

JACK HANLEY GALLERY

Emma Kohlmann

Glowing In The Dark

15 October - 14 November, 2020

Opening reception

Thursday, 15 September, 12pm - 7pm

Jack Hanley Gallery is excited to present *Glowing In The Dark*, Emma Kohlmann's second solo exhibition at the gallery. In a range of media the works in the show encompass watercolors on paper, paintings with individually etched frames, ceramics, and a composition of nature sounds in collaboration with sound artist and friend, Sean Duram. Uniquely shaped and etched benches invite visitors to linger in an oasis that offers a place of tranquillity in times of collective unease.

Like an enchanted forest, both ancient and futuristic, Kohlmann's installation creates an immersive environment with a symbolism drawn from flora, fauna, ancient statues, mythologies or figurines. Human-like plants, leaves, fabulous figures and butterflies inhabit a world that channels Kohlmann's unfiltered stream of consciousness. Poetic and humorous, tender and bold, the characters seem to live in a universe that is formed right in between the space of Kohlmann's mind and hand - an immediacy and intimacy that is palpable throughout her work.

The absence of traditional compositions or naturalistic proportions in the work takes away any sense of hierarchical order. Instead, plants, animals and humans morph into interchangeable entities and co-exist peacefully. This sentiment of equality is not only noticeable within the imagery but in the variety of techniques. Each medium, each piece, is treated with equal care and becomes part of an all-embracing Gesamtkunstwerk.

Emma Kohlmann (b. 1989 in the Bronx, NY) lives and works in Florence, MA. She received her B.A. from Hampshire College, Amherst, MA. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally including solo exhibitions at Jack Hanley Gallery, The Austin University, TX, Nationale, Portland, OR, and Kit Gallery, Tokyo. Selected group exhibitions include the Portland Museum of Art, Portland, OR, MOCA Tucson, AZ, Stems, Brussels and , New York, NY. Kohlmann publishes her own artist's books, zines and made various record covers for music labels.

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