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5 Standout Shows to See at Small Galleries This October

Maxwell Rabb

“Select East”



Garvey|Simon, New York City

Oct. 23, 2023– Jan. 23, 2024



Lynnette Therese Sauer
Untitled (layered meditation) 6, 2020
Garvey | Simon



Martin Benson
Right Here, 2022
Garvey | Simon



Garvey|Simon seeks to directly foster a dialogue between the gallerist and artist, particularly through its “Select West” and “Select East” programs, which showcase work from emerging and mid-career artists. Now in its eighth year, the “Select East” exhibition features work from Kathleen Beausoleil, Martin Benson, Sarah Brenneman, Jaynie Crimmins, Beth Dary, Leslie Fry, Julie Peppito, Christine Romanell, and Lynnette Sauer, hand-selected by gallery director Elizabeth K. Garvey.

In a hybrid exhibition hosted online on Artsy and in person at its Upper West Side gallery, the nine artists come together to present a dynamic range of styles. Among the works on view are Sauer’s “layered meditation” series, comprised of meticulously drawn chromatic illustrations, and Benson’s *It Takes Two To Tango* (2021), a sublime painting reminiscent of the work of Hilma af Klint.

Moreover, the exhibition includes several sculptors, like Beth Dary and Leslie Fry, whose drastically different sculptures still resonate with each other. Dary’s hand-blown glass evokes contemplations of the planet and decay, whereas Fry’s metal hands, sprouting flowers at their base, suggest revival. Despite the contrasts, “Select East” offers a dynamic group of meditations designed to pull visitors into an ongoing, highly active dialogue between forms and artists.