

# MONYA ROWE GALLERY

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## VERA ILIATOVA

*Views, Scenes and Other*

September 9 – October 8, 2017

**Monya Rowe Gallery** is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of paintings by **Vera Iliatova** titled *Views, Scenes and Other*.

In Iliatova's new suite of paintings two prominent narratives prevail: women are caught in some type of dramatic interaction or are seen strolling through space, either moving toward or away from the viewer. The focus is on the nature of shifting characters as the protagonists reveal themselves in different ways at different times.

The landscape is the theatrical setting where the melodramas unfold. Exploring the dynamics between groups of young women, Iliatova hones in on the dramatic tension surrounding coming-of-age behavior. Renderings of intimate, sometimes disquieting, moments reveal a keen eye for the psychological pressures found within relationships. Her protagonists are on the verge of discovery. They are scheming and planning. Vulnerable and powerful. This emotional duality permeates throughout the exhibition. The poetic images capture fragments of the awkward transition from adolescence to adulthood. Adding another layer of mystification, Iliatova's sartorial choices range from contemporary to classic to "old-fashioned". Her heroines could be the star of a 1960's French New Wave film or a 1990's teen television show.



**Vera Iliatova** (b. 1975, St. Petersburg, Russia) received a MFA in Painting/Printmaking from *Yale University*, CT and a BA from *Brandeis University*, MA. She has also undergone studies at *Sorbonne University*, Paris, France and completed a residency at *Skowhegan School of Art*, ME. Iliatova has recently exhibited her work at *Tibor de Nagy*, NY; *Inman Gallery*, Houston; *Ortega y Gasset*, Brooklyn and *Monya Rowe Gallery*. Her work is currently on view in "Women Painting: Selections From the Collection of Francie Bishop Good and David Horvitz" at *Miami Dade College Kendall Gallery* (through September 29). Upcoming group exhibitions include "Artist as Maggid: Jewish Folktales Retold", *Contemporary Jewish Museum*, San Francisco, CA (September 28, 2017 - January 28, 2018). Iliatova lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

Gallery hours

Monday - Wednesday: By appointment

Thursday - Sunday: Noon – 5PM

Image: **VERA ILIATOVA**, *Magic Mountain*, 2017, oil on canvas, 24 by 30 inches