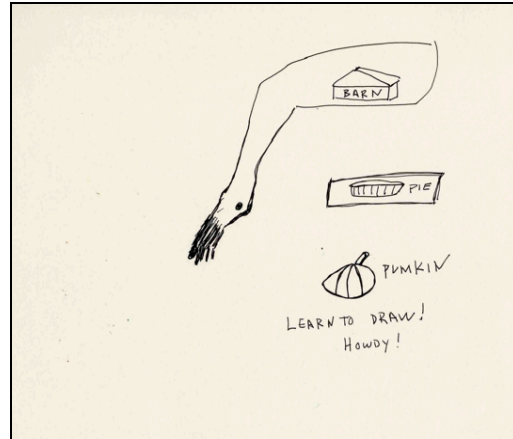
Press Release

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John Lurie

May 6th – June 5th

Anton Kern Gallery is pleased to announce the gallery debut of musician, actor, director and artist John Lurie. For this exhibition, the artist will present a selection of works on paper vibrant in color and somber in tone.



"I like to draw and paint. It is a river to me. I am not an Indian." - *John Lurie.*

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1952, John Lurie moved to New York in 1976. With his brother, Evan, he formed the musical group The Lounge Lizards in 1978. Embedded in the frenetic downtown no-wave scene, The Lounge Lizards drew their influences from jazz, classical, African and other ethnic music. In the mid-80's he scored and starred in the cult classics, *Stranger Than Paradise* and *Down By Law*. He has scored countless films and was nominated for a Grammy for his work on *Get Shorty*. In the late 90's he directed and acted in his own TV series, *Fishing With John*, which has been described as "Jacques Cousteau on LSD."

John Lurie has been drawing and painting for 30 years. Illness and the unseemly nature of the music business have caused him to drift from music. For the last two years he has focused his full creative energies on painting. Naïve and bittersweet, his drawings bear the mark of an outsider, a quality present throughout his idiosyncratic career.

Opening Thursday May 6th, 2004 from 6 – 8 pm in the back gallery. The exhibition will remain on view along with Andy Warhol "antePOP" through June 5th. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am – 6pm. For further information and images, please contact Fernanda Arruda or Michael Clifton at 212.367.9663, fax 212.367.8135 or email: info@antonkerngallery.com.

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