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*Mike Ousley: It's Mighty Dark to Travel*



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# *Mike Ousley: It's Mighty Dark to Travel*

Opens February 26, 2024

*It's mighty dark for me to travel  
For my sweetheart she is gone  
The road is rough and filled with gravel  
But I must journey on and on*

Bill Monroe

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Mike Ousley



MIKE OUSLEY

*Wild Hog Drinking from the Creek, 2024*  
oil on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)



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*Little Barbara Nichols Pond, 2024*  
oil on paper  
21 3/8 x 28 3/4 inches (54.3 x 73 cm)





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*Two Screaming Haints*, 2024  
oil on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)





MIKE OUSLEY

*Hellhound*, 2023 - 24  
oil on board  
14 x 11 inches (35.6 x 27.9 cm)







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Michael Rooks,  
Curator of Contemporary Art, High Museum

MIKE OUSLEY

*Long Black Veil*, 2024  
oil on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)





MIKE OUSLEY

*Wildcat Killed a Snake*, 2024  
oil on board  
12 x 16 inches (30.5 x 40.6 cm)





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*UFO Cult*, 2024  
oil on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)



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*Holy Ghost*, 2022  
acrylic on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)



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*The Flannel Man*, 2024  
oil on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)





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Settlers, 2023  
acrylic on paper  
22 x 30 inches (55.9 x 76.2 cm)





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*The Exorcist*, 2023  
oil on board  
16 x 20 inches (40.6 x 50.8 cm)





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*Pur Damn Alkyhul*, 2023  
oil on board  
14 x 18 inches (35.6 x 45.7 cm)





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*Yoder's Barn*, 2022  
acrylic on panel  
18 x 24 inches (45.7 x 61 cm)



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*Snake Selfies, 2023*  
oil on panel  
18 x 24 inches (45.7 x 61 cm)





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*Spirit Board*, 2023  
oil on panel  
24 x 36 inches (61 x 91.4 cm)



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*The Siren's Song*, 2023  
oil on panel  
36 x 36 inches (91.4 x 91.4 cm)





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*Gilligan's Island, 2023*  
oil on panel  
36 x 36 inches (91.4 x 91.4 cm)



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*The Lightkeeper*, 2023  
oil on panel  
24 x 36 inches (61 x 91.4 cm)



