

# Figures put in contemporary idiom

By DAN ACOSTA

who uses a lot of ideas from studying abstract work. I'm trying to duplicate what I see," he said.

So we get what he sees but there is a nagging inclination to believe that there is more there than what meets the eye. All his models sag from weakness, the harsh studio lighting washes them out in their own ennui. Even when two models appear together, there is still a sense of isolation. All his models are nude and can have an undercurrent of repugnance, not from the nudity but from the cold exposition of the human body.

**HIS RENDERINGS ARE** almost anti-idealistic in his exposure of blue-veined hands, wrinkled knuckles and flaccid flesh. This verisimilitude has an eloquence that goes beyond the visual experience of the objective world and gives glimpses of the fragility of the human soul.

While the art patron takes shuddering glances at the soul or has other feelings provoked, Pearlstein insists there is no narrative. "For me it doesn't exist."

He paints only what he sees but adds "I try to control what I see."

It is here that Pearlstein shows his mastery. He manipulates the studio setting and applies modernist ideas so the finished painting will assert its presence. Pearlstein uses daring vantage points and cropping to exaggerate space, ambiguities abound.

A radically foreshortened leg will come out of the frame but can't be traced back in without abruptly hitting a surface

with no illusion of depth. In spite of these tensions, Pearlstein's space is an honest reproduction. It is measurable but he confounds it by his height and distance from the model.

**THIS SAME CHOREOGRAPHY** of vantage point slashes his watercolor with diagonals while recurring shadows and overlapping knees, legs and elbows create complex compositions. The human figure and surrounding details are integrated to become elements of composition.

"Details for me are very important compositional devices," he said. Abstract Expressionism, for instance, the use of the drips, the dribbles, the thick brush mark — I use details that way, as kind of an inner composition, but it all comes from the process of looking."

These details include an attic's embrace of chairs and rockers while a closet holds Navajo rugs, Mexican blankets and hammocks. Richly patterned fabrics contrast the starkness of the models. More importantly, details inherent in the object are compositional — the changing shapes of the value gradations of the skin, the repetition of organic shadows, the textures of a wood-grained floor.

The movement of these forms across the surface

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