you were once a kid in the summer (have you forgotten that) (or can you not stop remembering)

fuck the fourth of July

but I miss when family dinners didn't end with someone leaving the table we sat on the dock and watched the night sky light up but I've always been too sensitive to the noise the last good memories of tradition are tenuously kept alive by fresh flowers

piece together a portrait of your youth and your present when she was young she read book after book of nancy drew now she wanders around her hometown with a flashlight taking pictures of abandoned buildings

there's something about home that's even stranger than anywhere new

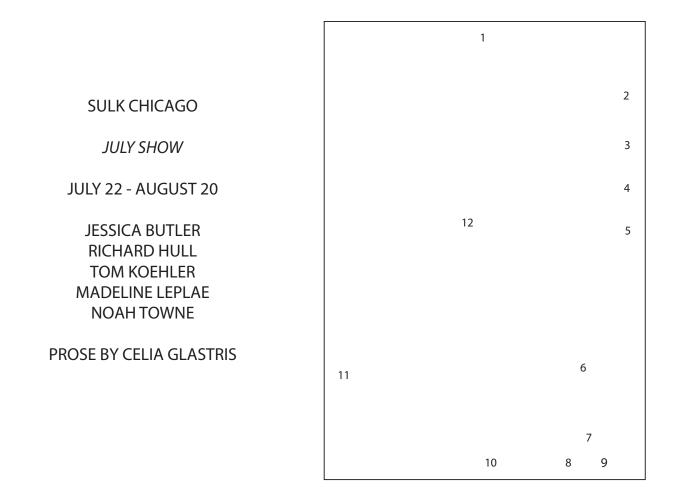
we sit on opposite sides of the board, watching each other's eyes

it's raining outside we must've played this game at least one hundred times both of us know how to win so there's a tie the game is as we left it for weeks

[ONCE//KIDS PLAY//GAME]

iii am a robot luhluhluhluhluh muhmuhmuh my voice sounds like autotune in the fan finally beating the heat of the dog days of summer I swear I'm so hot I can sense the air current around my face

you and I decide that we deserve to have one more good memory before this summer ends so we go forage and among the things we find are fresh roses and cloves that we wrap up in tartan picnic napkins I hadn't realized that such simple things could make me happy anymore so I decided to let the flowers that kept my past alive wilt



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8. TOM KOEHLER *POW-MIA ORNAMENT*, 2022 STEEL AND ACRYLIC 24 X 11 IN

9. TOM KOEHLER CROSS ORNAMENT, 2021 STEEL AND GESSO 25 X 12 IN

10. TOM KOEHLER YELLOW RIBBON, 2020 OIL ON PAPER MOUNTED ON PANEL 12 X 16 IN 11. RICHARD HULL LAMP CHOP, 2022 OIL AND WAX ON LINEN 72 X 48 IN

12. NOAH TOWNE *REAL, TIME* OIL AND FLASHE ON CANVAS, ALUMINUM FRAME 46 X 25 IN





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Jessica Butler Beyond the door, 2022 Acrylic, resin, c-prints, found images, temporary tattoos, and fabric on wood 12 x 8 inches



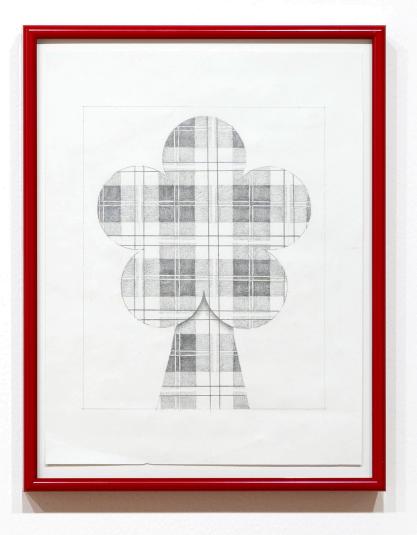
Madeleine Leplae Rose bouquet, 2022 Graphite on paper, framed 12 x 10 inches



Madeleine Leplae Star and stripes, 2022 Graphite on paper, framed 12 x 10 inches



Madeleine Leplae Mirage tree, 2022 Graphite on paper, framed 12 x 10 inches

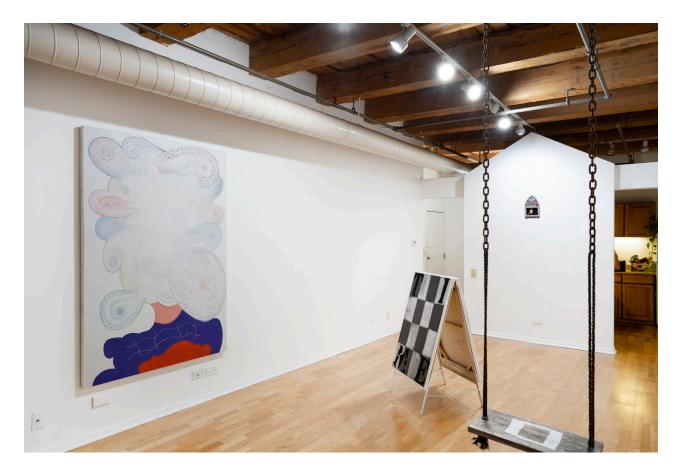


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Madeleine Leplae Rose trellis, 2022 Graphite on paper, framed 10 x 8 inches

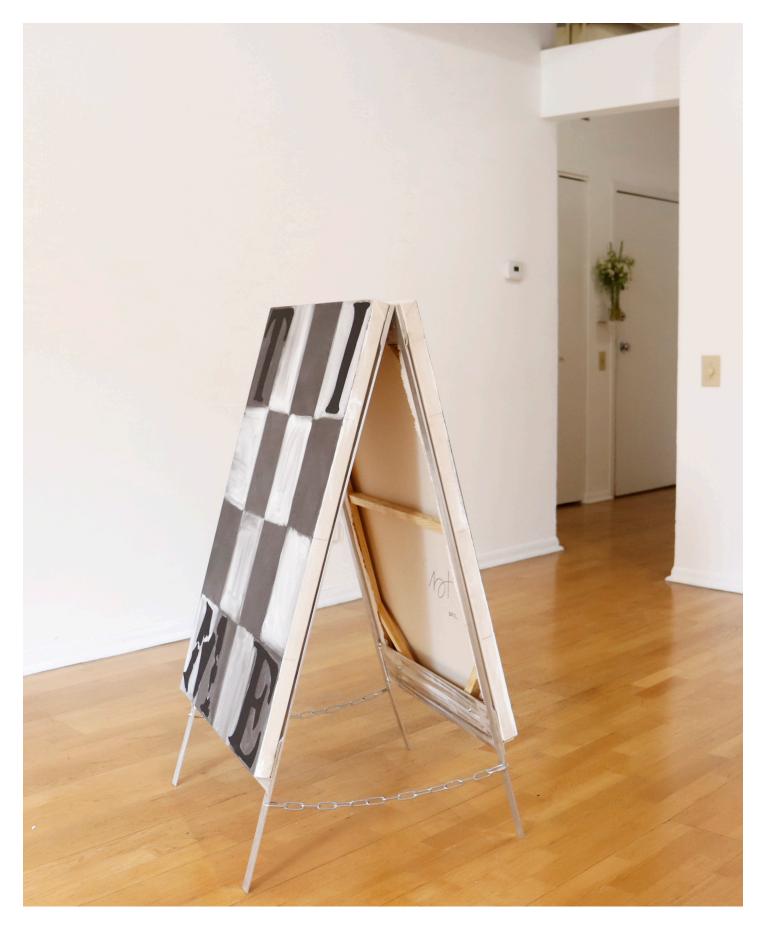




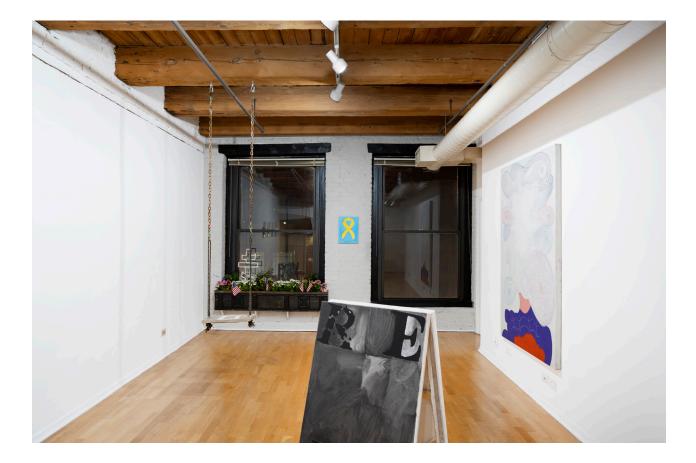
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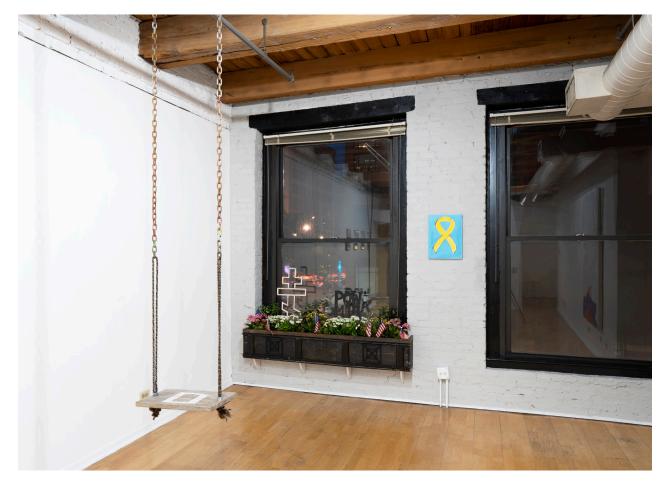


Richard Hull Lamb chop, 2022 Oil and wax on linen 72 x 48 in



Noah Towne Real, Time, 2022 Oil and flashe on canvas with aluminum frame 46 x 25 in

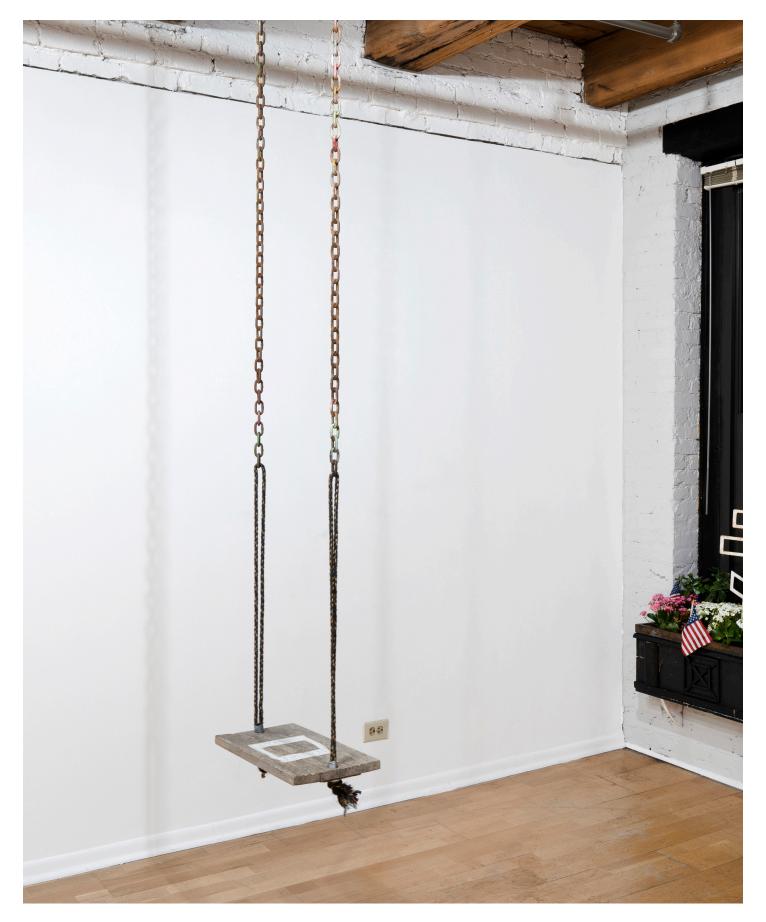




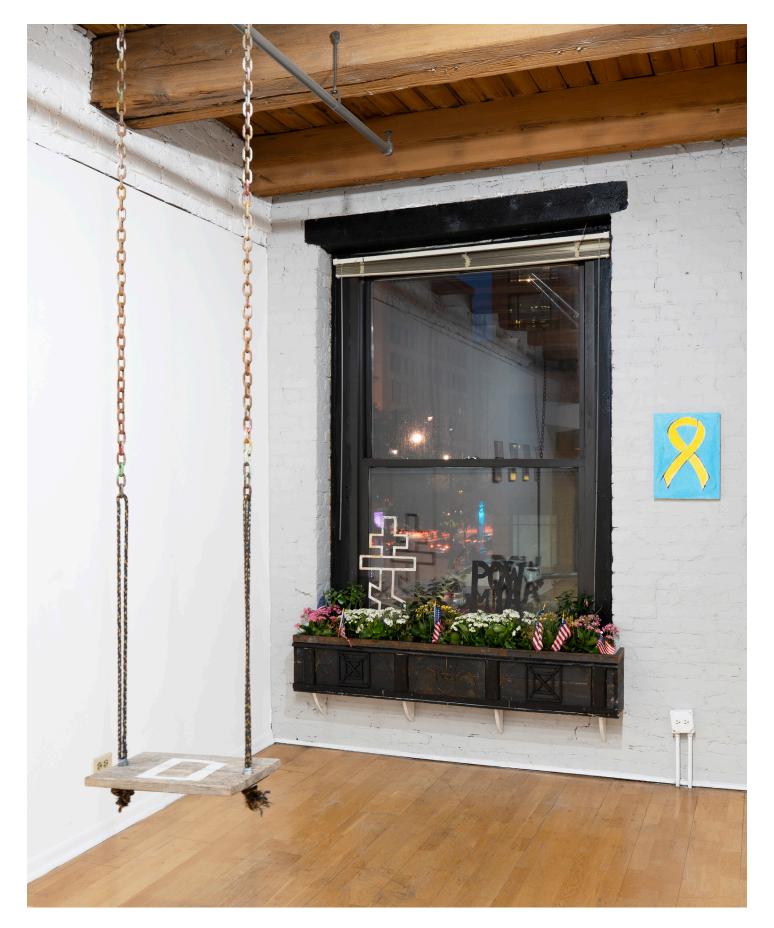
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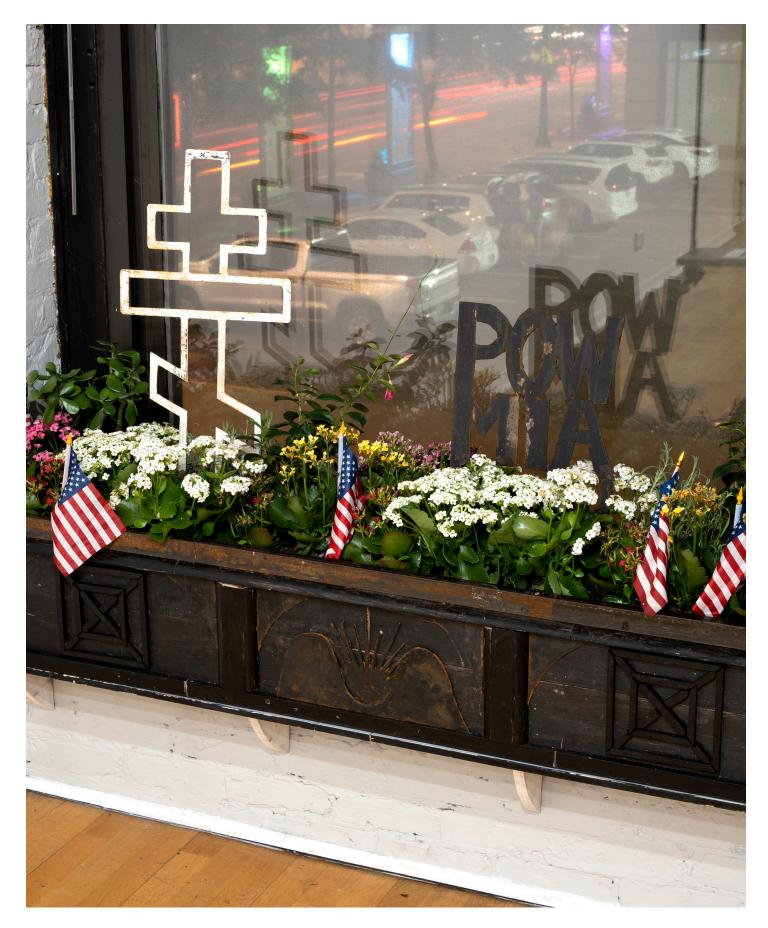
Tom Koehler Yellow Ribbon, 2020 Oil on paper mounted on panel 12 x 16 in



Tom Koehler Zombie Nation, 2020 Wood, permanent marker, paper, shellac, rope, steel, and spray paint 90 x18 in

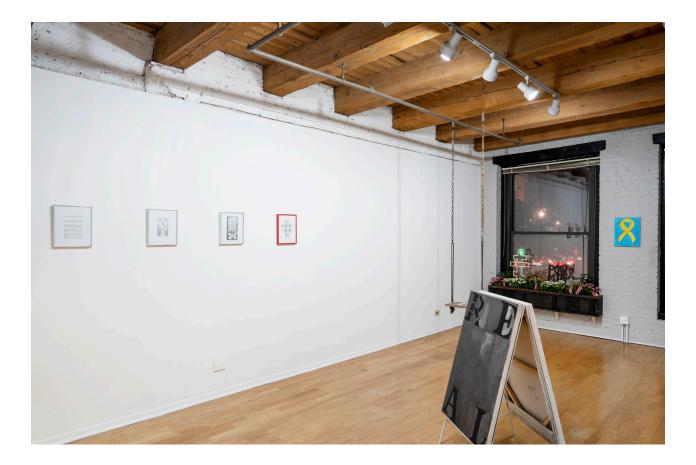


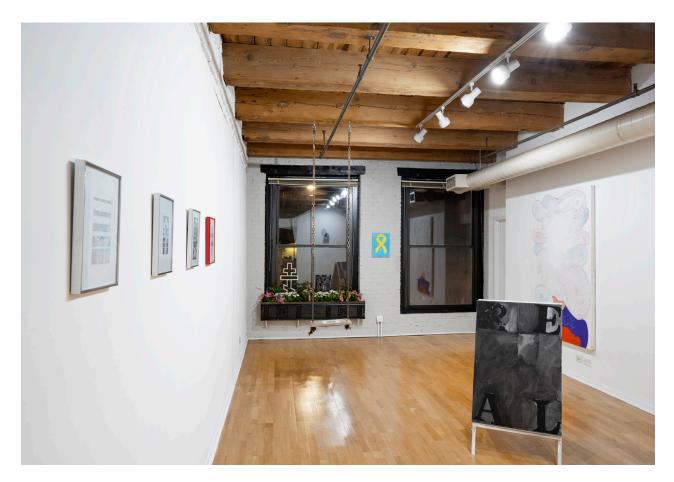
Tom Koehler Window Box, 2022 Wood, steel, acrylic, kalanchoes, and dirt 68 x 12 x 14 in



Tom Koehler POW-MIA Ornament, 2022 Steel and acrylic 24 x 11 in

Cross Ornament, 2021 Steel and gesso 25 x 12 in





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