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Andy Woll: *Strange Animal* at Denny Dimin Gallery January 31 - March 7, 2020

"We had no word for the strange animal we got from the white man- the horse. So, we called it Šunka wakan, "holy dog". For bringing us the horse we could almost forgive you for bringing us whiskey. Horses make a landscape look more beautiful."

-Lame Deer, *Seeker of Visions*, 1972

Denny Dimin Gallery is pleased to announce *Strange Animal*, a solo exhibition by Andy Woll, on view from January 31st to March 7th, 2020. This is Woll's second solo exhibition with the gallery.

Andy Woll is best known for his paintings of Mount Wilson, a peak that is identifiable from all over Los Angeles, where Woll lives. His unique approach, informed by research of modernist artists and literary figures, explores the relationship of an abstract artist to a well-known and deeply investigated subject (i.e. a mountain, a horse).

Strange Animal includes two bodies of landscape painting, both Woll's most recent Mount Wilson paintings and a newer series that refer to the figure of the horse. The four large mountains are iterations of one another, one with the mountain fully represented and the other three as distinct more abstract versions. As with the mountain paintings, the horse paintings examine a subject ubiquitous in Woll's everyday life. However, Woll's practice is distinctly devoted to repainting the prior painting of a horse, or the prior painting of a mountain, in the studio's version of a game of telephone. This practice allows him to explore the formal aspects of painting, engendering an identifiable style of bold brush strokes in spare gestures.

Andy Woll received his B.F.A. from Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. Woll has exhibited extensively in Los Angeles. Woll's most recent solo exhibitions were *Passage* at Night Gallery in 2018 and *Western Wear* at Denny Gallery in 2018.

Please join us for an opening reception for the artist, Andy Woll, on January, 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. Denny Dimin Gallery is located at 39 Lispenard Street in New York City. The hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, contact Elizabeth Denny or Robert Dimin at 212-226-6537 or by email at elizabeth@dennydimingallery.com or robert@dennydimingallery.com.