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Ben Horton at Ellie Mayer Gallery

Ben Horton: *Absence* opens Saturday, April 25, 5-8pm at Ellie Mayer Gallery. Horton confronts the spectacle of societal and ecological decay through a language of draftsmanship that channels the wonderment of 19-century explorers within the pathos of chronicling a vanishing world. Living and working between Hong Kong and San Diego, Horton populates his wood panels and paper substrates with human figures that chase a proto-modern hopefulness curdled by desperation—smiling faces, punctured; lifeforms’

destinies, betrayed. His meticulous hatching and cross-hatching lend a heavy, illustrative permanence to creatures and people alike, even as they are collaged against found paper ephemera that signal the palimpsestic fragility of our systems and economies. Drawing from 15 years of travel notebooks to map a landscape of shared isolation, the work holds an unblinking mirror to the ugliness of corporatism and the deterioration of privacy, occupying the proverbial glass house we’ve built—and the stones we keep throwing inside of it. *On view in Hollywood through May 23; elliemayergallery.com —SND*