
RETROSPECTIVE

Jamian Juliano-Villani
Gambler's Choice

January 11 – February 14, 2014
Closing Reception: Friday, February 14, 6 – 8 PM

Retrospective, a new exhibition space in Hudson, NY is pleased to present its inaugural exhibition, *Gambler's Choice*, a solo exhibition of new paintings by Jamian Juliano-Villani on view from January 11 through February 14, with a closing reception with the artist on Friday February 14th from 6-8.

Juliano-Villani's recent work renders hyperaware chaotic scenes in a bright rich palette. Informed by a wide range of sources from ancient Eastern art to 1980s American cartoons, Juliano-Villani resists the notion that all paintings have to be about the history of the medium. While she may borrow elements and reference work from a range of sources including the curvaceous women in Ralph Bakshi's cartoons, she makes use of inherent over-statements in imagery to play games of role reversal. In several compositions, small accessory objects hold equal weight to larger figures. Creatures of different species and ethnicities lounge against backgrounds of patterned curtains, bold plant life and spilt drinks. Although visually complex and layered with references, the artist presents control within chaos.

Jamian Juliano-Villani was born in Newark, New Jersey and received her BFA from Rutgers University in 2011. She currently lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

Retrospective, initiated by Zach Feuer and Joel Mesler, will host investigative exhibitions of work by emerging and mid-career artists. The gallery will use its proximity to and distance from New York City to build dynamic programming that invites in-depth engagement with artists' practices. Moving away from standard models of commercial representation, Retrospective supports project-based work and experimentation. In Hudson, selected artists will have opportunities to produce new artworks, take part in short-term residencies and organize public events.

Upcoming exhibitions at Retrospective:

Van Hanos: February
Jason Middlebrook / Letha Wilson: March
Joe Bradley / Brian Belott: April
Gina Beavers: May
Sebastian Black: June
Nick Darmstaedter: July
Alex da Corte: August
Jean-Baptiste Bernadet: September

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