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GUIMI YOU

Soft Light Somewhere

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Opening reception: Thursday, January 9, 6 - 8 PM

Monya Rowe Gallery is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of paintings by **Guimi You** titled *Soft Light Somewhere*.

In this new suite of paintings, You continues to explore the intersection of reality and illusion. Interior spaces remain an integral part of the work, but for this exhibition nature and landscapes are introduced. In *Robert Moses Beach* (2019) You adds a touch of the surreal with a mermaid standing next to a child playing in the sand. Here, and in *Bronx Zoo* (2019), we see the influence of Charles Burchfield's (1893-1967) dizzying hypnotic landscapes.

You employs Magical Realism and heightened colors to illuminate the unconscious mind. Some works hint at unease and pressure, but never without an optimistic and even humorous outlook. In *Kitchen View* (2019) a woman defiantly stares at an animated stovetop amid dinner preparations. The underlying narrative is driven by an inner conflict to balance personal responsibilities. Home, where one feels safe and comfortable, can also be a place of discomfort.

Guimi You (b. 1985, Seoul, Korea) received a MA in Painting from *Royal College of Art*, London, United Kingdom and a BFA and a MFA in Oriental Painting from *Seoul National University*, Seoul, Korea. Recent group exhibitions include *Kristian Day*, London, U.K.; *Fourteen 30 Contemporary*, Portland, OR; and *Drawer*, NYC. You has completed residencies at *Wassaic Project Winter Residency*, Wassaic, NY (2019); *Banff Centre Artist in Residency*, Banff, Canada (2018); *The Studios at MASS MoCA*, (*Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art*) North Adams, MA (2017); and *Vermont Studio Center, Johnson*, VT (2016). You lives and works in Farmingville, Long Island and Brooklyn, NY. This is You's second solo exhibition at Monya Rowe Gallery.

Gallery hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 6 PM

Upcoming: **VERA ILIATOVA**

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