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*The Artist's Shelf*  
Stanley Bielen

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NEW YORK, NY — April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 — Kathryn Markel Fine Arts is pleased to announce an exhibition of new works by Stanley Bielen.

The exhibition consists of 15 oil paintings that explore Stanley Bielen's ongoing ceramic and floral still-life works. The artist's hand is deeply visible through Bielen's deft and exacting precision with his brush and palette knife. Each mark of paint is purposeful, revealing Bielen's economic, but lustrous approach to creating light and depth within each work. These works celebrate the complexity and surprising grandeur of the still-life.

Stanley Bielen's process starts with gathering floral clippings from his garden and arranging them in his studio. Bielen doesn't attempt to capture these subjects in a precise photorealistic manner, but rather approaches these classic objects with abstracted, loose strokes. By having an often singular and centered subject, Bielen focuses the viewer deeply into the piece, creating an intimate and reflective space. The thick, painterly marks Bielen lays down, have a juicy and luscious quality resulting in paintings that revel in the nature and potential of paint.



Stanley Bielen  
*In a Chorus*, 2021  
Oil on paper/mounted  
9 ¾ x 13 in., 16 ¾ x 20 in. framed

Stanley Bielen was born in Rzeszow, Poland. He studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He currently lives in Philadelphia and teaches at the Fleisher Art Memorial of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Bielen's work is part of the collections of the Hirshhorn Museum, CBS Television and Goldman Sachs. He was the recipient of the 2003 Fred and Naomi Hazell Faculty Fellowship at the Samuel S. Fleisher Art Memorial of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

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