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Hi Shelley!

Thank you for a truly amazing show! You have so many voices, styles, technical procedures, and all are completely mastered! Billowing smoke-bodies, goldsmith-tiny arabesques in crisp lines, wood-block stamps as accents... Feeling runs through these works like a big river... The expansive power in your new dark-brush figure drawings that burst beyond the frame... The anger in the scratches on the shoulders drawing was so intense it repelled me, drove me away... The prayers to abstract virtues or qualities were like little solar systems, miniature celestial tiaras, levitating forever in space, radiant, ethereal.. The grandeur in colossal bodies... The riveting intensity in the tiny, the handwritten... The unabashedly ornamental, exotic-feeling passages... The dream-like color nuances... The way you place us somewhere beyond where we are now, between the planes of parallel universes... The blend of personal narrative, allegory and the sense of things about to be spoken, things not yet formed but alive... The subtitle phrase in the name of your show is a poem in itself..

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