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BOTANICALS

Martin's homage to beauty is embodied in this ongoing work in progress, *Botanicals*. While these studies of flora are reminiscent of 19th-century illustrated books, they differ from those studies by taking on a figurative and human-like quality. Moreover, there is a sense of graceful choreography in the composition, and the surfaces are labored until it emits a glow from within. These botanicals arrest and captivate us, and if we follow our instincts, we can take joy in their intimate and euphoric world.