

Masamitsu Shigeta : Jewelry Box

January 18 - February 24, 2024



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CHELSEA 515 W. 20th Street, 3rd Floor, NYC 10010

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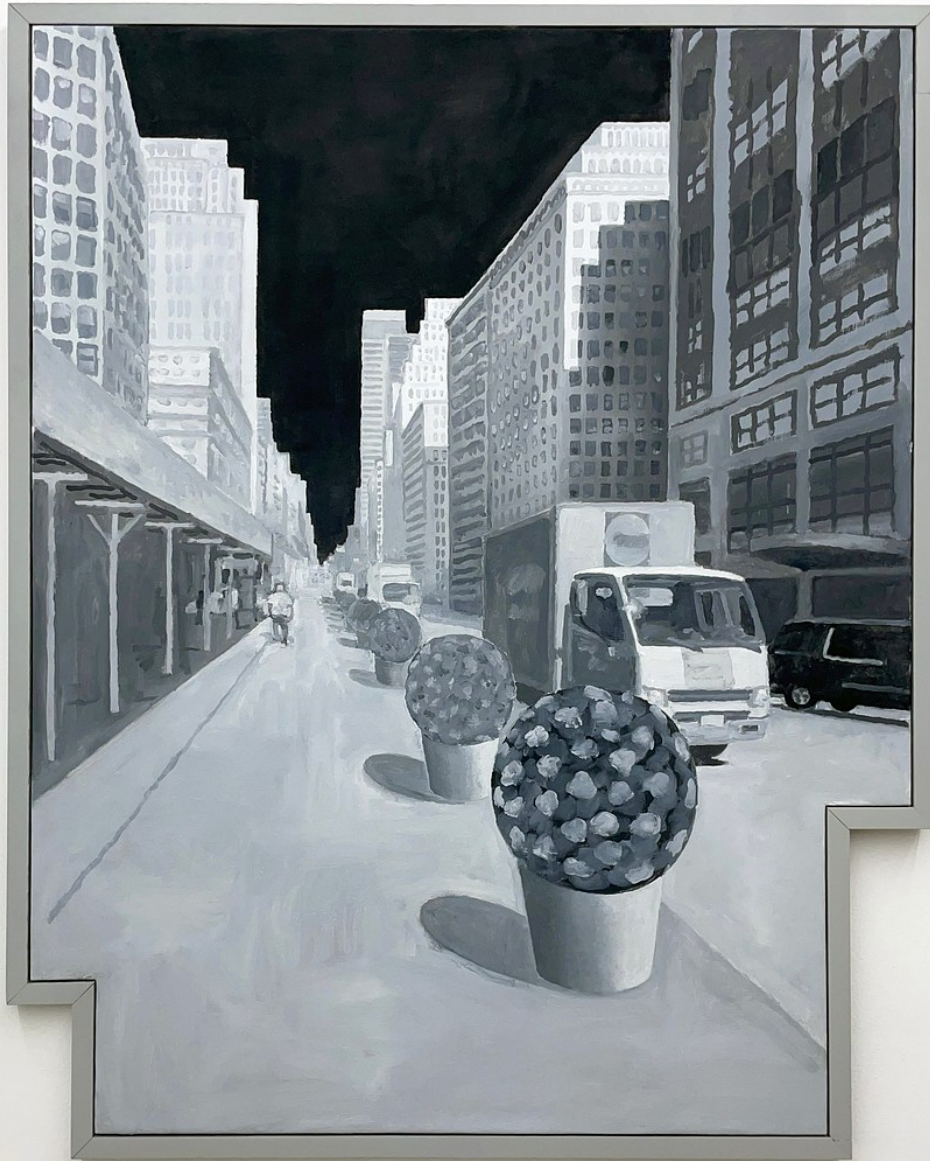
Masamitsu Shigeta
Looking Through a Tunnel, 2023
Oil on coffee bag with wood frame
12 x 10 3/4 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
New York View From New Jersey, 2023
Oil on canvas with wood frame
36.5 x 28 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta

A Monochrome Midtown View, 2023

Oil on canvas panel with wood frame

37 1/2 x 30 1/4 inches

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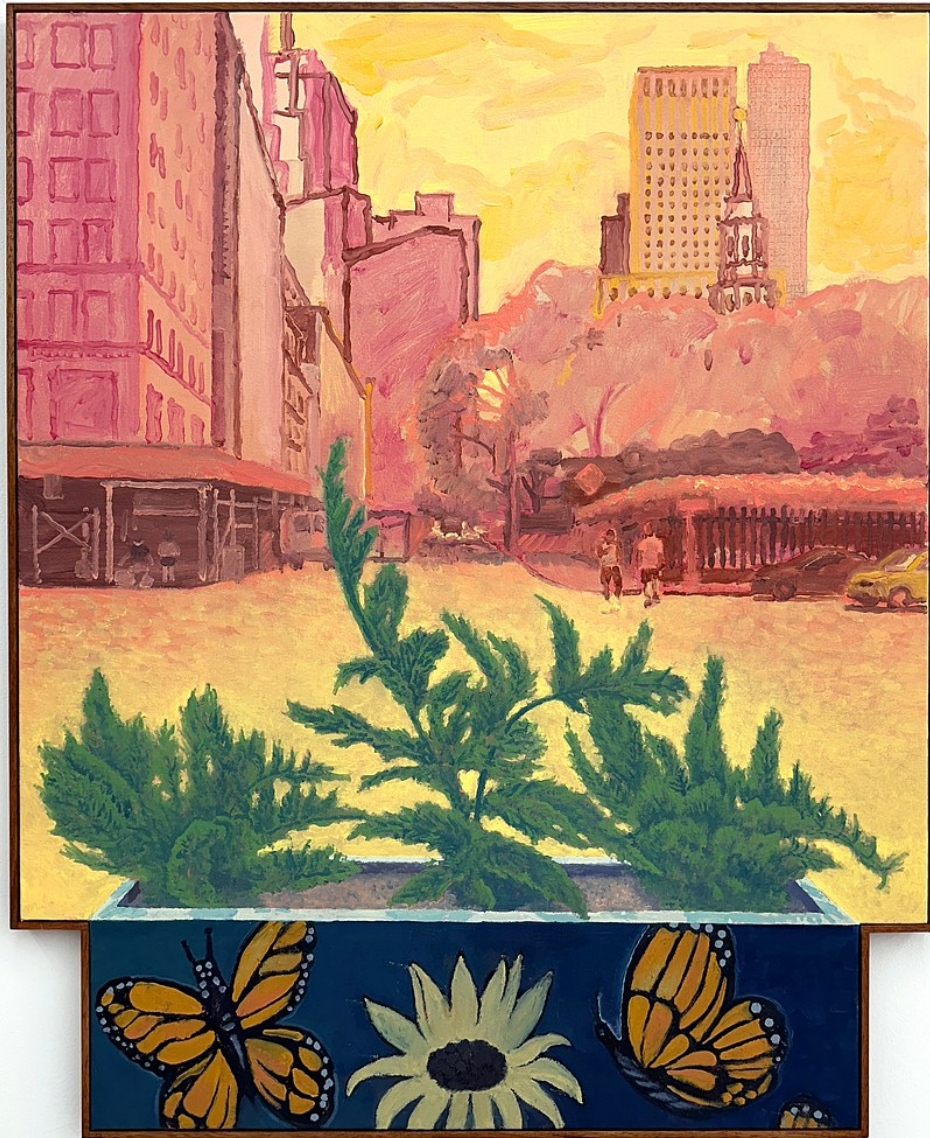
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A Nest, 2023

Oil on canvas with wood frame

27 3/4 x 23 3/4 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
Butterfly and Flower 2, 2023
Oil on canvas panel with wood frame
36 1/2 x 29 1/4 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
Division Street, 2023
Oil on canvas panel with aluminum frame
13 x 10 inches approximately

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Midtown View, 2023
Oil on canvas with wood frame
32 1/2 x 26 1/2 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Drone Beetle, 2023
Oil on canvas panel with wood frame
39 3/4 x 32 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Night View of Hangang River, 2023
Oil on canvas panel with wood frame
37 1/2 x 29 1/2 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Park View in Dallas, 2023
Oil on wood panel with table top frame
22 x 17 3/4 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Red House, 2023
Oil on canvas with wood frame
29 1/4 x 21 1/4 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Tree Cover, 2023
Oil on canvas with wood frame
28 3/8 x 20 1/2 inches closed

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Butterfly, 2023
Oil on canvas with wood frame
34 3/4 x 30 1/4 inches

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Masamitsu Shigeta
A Cityscape Through A Tree Net, 2023
Oil on canvas with wood frame
35 1/2 x 30 inches

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

INAUGURAL OPENING EXHIBITION:

Masamitsu Shigeta: Jewelry Box

DATES:

Jan 18 - Feb 24, 2024

Opening Reception: Thurs, Jan 18, 6 - 8pm

ADDRESS:

515 W 20th St, FL 3

New York, NY 10011



SITUATIONS is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by Masamitsu Shigeta titled *Jewelry Box*. The artist's third exhibition with the gallery will inaugurate a new joint venture between SITUATIONS and NEW DISCRETIONS, located in Chelsea at 515 W 20th Street, Floor 3. Known for his paintings of urban landscapes in artist-made frames, this latest body of work refines his approach with an emphasis on the shapes and colors of the cities he's walked around this year: Tokyo, New York, Dallas, Cologne, Hoboken, and Seoul. Shigeta locates the sublime within scenes of daily life across these distinct locations.

Shigeta compares painting this show to making jewelry. The visual gems he finds on the street are mined and processed via the act of painting. Paying particular attention to light and form, a fiery red outdoor dining shed in New York pictured in *A Red House* (2023) recalls the curt geometry and radiant color of a faceted gemstone. Elegantly outstretched branches against a steel-toned sky suggest intricate silver work, while striped beams of city lights reflecting off of Seoul's Hangang river glisten like scattered jewels.

In 2023, the artist had the opportunity for an extended stay in his home country of Japan. Each morning, Shigeta would go for an hour-long walk around Tokyo. While absorbing his surroundings, he often noticed insects on their own daily routines. Ants, butterflies, praying mantises, and drone beetles consistently caught his eye with their reflective bodies and rich colors shimmering in the sunlight. Shigeta quickly forged a connection between the patterning of these creatures and elements of the built environments of the cities he's recently resided in or visited.

Heightening the found beauty of his selected vignettes, Shigeta creates custom frames for each painting which respond directly to the picture they surround. *A Park View in Dallas* (2023)

utilizes paint-splattered offcuts from Shigeta's own work table as its frame, collapsing the divide between the intimacy of the artist's studio and the public space depicted. A pink door panel alternately reveals and deliberately crops Shigeta's painting *A Tree Cover* (2023), opening onto a street-level perspective of a tree before a towering red New York skyscraper. When closed, the panel's cut-out obscures all but a surreal, cloud-like burst of foliage, focusing our attention on the simple yet poetic act of noticing the details amid the hurried pace of city life.

MASAMITSU SHIGETA (b. 1992, Tokyo, Japan) received his MFA from New York University (2022) and a BFA from the School of Visual Arts, New York, NY (2018). Recent solo exhibitions include 12.26, Dallas, TX (2023); Gaa Gallery, Cologne (2023); Tyler Park Presents, Los Angeles, CA (2022) and SITUATIONS, New York, NY (2022). Recent group exhibitions include Tutu Gallery, Brooklyn, NY (2023); SITUATIONS, New York, NY (2023); Cob Gallery, London (2023); The Hole, New York, NY (2023); Chinatown Soup Gallery, New York, NY (2022); and The Landing, Los Angeles, CA (2021), among others. In April 2023 the Dallas Museum of Art acquired a work by Shigeta through Dallas Art Fair acquisition Fund. Shigeta lives and works between Hoboken, NJ, and Tokyo, Japan.

SITUATIONS CHELSEA is open to the public Wed - Sat, 11AM - 6PM. On view at 515 W 20th Street, FL 3, is a solo exhibition of Masamitsu Shigeta: *Jewelry Box*, Jan 18 - Feb 24, 2024.

SITUATIONS HENRY ST is open to the public Thurs - Sun, 12 - 6PM. On view at 127 Henry Street, is a solo exhibition of photographs by Karlheinz Weinberger: *Subsequent Icons*, Jan 11 - Feb 25, 2024.

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MASAMITSU SHIGETA

b. Tokyo, Japan, 1992. Lives and works in Hoboken, New Jersey

EDUCATION

2022 MFA New York University, New York, NY
2018 BFA School of Visual Art, New York, NY

SOLO + TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2024 Jewelry Box, SITUATIONS, NY
2023 Reflections, 1226, Dallas, TX
2023 One Day Trip, Gaa Gallery, Köln, DE
2022 Walking Around, Tyler Park Presents, Los Angeles, USA
2022 Dancing Plants, SITUATIONS, New York, New York, USA
2021 Masamitsu Shigeta & J Stoner Blackwell, SITUATIONS, New York, NY
2020 Street Trees, Chinatown Soup, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Voyager I, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China
2023 Backyard Dream Keeps Me Awake, Tutu Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2023 Night, Light, Cob Gallery, London, UK
2023 The Midnight Hour, The Hole, NY
2023 John C. Hutcheson Gallery, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN
2022 PLATFORM, David Zwirner, Online Viewing Room
2022 Diasprell, Chinatown Soup, New York, NY
2021 Broad Daylight, 80WSE, New York, NY
2021 Summer Paper, Dieu Donné, Amagansett, NY
2021 Mrs. Robinson, The Fireplace Project, East Hampton, NY
2021 Thaw: Winter Group Show, The Landing, LA, CA
2020 Wild Tangents, Tutu Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2019 Regardless, Chinatown Soup, New York, NY

ART FAIRS

2023 Dallas Art Fair with 1226, Dallas, TX
2022 NADA Miami with SITUATIONS, NY and Tyler Park Presents, LA
2022 NADA New York with The Landing, LA
2021 NADA Miami with SITUATIONS, NY

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MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX