

A Space, 13 Grattan St, #402, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Opening Reception

08/22, 6 - 8 PM

08/22 - 09/04/2024



Yooyeon Nam Solo Exhibition

No Home in Wonderland

YOYEON NAM

Artist Bio

Yooyeon Nam is a Korean born, New York based oil painter. Her works through her characters explore the weird nature of the world, where we are disconnected from each other within our own community. Through her work she investigates what it is to be an outsider in both her own culture and the chosen culture. The eerie discomfort is further evoked through the usage of a wide array of colors and mysterious narratives. By depicting her characters as overly cute and adorable to suffer or be violent, she accentuates the sense of uncanniness, paradoxically intensifying the seriousness of her narratives.

Nam's child-like, round-faced, nose-less characters reflect both her personal sense of displacement and her cultural heritage. These figures, with their blank face and pupil-less eyes, look downwards, echoing Korean cultural norms where direct eye contact and overt emotional expression are considered impolite. This cultural difference posed challenges for Nam in environments where direct eye contact is expected. She combines her personal sense of alienation with her longstanding admiration for Korean Buddha sculptures, which are pupil-less and often depicted with downcast eyes to create a sense that they are observing the viewer. She is drawn to the Buddha sculptures because they are celebrated for their idealized body forms, though they are not anatomically accurate, which mirrors her effort to make her work believable, even though it originates from her imagination. Furthermore, these sculptures possess an inherent mystery, capturing a moment that might be just before or just after enlightenment.



Hand Flowers

Oil on Wood Panel

12 x 12 inches

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\$750

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Siblings

Oil on Wood Panel

36 x 36 inches

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\$3,800

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Night and I and Small Animals

Oil on Canvas
24 x 24 inches
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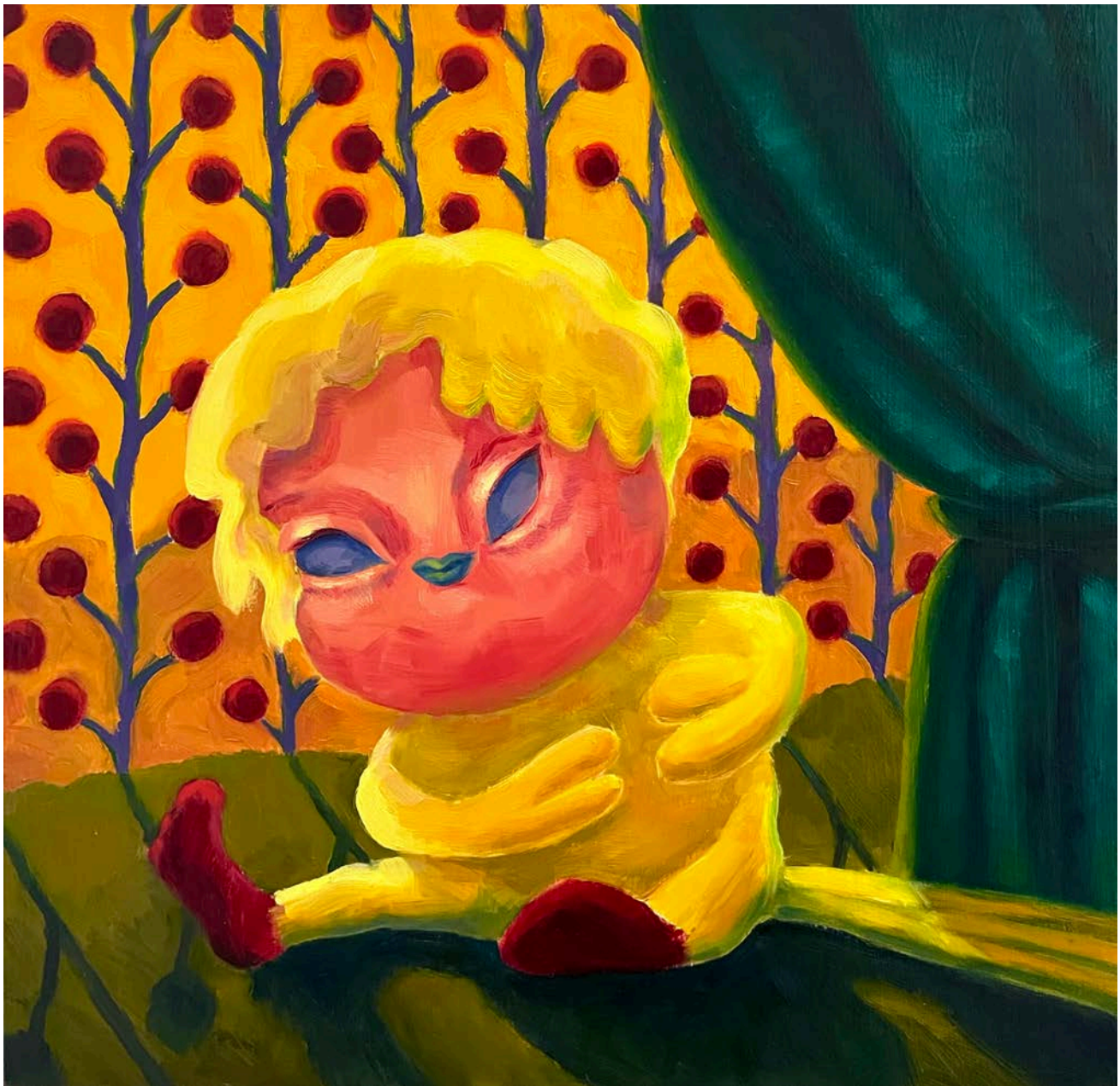


Heavy or Light

Oil on Canvas
18 x 24 inches
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\$1,800

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Gold

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The Reader

Oil on Wood Panel

14 x 12 inches

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Kidnapped

Oil on Canvas

64 x 80 inches

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\$10,000



Mice in Wonderland

Oil on Wood Panel

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Bird Sisters Helping a Human Sister For A Party

Oil on Linen
16 x 14 inches
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Children of Bait

Oil on Canvas
48 x 48 inches
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Oh Well, the Truth is...

Oil on Canvas

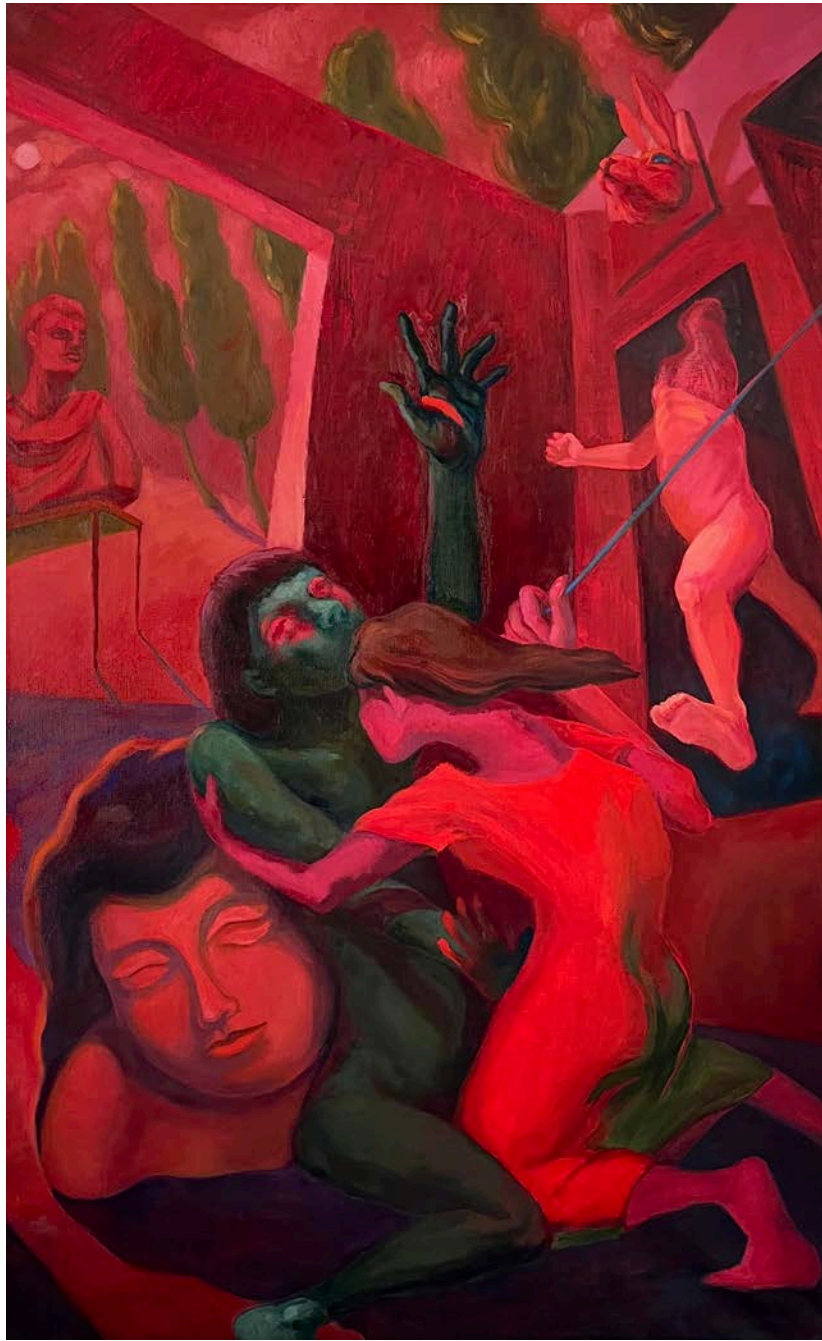
40 x 30 inches

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Rabbit Murder

Oil on Linen
58 x 36 inches
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Blood sucked Under the Sofa

Oil on Wood Panel

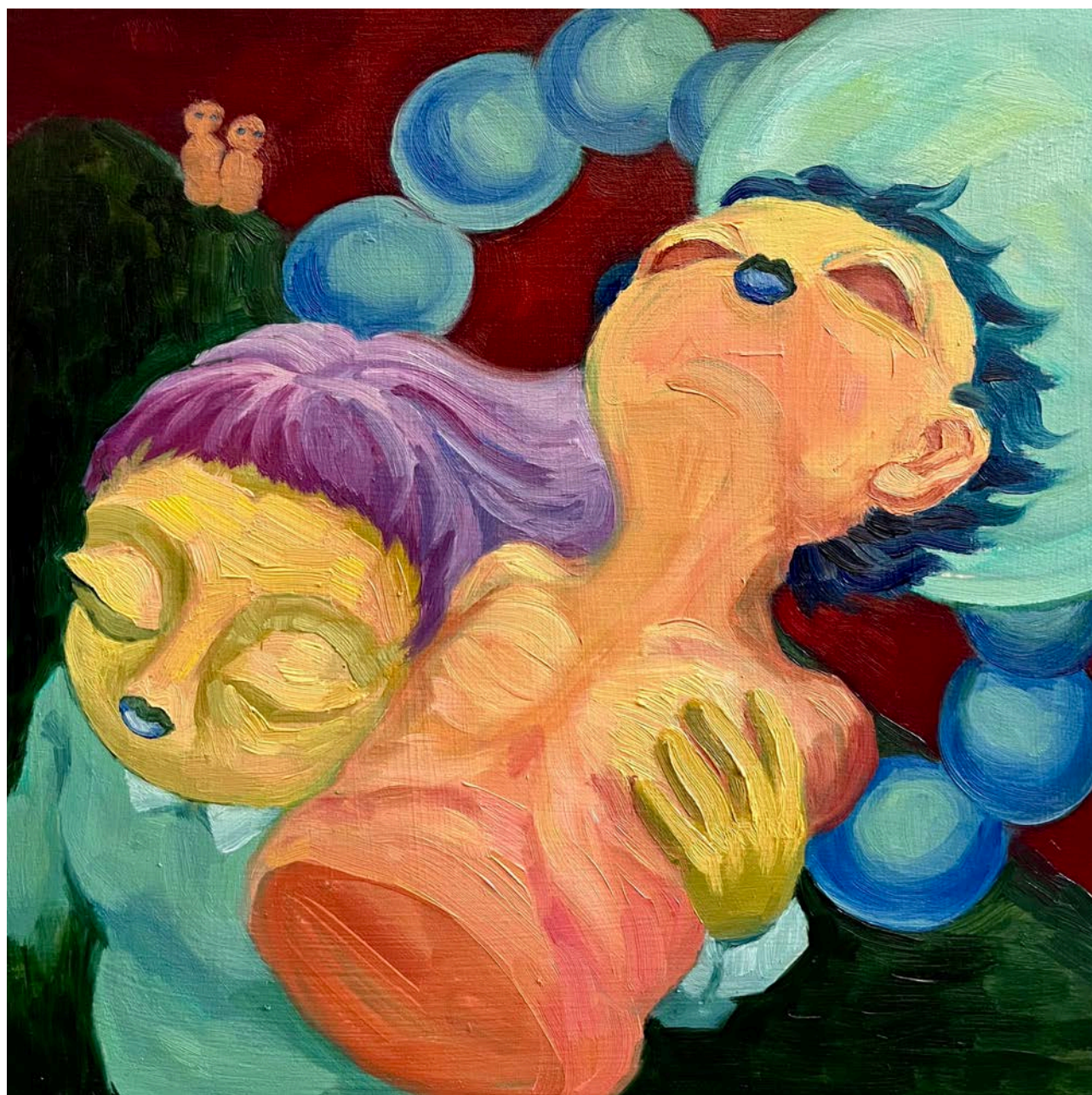
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Kidnapping Across the Border

Oil on Wood Panel

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Fish Room

Oil on Wood Panel

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Fire

Oil on Wood Panel

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Corners

Oil on Canvas
14 x 11 inches
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Caring

Oil on Canvas
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