

# Yooyeon Nam: No Home in Wonderland

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13 Grattan St, #402, Brooklyn, NY 11206



## Opening Reception, August 22, 6 - 8 PM

A Space Gallery is thrilled to announce the debut solo exhibition "No Home in Wonderland" of Korean-born, New York-based oil painter Yooyeon Nam. This highly anticipated show will feature Nam's latest works, where she masterfully explores the strange and disjointed nature of a world where individuals feel disconnected within their own communities. This exhibition marks a significant milestone in Nam's career as she unveils her unique perspective on cultural identity and belonging.

Nam's paintings provide a deep dive into the unsettling emotions tied to cultural displacement. Utilizing a diverse palette and enigmatic narratives, she evokes a sense of eerie discomfort that is both engaging and thought-provoking. Her characters, often depicted as overly cute and adorable yet subjected to suffering or violence, create an uncanny juxtaposition that intensifies the seriousness of her themes.

The artist's signature child-like, round-faced, nose-less characters are a reflection of her personal sense of displacement and cultural heritage. These figures, with their blank faces and pupil-less eyes, gaze downwards, mirroring Korean cultural norms where direct eye contact and overt emotional expression are considered impolite. This cultural difference presented challenges for Nam in environments where direct eye contact is the norm. Her paintings seamlessly blend her personal feelings of alienation with her long-standing admiration for traditional Korean Buddha sculptures, which are also pupil-less and often depicted with downcast eyes, creating a sense of being observed.

Nam's fascination with Buddha sculptures stems from their idealized yet anatomically inaccurate forms, which aligns with her effort to make her imaginative works believable. The inherent mystery in these sculptures, capturing moments just before or after enlightenment, deeply influences her art, adding layers of depth and intrigue.

Yooyeon Nam's debut solo show "No Home in Wonderland" at A Space Gallery is a poignant exploration of cultural dissonance and the universal experience of feeling like an outsider. Her art invites viewers to reflect on their own sense of identity and connection within their communities.

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