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CALLI RYAN

Across the Way

May 14 – June 19, 2026

Opening reception: Thursday, May 14, 6-8 PM

Monya Rowe Gallery is pleased to announce the first New York solo exhibition by **Calli Ryan** titled *Across the Way*. The opening reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, May 14, 6-8 PM.

Ryan favors calm Morandi-like colors with variations of earthy greys, browns and warm yellows. The paintings are harmonies of light and color with subtle shifts to emphasize a moody atmosphere. Through careful editing and unexpected compositions Ryan creates a mysterious and unidentifiable tension. Each painting equally weighs presence and absence.

Across the Way highlights the protagonist's interior world against a backdrop of populated high-rise buildings, isolated suburban neighborhoods and domestic interiors. Individuals appear lost in thought balancing loneliness and solitude in the modern era. The work reflects a heightened psychological state while poetically conveying a strong sense of individuality. The stillness of Edward Hopper (1882-1967) and the tenderness of David Byrd (1926-2013) are both felt.

Ryan's visual story telling ranges from figurative to landscapes to cityscapes to interiors to still lifes. Along with memory and imagination, images of doll houses are a source of inspiration for ideas to materialize. As the title of the exhibition suggests, Ryan explores personal space and boundaries, with a hint of voyeurism. Peeking through a stranger's window or fixating on the neighbors across the street highlights a voyeuristic strain of the innate human curiosity.

Calli Ryan (b. 1988, Richmond, VA) received an MFA from *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts* (PAFA), Philadelphia, PA and a BA from *University of Virginia*, Charlottesville, VA. Her work has recently been exhibited at *Procession*, Philadelphia, PA; *HAGD Contemporary*, Aalborg, Denmark; *Scroll*, NY; and *Monya Rowe Gallery*, NY. The artist lives and works in Philadelphia, PA and is represented by *Monya Rowe Gallery*.

Gallery hours

Tuesday – Saturday, 12–6 PM

Summer gallery hours start June 1

Wednesday - Thursday 12-5 PM

Friday 12-3 PM

And by appointment