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The Swiss artist has shown widely in Europe since the nineteen-eighties but is little known here. That may change with this small and stylish show of works on paper in gouache, ink, and crayon, which stake out a territory between painting and drawing. Bächli's severe grisaille palette offsets her washy, brushy touch; a preoccupation with abstract line effloresces occasionally into figurative elements (a pair of eyes or stockinged legs). The oppositions hold a tendency toward wispy girlishness in check. Through March 22. (Freeman, 560 Broadway, at Prince St. 212-966-5154.)