

WES LANG

The Black Paintings

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Wes Lang's *The Black Paintings* are released on HENI Primary

HENI releases *The Black Paintings* by acclaimed American artist Wes Lang, featuring 96 paintings and 96 works on paper that have never been exhibited before. The artworks will be released on [HENI Primary](#) and are available by application from 26 September 2024.

The 96 paintings are acrylic on canvas and linen and range in size from 27 x 34.8 cm to 248.6 x 279 cm (framed). The 96 drawings are acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper and come in two sizes, 67 x 87.2 cm and 87.2 x 67 cm (framed). All artworks are set within a wooden frame and signed on the back.

The Black Paintings features works produced between 2022 and 2024 that are populated by Lang's distinctive group of characters, namely his favoured skeleton, but also animal-like and otherworldly beings. At times set against completely obscured, dark backgrounds, while at others lush landscapes, Lang's compositions are story-like.

While Lang's paintings are dense with colour and imagery, his drawings are lighter, leaving broad and contemplative white spaces on the pages. Often, these works on paper include text, sometimes integrating phrases that echo Taoist philosophy, while other times using more personal expressions.

Text and image frequently appear to be incongruous, encouraging viewers to engage further with the works and uncover meanings for themselves. Lang is known for taking inspiration from a wide range of sources, masterfully fusing the styles of his fine art heroes with memories and imagery from childhood and culture.

"I really wanted to sit down and make a body of work that shows people that all this noise and all these divisive faces of evil that we're told matter don't have to consume your mind and the way you feel about the world." — Wes Lang

To coincide with the drop, HENI presents two exhibitions that show the artworks for the first time. The paintings are on show at Damien Hirst's Newport Street Gallery, and the drawings are on show at HENI Gallery.

Exhibition details:

Newport Street Gallery

Exhibition dates: 27 September 2024 - 9 March 2025

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 6pm

Address: 1 Newport Street, London, SE11 6AJ

Admission: Free Entry

HENI Gallery

Exhibition dates: 27 September - 22 November 2024

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 10am – 6pm

Address: 6-10 Lexington St, London W1F 0LB

Admission: Free Entry

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Wes Lang

American artist Wes Lang creates provoking artworks, primarily on canvas and paper and featuring a universe of striking characters, that intend to inspire and motivate. Populating his works with everything from skulls, grim reapers and country music icons to flora, birds and horses, Lang's imagery has the capacity to reach a wide-ranging audience but is nonetheless deeply personal.

Lang's work can be found in notable international collections including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and Damien Hirst's collection. He lives and works in Los Angeles.

About HENI

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HENI Primary

HENI Primary enables artists to release original works of art on a dedicated digital platform, bringing the traditional fine-art experience online. The platform focuses on the primary sale of original artworks, which have traditionally been handled exclusively by galleries and directly by artists' studios.

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The Becoming

Wes Lang, 2024

TBP9

156.5 x 126 cm (framed)

152.5 x 122 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen



Here Is the Way

Wes Lang, 2024

TBP44

55 x 65.8 cm (framed)

51 x 61 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen



On a Clear Day

Wes Lang, 2023

TBP47

65.8 x 55 cm (framed)

61 x 51 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen



The Shaman

Wes Lang, 2023

TBP48

95.5 x 126 cm (framed)

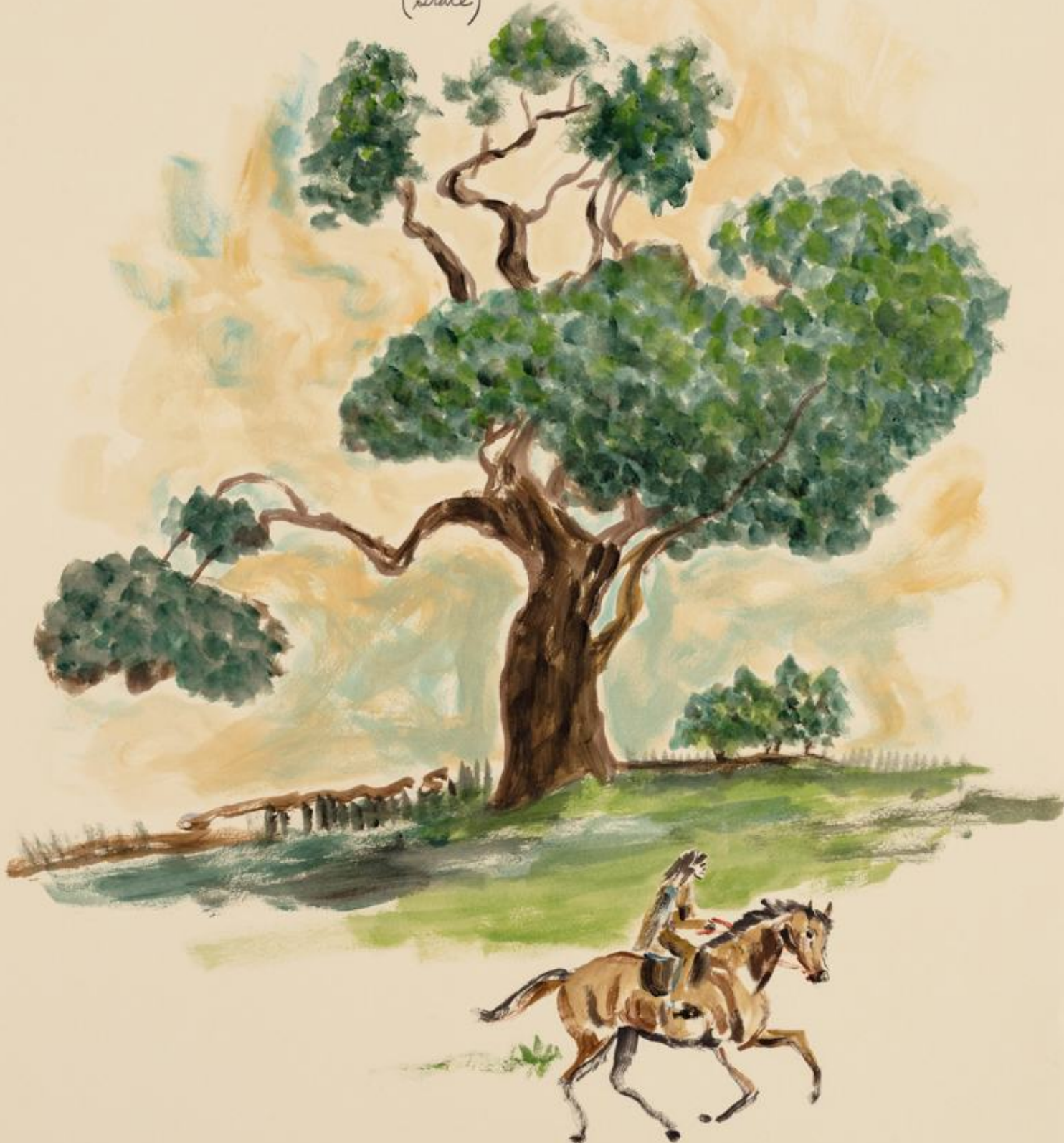
91.5 x 122 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen

Goodness will be everywhere.

Give up what is not
right...

(Grace)





Goodness will be everywhere.

Wes Lang, 2024

TBD71

87.2 x 67 cm (framed)

76.2 x 56 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



The Divine Creator
Wes Lang, 2024
TBD30
67 x 87.2 cm (framed)
56 x 76.2 cm (unframed)
Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



Enjoy complete peace...

Wes Lang, 2024

TBD72

87.2 x 67 cm (framed)

76.2 x 56 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



The highest truth lives within you...

Wes Lang, 2024

TBD38

67 x 87.2 cm (framed)

56 x 76.2 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper





Blue Moon

Wes Lang, 2023

TBP76

187 x 156.5 cm (framed)

183 x 152.5 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen



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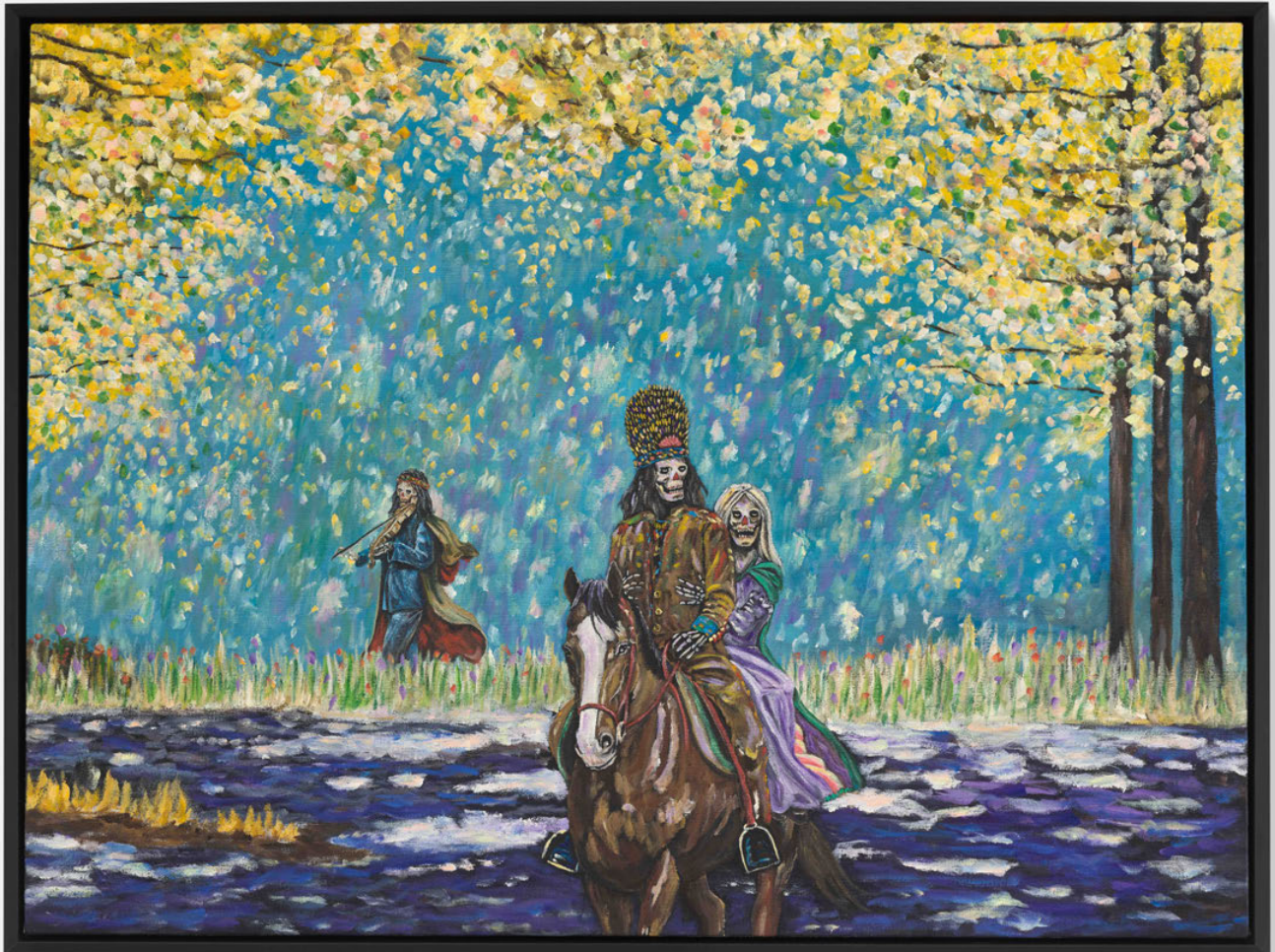
Wes Lang, 2024

TBP73

187 x 156.5 cm (framed)

183 x 152.5 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen



Free Bird

Wes Lang, 2024

TBP85

95.5 x 126 cm (framed)

91.5 x 122 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen



A Fantasy

Wes Lang, 2024

TBP84

55 x 65.8 cm (framed)

50.8 x 61 cm (unframed)

Acrylic on linen





Stop running and cherish the present moment.

Wes Lang, 2024

TBD32

67 x 87.2 cm (framed)

56 x 76.2 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



Buy the sky...

Wes Lang, 2024

TBD65

87.2 x 67 cm (framed)

762. x 56 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



Outlive time and space...

Wes Lang, 2024

TBD68

67 x 87.2 cm (framed)

56 x 76.2 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



Divine Eternal Heart...

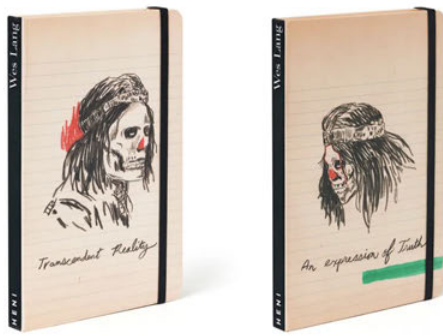
Wes Lang, 2024

TBD75

87.2 x 67 cm (framed)

76.2 x 56 cm (unframed)

Acrylic, crayon and pencil on paper



Exclusive Merchandise

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