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David X. Levine: Recent Drawings

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Seeing art in music

David X. Levine, diagnosed with synesthesia, sees colors when he listens to music. His elegant, funky little drawings and collages are up at osp gallery. Although the musical references range from Ray Charles to folkie Fred Neil, the art is firmly lodged in a mod, vaguely psychedelic design sense, that may have more associations with Herb Alpert.

The works have a scuffed-up, humble feel, like you might have torn them off an elementary school bulletin board. They can, however, be visually sharp and alluring, if occasionally perplexing (a piece anchored by a magazine clip of a photo of Tony Randall falls in the latter category). "Killing Floor" features the simple shape of a red house that appears to split open, with a collaged, over-size red triangle pulling away like the flap of a tent. Inside, it's pure black; the image is daunting, yet, in Levine's typical style, strangely bright and easy.

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