

CLAUDIA STONE GALLERY

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Artist Statement: Bestiary

“Russian culture is suffused with fairytales and the images that accompany them. Animals have traditionally served as central characters in these stories and beyond. The ballet “Swan Lake” and the animated film “Hedgehog in Fog” are just two examples. In my series Bestiary, I depict animals closely associated with the Russian folk tradition in order to explore both, my heritage and to see my own life as a kind of folktale in and of itself. Made with a palette of red, black and brown pen and ink, these drawings present open-ended narratives that are at once fictitious and deeply autobiographical.”

The Tiger, an apex predator that devours everything in its path, stands for history itself - history of a family and a country. Infused with images of death and afterlife, *Tyger* closely references Yudzon’s past.

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