

**Weekend Update**

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Ellen Berkenblit at Anton Kern Gallery

More charming is the installation of paintings by **Ellen Berkenblit** in the back space at **Anton Kern Gallery**, 10 works done during a residency at Giverny. The paintings are large for Berkenblit, who has tended to work on an intimate scale, and have real heft -- her colors are brighter and bolder than ever. The artist's cartoon avatars, a fuzzy bear and a pug-nosed girl, are still present, and lend their cartoony feel to the overall abstract motifs. Curiously, after a visit to Monet's French gardens, Berkenblit's work looks more like that of the ultimate American, **Stuart Davis**. The paintings are priced in the \$4,000-\$8,000 range.