Rebecca Horn
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“The Vertebrae Oracle,” an exquisite show of large drawings and motion-sensitive sculpture by the 70-year-old German artist, rewards a long gaze. Named after a poem Horn wrote for Meret Oppenheim, the late Surrealist sculptor, the exhibition lyrically fuses the natural and man-made, gentle and thorny. One piece features elements of Duchamp’s rotoreliefs moving in slow syncopation with tilting mirrors; another shows a circle of metallic spikes slowly coming to touch one another above a tangle of branches. The best works fuse beauty and bite.