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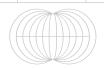
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CONSORTIUM MUSEUM, DIJON JULY 07, 2021 - JANUARY 09, 2022

Blood Fog, Jill Mulleady's exhibition at the Consortium Museum, does not deprive to make use of any subterfuge, any camouflage as it charts its singular course. Scene after scene, room after room, paintings and objects carefully selected by the artist reveal the ruins of a civilization already consumed—an imaginary world blown to pieces.

The story is already in motion as a pair of painted eyes – an artifact from a looted Egyptian sarcophagus, replicated by the artist – fixes you with the otherness of a (fe)male gaze... and the remoteness of an immemorial but now lost Antiquity.

Alongside this gaze, the painting of a cobra hypnotizes the spectator with an irresolvable ambiguity: the threat of fatal intoxication or a promise of protection. We have no choice.

In the corridor, like an antechamber, a Baccarat lamp snatched either from a brothel or a comfortable bourgeois interior (is there any difference?), illuminates a new series of paintings. Its red glow is reflected in the painted mirror placed at the end of the room, inviting viewers to double themselves too – as if in a story by Pierre Klossowski – and to mingle with sinuous, painted bodies.

[Hamlet, John Gielgud, Emma Bovary, Claude Chabrol, Isabelle Huppert,...]

Life in the garrison towns of the East, life in the trading towns of the Southwest, life in the port towns of the English Channel, life in new white and blue seaside towns, life for the benefit of an always deferred hope, burning life that smolders in silvery taffetas, life sitting on comfortably soft upholstery... All these lives are also my own as a spectator today.

[Intoxication, Crime, Aspiration, Landscape, Downfall, Transcendence, Coup de Foudre, Courbet and Flaubert, Rimbaud and Artaud...]

The paintings show languid bodies in domestic or outdoor settings. Liquid, transparent color is applied on raw linen canvas – the medium of the Moderns. Tilted faces lean on long and idle hands, à la Cocteau—he who kept his jacket sleeves unbuttoned on purpose.

Echoing the paintings, constellations of found and made objects.

Here, as if pulled from one of the canvases, placed at an angle, the iron frame of a vaguely Napoleon III-style bed has been sprinkled with coarse grey salt... to neutralize the spells that fellow vampires of Mulleady's generation would not have failed to cast. A dueling pistol has been forgotten on the edge of the bed frame. How many lead bullets has it shot through the skin of unlucky losers?

There, two rough cement planters have been sown with growing mustard seeds which will bloom with yellow flowers during the course of the exhibition.

Jill Mulleady has taken up residence at the Consortium Museum. Here she weaves a dreamlike, familiar "domestic life" filled with signs and their shifting layers of meanings—wether through their provenance, their relationship to historical context, or their currency as universal icons.

An imaginary interior for the already dead heroine of a novel combines the garret and the living-room, a corner sink and a devoured by moths, hand woven wool blue Chinese rug on the floor. These objects serve as clues, weaving the intermittent narrative from the paintings.

[Orpheus & Eurydice, Giotto and Egyptian Tombs...]

A 14th century Veronica made of stone with faint traces of polychrome paint, borrowed from the rooms of the Dijon Museum of Fine Arts, lifts the veil in a stifling jungle atmosphere conducive to slithering cobras.

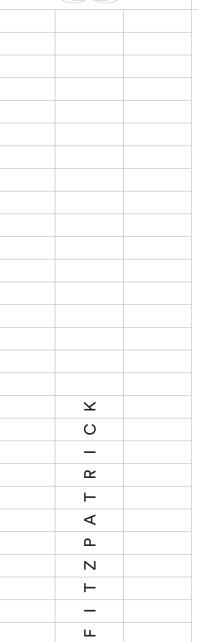


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This new world has been built on secret strategies and Baudelairian correspondences—according to the poet, only artists are able to decipher the meaning of those allegories that can take us from the world of perceptions to the world of ideas, from the sensitive to the tangible, and from emotions to knowledge.

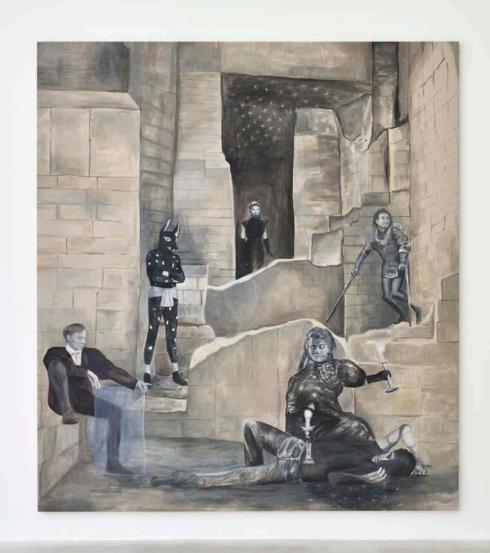
The figures, things and characters that populate this exhibition compose an immersive landscape, an imaginary world that Mulleady navigates with ease and grace.

— Franck Gautherot & Seungduk Kim



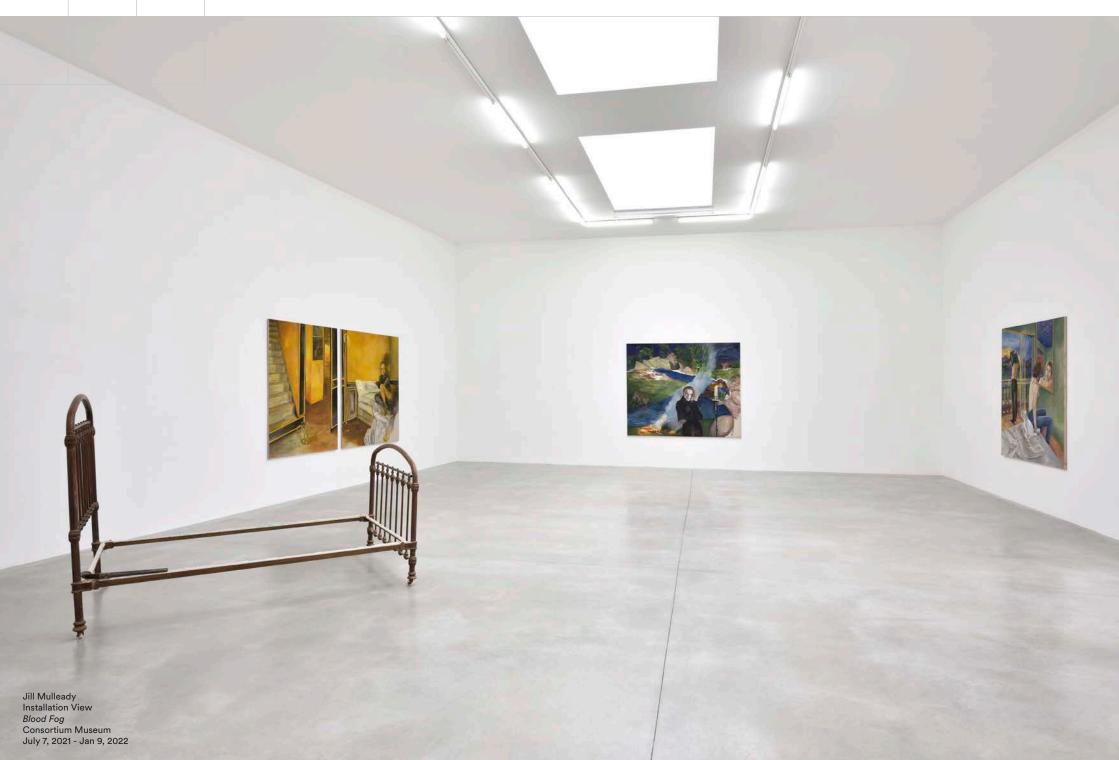


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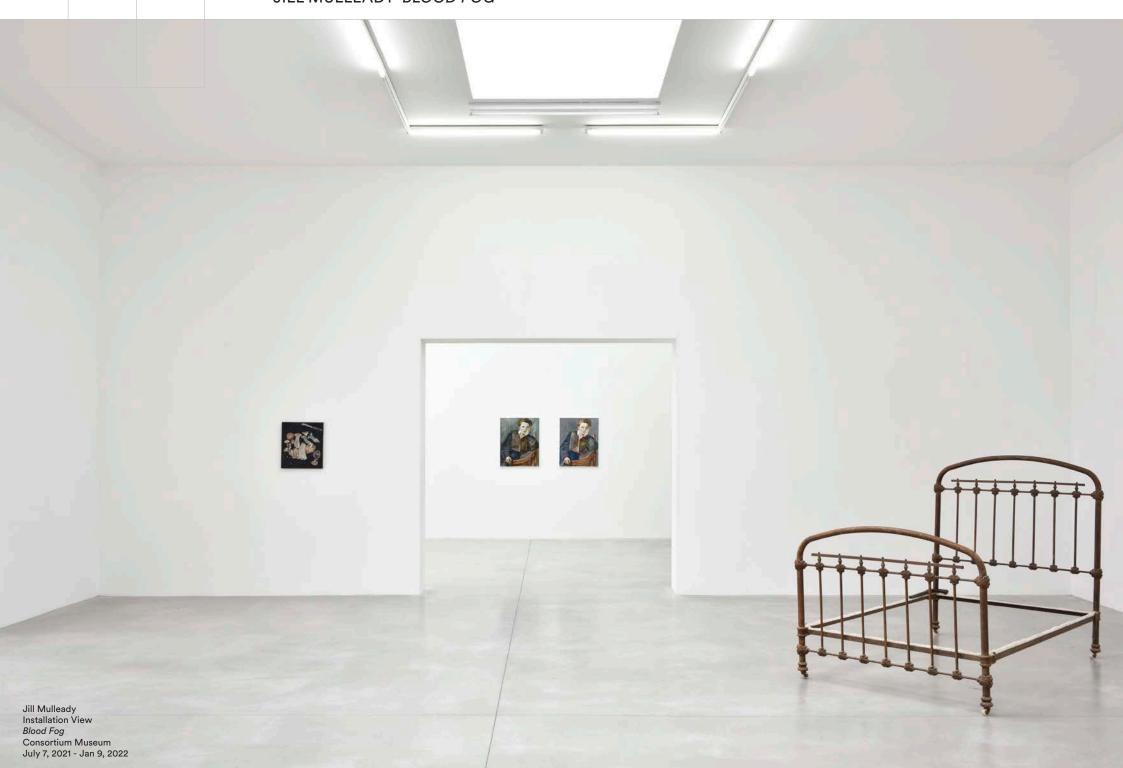


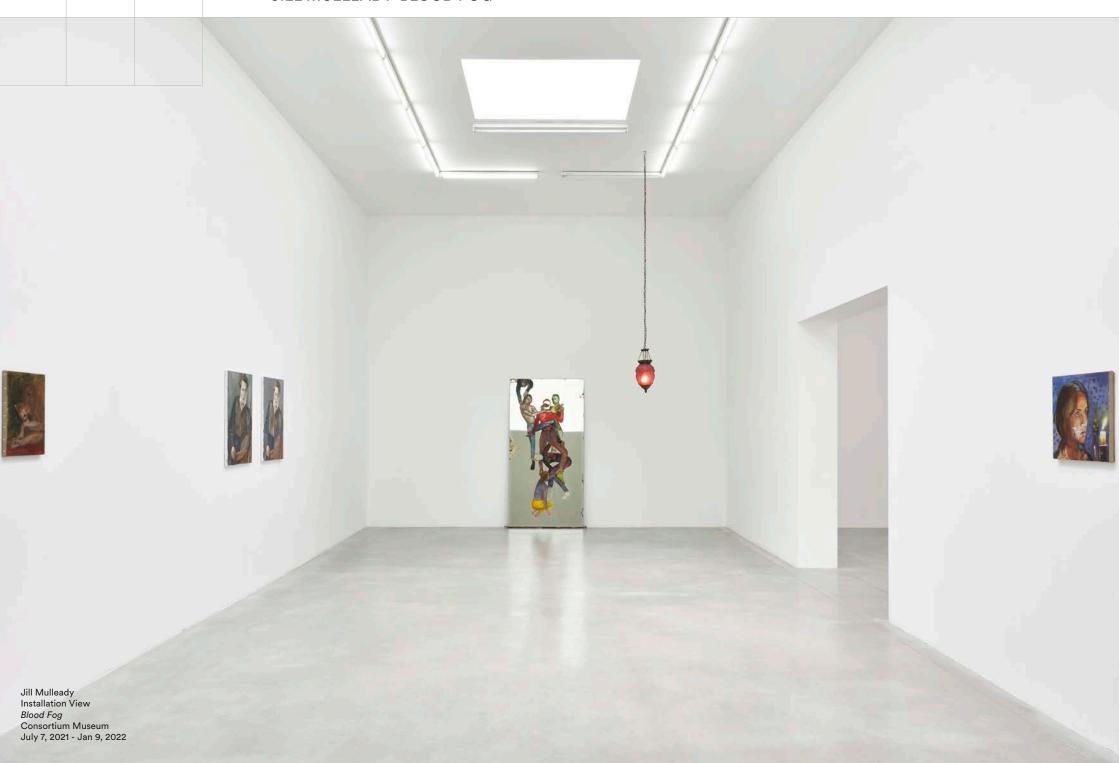
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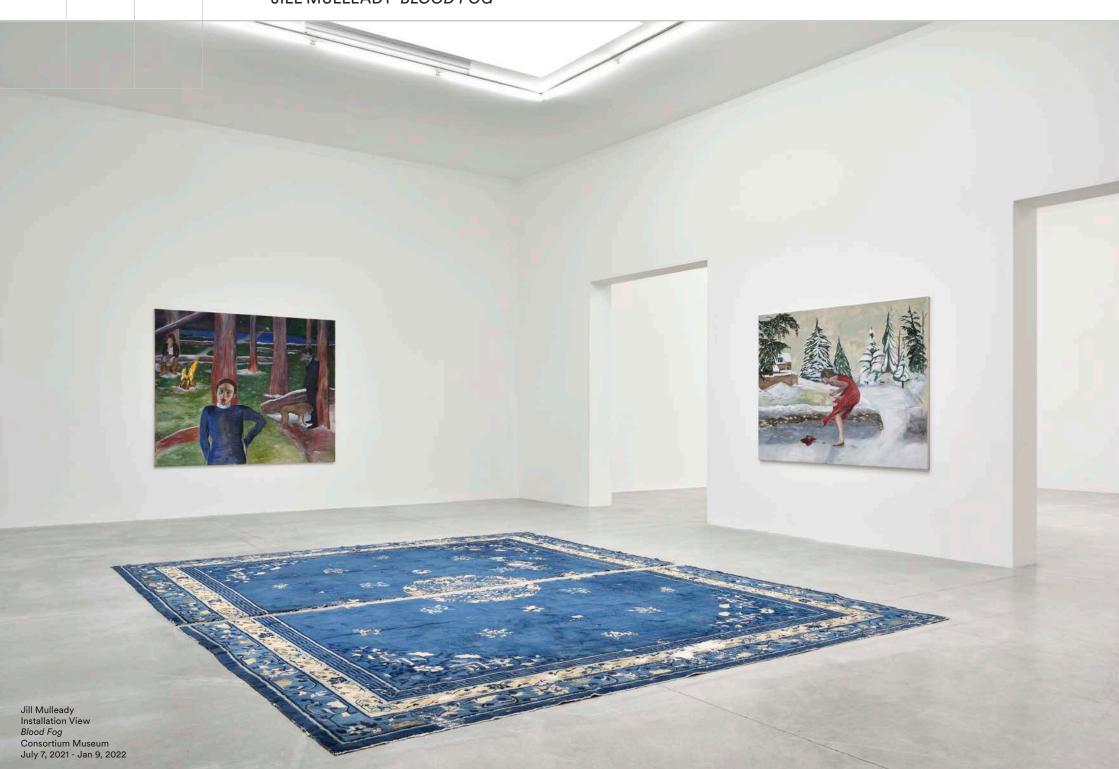




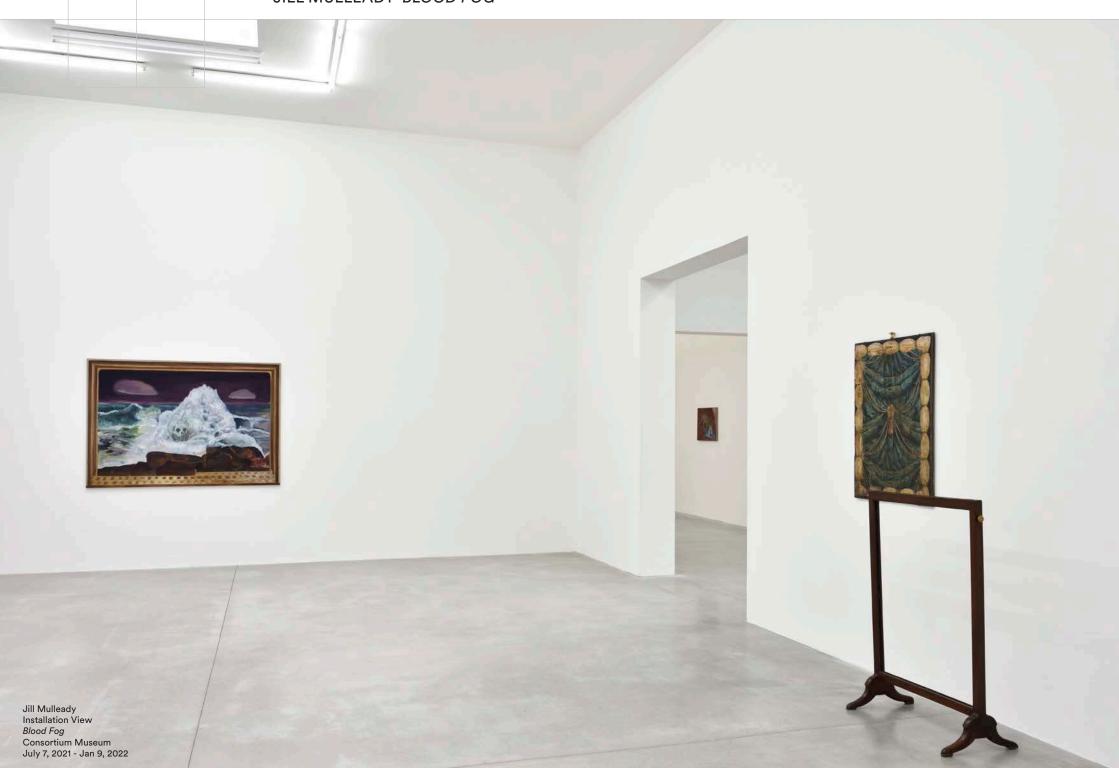


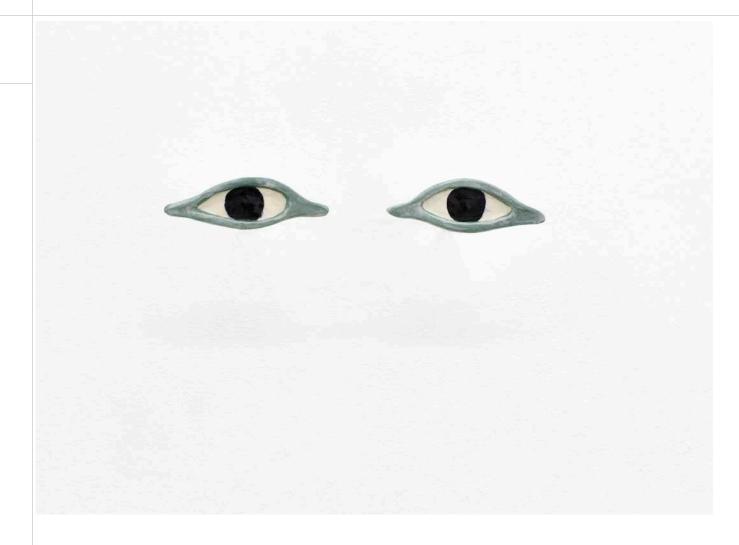




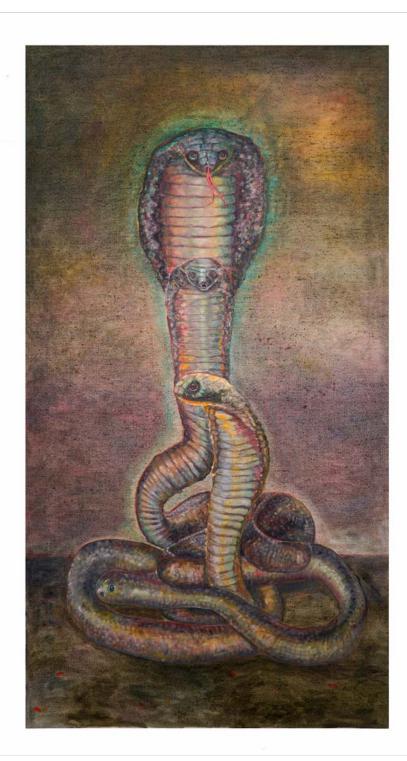




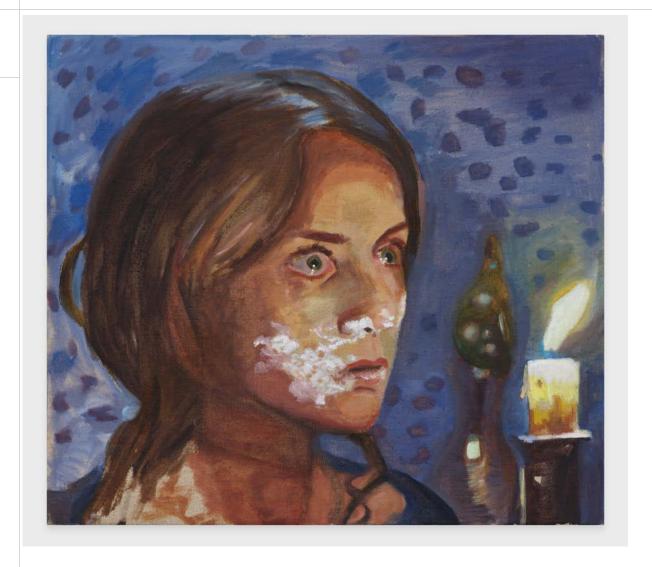




Jill Mulleady
Egyptian Eyes from Sarcophage, 2021
Artist-made porcelain replica
Dimensions variable



Jill Mulleady Cobra, 2021 Oil on linen 168 x 90 cm 66 1/8 x 35 3/8 in



Jill Mulleady
Madame Bovary, 2021
Oil on linen
41 x 46 cm
16 1/8 x 18 1/8 in



Jill Mulleady Untitled, 2020 Oil on linen 40 x 33 cm 15 3/4 x 13 in



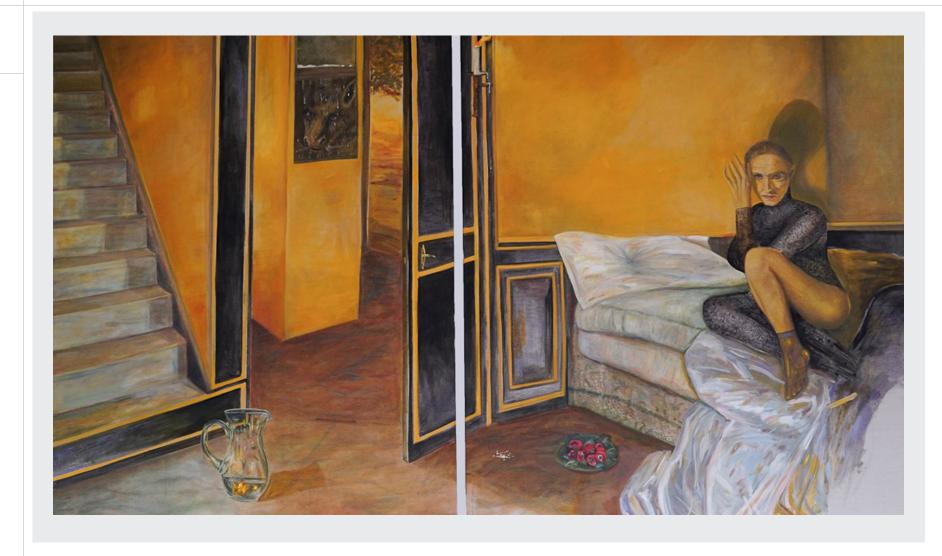
Jill Mulleady
Hamlet I, 2021
Oil on Linen
76 x 61 cm
29 7/8 x 24 1/8 in



Jill Mulleady
Shadowplay, 2020
Oil on tin-mercury mirror
87 x 46 inches
221 x 117 cm



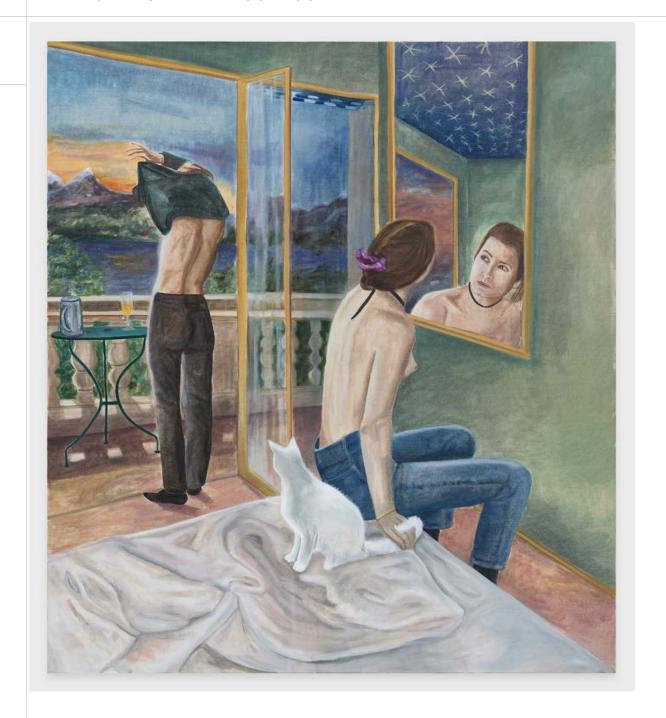
Jill Mulleady Untitled, 2021 Napoleon III style wrought iron bed, 19th century dueling pistol, sea salt 90 x 180 x 120 cm 35 3/8 x 70 7/8 x 47 1/4 in



Jill Mulleady
18 Rue Souveraine, 1050, 2020
Oil on linen
168 x 276.9 cm
66 1/8 x 109 1/8 in



Jill Mulleady Gardens of the Blind, 2020 Oil on linen 66.14h x 78.74w in 168h x 200w cm



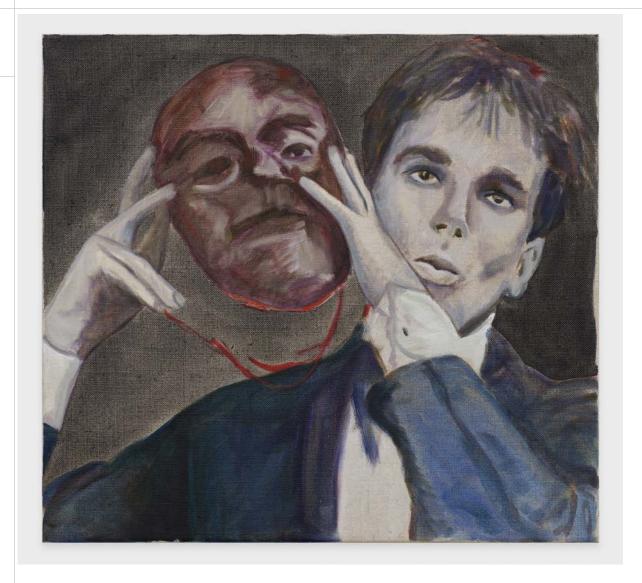
Jill Mulleady White Pussy, 2021 Oil on linen 168 x 152 cm 66 1/8 x 59 7/8 in



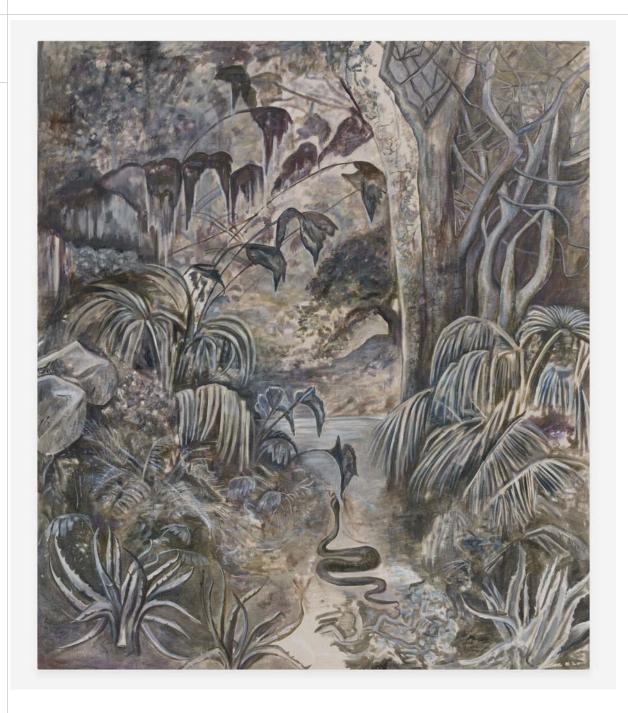
Jill Mulleady
Madame Bovary, 2021
Oil on linen
41 x 46 cm
16 1/8 x 18 1/8 in



Jill Mulleady Orpheus, 2021 Oil on linen 235 x 208 cm 92 1/2 x 81 7/8 in



Jill Mulleady Drama, 2021 Oil on Linen 41 x 45 cm 16 1/8 x 17 3/4 in



Jill Mulleady Untitled, 2021 Oil on linen 235 x 208 cm 92 1/2 x 81 7/8 in



Jill Mulleady Strawberries, 2020 Oil on linen 40 x 33 cm 15 3/4 x 13 in



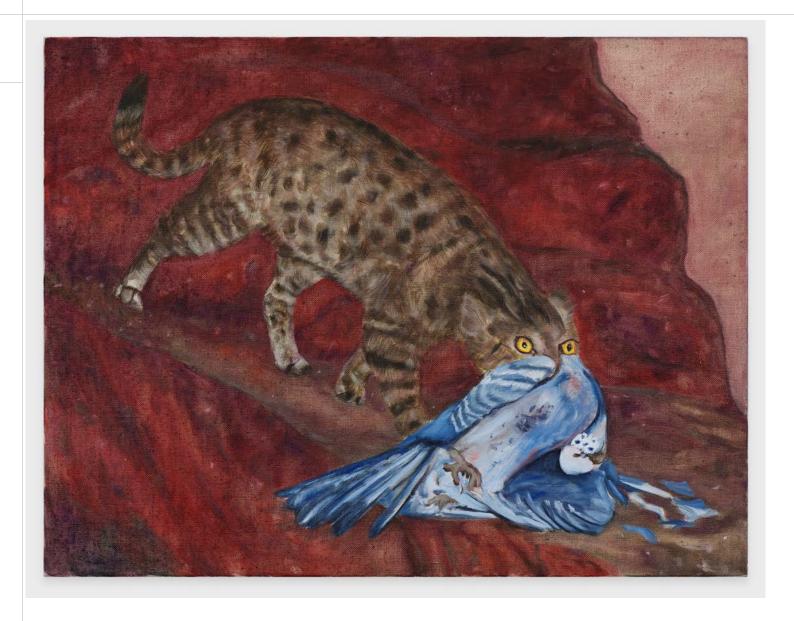
Jill Mulleady Blood Fog, 2021 Oil on linen 90 x 43 cm 35 3/8 x 16 7/8 in



Jill Mulleady
Psychic Landscape, 2019
Oil on canvas
35.43h x 35.43w in
90h x 90w cm



Jill Mulleady
Untitled, 2021
Corner sink, crystal bottle and blackcurrant liquor.
30 x 49.5 x 49.5 cm
11 3/4 x 19 1/2 x 19 1/2 in

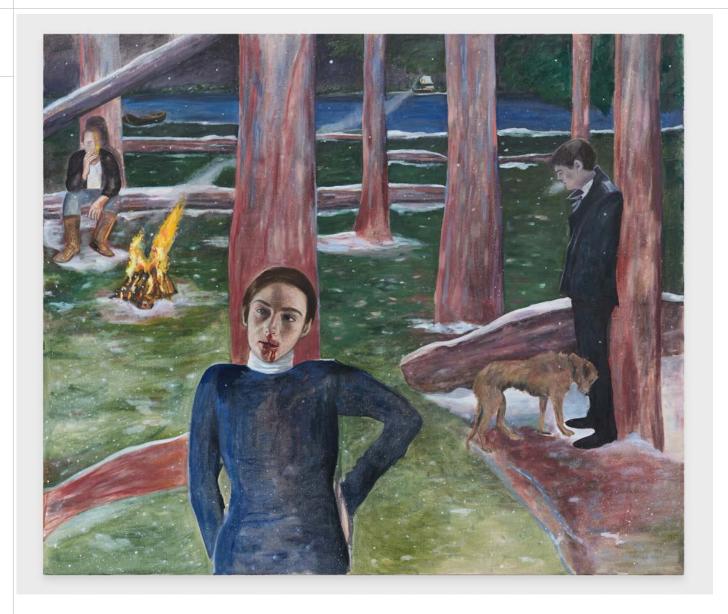


Jill Mulleady Feral, 2021 Oil on linen 50 x 65 cm 19 3/4 x 25 5/8 in





Jill Mulleady
A thought that never changes
remains a stupid lie, 2020
Oil on linen
35.43h x 35.43w in
90h x 90w cm



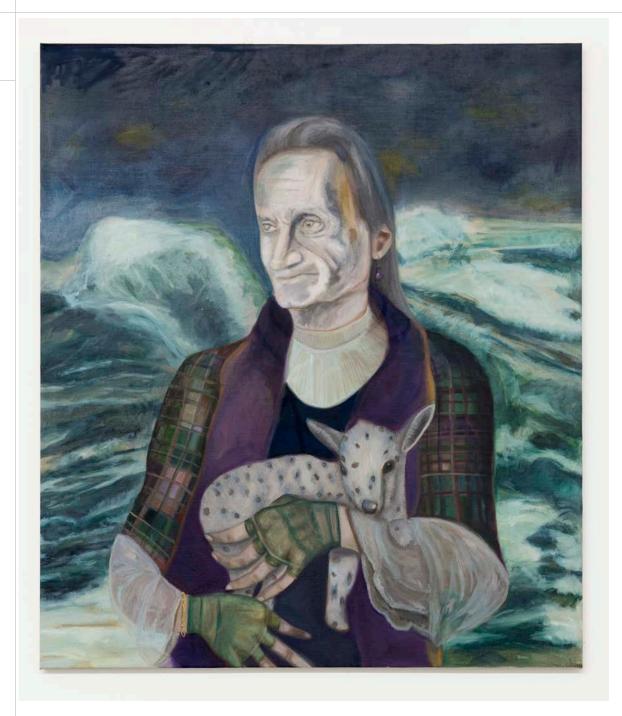
Jill Mulleady Ashes, 2021 Oil on linen 168 x 200 cm 66 1/8 x 78 3/4 in



Jill Mulleady Snow Blood, 2021 Oil on linen 140 x 180 cm 55 1/8 x 70 7/8 in



Jill Mulleady
Fighting the Devils Futility,
2020
Oil on Linen
168 x 168 cm
66 1/8 x 66 1/8 in



Jill Mulleady Dementia, 2018 Oil on linen 48.03h x 41.73w in 122h x 106w cm



Jill Mulleady
The Green Wave, 2018
Oil on linen
48.03h x 67.72w in
122h x 172w cm