

Apartment 13 presents:

HAPA PSYCHOSIS HYPNOSIS

A solo exhibition by Gregory Shimada

100 Bowen St., 4 E, Providence, RI 02906

Opening June 14

Gregory Shimada, philosopher or philosophee? Implicating yourself in your own solo exhibition (the way that Greg is doing) is like that of a child accused of/caught up in wrongdoing caught like a deer in headlights in his/her mess. In a frantic bind, the artist has to own or accept or explain the mess, will the mess ring true to other like minded Hapas? The reasoning for "Hapa Psychosis" entails the journey of making a case for phenomena/forces that exist, but the right words to explain it, still nonexistent. Still, this approach is to make the story real in everyone else's head. This practice comes from considering our orientation in society, like, for example, were you a nerdy or swag Asian growing up? Were you treated white by full Asian classmates and started to believe you're maybe more white? Maybe u should try to act more Asian. Maybe you're supposed to pick a side right now and become silently distant to the other. The Hapa Psychosis can point out this very downward spiral.

The depths of Hapa Psychosis can be examined through a set of variables that include brainwash, namesake, self-esteem, attraction, mental illness, and so on. The impact of some of these variables inform the journey of Hapa Hypnosis. Will you hyphenate your name in the art world to illuminate your non-whiteness? Will you become hyper fixated with haoles as sexual/romantic partners? Will you find yourself in a frenzy, falling into a crevasse between two worlds? Will you blame white people or people of your own ilk for it, or is it all your own doing? Will "they" make you feel beautiful? Will you start an AZN art museum after becoming jaded with AAPI poetry? Will you compare yourself to Elliot Roger or Mayli? Or maybe you'll aggressively participate in Otaku culture and find the words there. I know some Hapas can attest to the immense pressure of assimilation or radical repression, it is not always known who gets to run the Hapa mind? Maybe I am becoming brainwashed as I write this, I cast Hapa Magik spells at myself more than anyone else at the end of the day. This show will bring you happiness and inner peace at the very least. Love is the message, and the message is internationalism. Meanwhile, the whole world is forced to sing the same song and see the same sun.

-Joshua Boulos

Apartment 13 is located at 100 Bowen st., unit 4E, the top floor of the right-most staircase. Gregory's show will open Friday 6PM and an afterparty (with music and drinks for sale) for the opening reception will be at Louis Family Restaurant at 9:30 PM. HAPA PSYCHOSIS HYPNOSIS will be open thru September 5th.