

MARI EASTMAN: NIGHT LIFE

Goldfinch is thrilled to present *Night Life*, our second solo exhibition of paintings by Mari Eastman. The exhibition includes twenty-three new and recent paintings and will be on view from Sunday, November 14th (opening reception) through Saturday, December 18th, 2021. Gallery hours are Fridays and Saturdays, 12-4pm, and by appointment.

Whimsical, romantic, and deeply engaged with modern art history, Eastman's subject matter shifts between the realms of nature and culture: lush forest landscapes, floral still life paintings, and animals such as wolves, bats, foxes, cats and possums show up frequently, but so do well-coiffed feminine figures wearing patterned outfits and chic accessories. Other ongoing inspirations include Asian decorative arts, vintage fabric patterns, fashion magazines and supermodels, and the artist's memories of past moments in her own life as well as in pop culture history.

Eastman's depictions of greenery and animals (both wild and domestic) also remind us that our perception of what "nature" is—including our own, human nature—is shaped by the cultures in which we are embedded. In turn, the artist's fashion-themed images call attention to the allure of surfaces and to the body as a type of surface, capable of being creatively manipulated through various forms of adornment.

