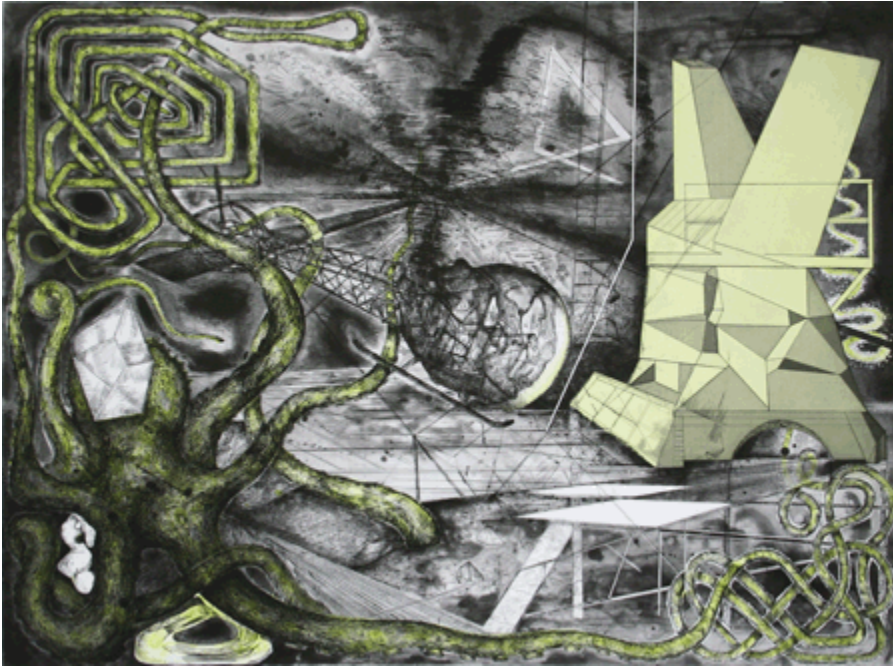


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PRESS RELEASE: Steve DiBenedetto: *Fracture*, 2008

Harlan & Weaver is pleased to announce the publication of a new etching by Steve DiBenedetto. Titled *Fracture*, 2008, the two-plate print is his largest etching to date, and is defined in part by an almost 20-inch cut in the copper, resulting in a stark white line running at an angle into the composition.

Best known for thickly layered paintings and drawings, DiBenedetto has become an active and experimental printmaker, exploring different techniques and variations of line in one image. Still activated by the energetic collision of organic and mechanic forms, DiBenedetto's imagery has expanded to include complex architectural structures eerily devoid of humanity. *Fracture*, created over a three year period, employs the more traditional motifs of DiBenedetto's work—the octopus and helicopter—but counteracts their messy war with a stark but glowing façade rising from the muck.

The etching was realized with several intaglio techniques, including engraving and layers of coarse and fine-grain aquatint. After several variations in color proofing, DiBenedetto decided upon the acidic, fluorescent yellow for the octopus and building. The color references the new palette used in his paintings, and provides a distinctive, graphic cohesion to the composition. The fracture line, a thin slice of metal removed from the black plate, creates a three-dimensional fissure—the paper is physically pushed through the cut from the pressure of moving through the press. In this way, the embossment of the plate's edge is integrated within the composition, an unusual element, and one uniquely achieved by the intaglio process.

Fracture was printed in black and yellow ink on Hahnemühle bright white paper, in an edition of 23, with 5 artist's proofs, 5 printer's proofs and 1 BAT. The print measures 37 x 45 inches, and the plates measure 29 x 39 inches. For additional information please contact Harlan & Weaver. Price is available upon request. Please note that price and availability are subject to change.