

MONYA ROWE GALLERY

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VERA ILIATOVA

For Now, At Once

March 1 – April 12, 2015

Opening reception: Sunday, March 1, 6 - 8 PM

Like Jane Freilicher (1924–2014), and before her, Maria Oakey Dewing (1845–1927), **Vera Iliatova** is interested in the still life when depicted in unusual ways with challenging perspectives. In this new suite of paintings, Iliatova continues to combine narration and abstraction while expressing a curiosity with still life painting.

For this exhibition, titled *For Now, At Once*, Iliatova employs the use of flowers as a metaphor for change, anticipation, decay and growth. Iliatova hones in on the psychological intensity of her protagonists-teenage girls on the awkward brink of adolescence- by revealing their idiosyncratic gestures and moods. The flower arrangements, coupled with the theatrical setting of the landscape, interconnect with the melodrama unfolding in each painting, like scenes from a film.

Focused on the interior self, there is a strong sense of emotional duality permeating throughout; these girls fight, console, cry, ruminate, laugh and judge. The ambiguity surrounding the characters conjures a strong sense of poetic association: nature as subjective feeling. The imagery is simultaneously beautiful and menacing. Iliatova perceptively illuminates the complicated passage from adolescence to adulthood that shapes ones identity.



Vera Iliatova received a MFA in Painting/Printmaking from *Yale University*, CT and a BA from *Brandeis University*, MA. Iliatova has also undergone studies at *Sorbonne University*, Paris, France, completed a residency at *Skowhegan School of Art*, ME, and was a *Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation* Nominee in 2009. Recent group exhibitions include *68Projects*, Berlin, Germany; *Girls' Club*, Miami, FL; and *Absent Friends* at Monya Rowe Gallery, among others. She will have an upcoming solo exhibition at *Sarah Lawrence College*, NY in April 2015. Iliatova lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. This is the artists' fifth solo exhibition at Monya Rowe Gallery.

Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 12 - 6 PM

Subway: F to East Broadway, B/D to Grand Street, J/M/Z to Delancey/Essex

Image: **Vera Iliatova**, *Separate Ways*, 2015, oil on canvas, 36 by 42 inches

Upcoming: **Jake Longstreth**

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