

Dennis Allen

Otter & Urchin

Artist Statement

The playful sea otter lays on its back with two of its favorite foods on its belly, an urchin and a scallop. The sea otter uses its front paws to eat and open shells of various sea foods while balancing with its hind flippers.

The eyes in the water below the otter represent another creature of the deep, watching from under the surface. Water drips off the otters back in two ovoid forms and above the otter's head the u-forms are mirrored to clouds in the sky.

Certificate of Authenticity

This print is a limited edition original serigraph. Working from Dennis's original drawings, I cut rubylith stencils for the three colors. The colors are then hand-printed onto archival paper. This print is one of an edition of 149 hand printed on Stonehenge Natural paper. In addition, 3 printers proofs and 15 artists proofs were printed. The paper size is 21.5 inches wide and 15 inches tall. The image size is 19 inches wide and 13 inches tall. The inks used were black, blue, and red.

This edition was printed by Paul Nicholson of Bellevue, WA in 2007 with the assistance of the artist, Dennis Allen.

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