

Exhibition checklist

Kyoko Idetsu: Where Words Fail | May 17 - July 12, 2025, Bridget Donahue, New York, New York, May 17 - July 12, 2025



Kyoko Idetsu

Man who gets angry when children touch his car, 2025

Oil on canvas

13 1/4 × 18 × 1 in. (33.66 × 45.72 × 2.54 cm)

"My friend's husband got into an argument with a man in the neighborhood because his son played around a man's car. My friend went to apologize to a man the next day."



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Wall, 2019

Acrylic on paper

16 1/8 × 12 1/2 in. (40.96 × 31.75 cm)



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Ingredients, 2018

Acrylic on paper

15 1/8 × 18 1/4 in. (38.42 × 46.36 cm)

17 3/4 × 20 3/4 × 1 3/4 in. (45.09 × 52.71 × 4.45 cm) (framed)

"I drew this picture because my child has allergies and I find it hard to look at the ingredient labels when I go shopping."



Kyoko Idetsu

Untitled, 2018

Acrylic on paper

18 × 14 7/8 in. (45.72 × 37.78 cm)

"My daughter was drawing a picture of her room. I imitated her drawing style and drew a picture of the room."



Kyoko Idetsu

What I would say to myself, 2018

Acrylic on paper

15 1/4 × 18 1/4 in. (38.74 × 46.36 cm)

"I had a lot to teach myself when I was a new mom."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Toxic?*, 2018

Acrylic on paper

17 7/8 × 14 7/8 in. (45.40 × 37.78 cm)

20 1/2 × 17 1/2 × 1 3/4 in. (52.07 × 44.45 × 4.45 cm) (framed)

"As a parent, we want our children to eat a lot and get proper nutrition. But the harder I try, the more my children don't eat, and the more frustrated and angry I get. Am I toxic?"

**Kyoko Idetsu***Only the Dog Knows*, 2018

Acrylic on paper

14 7/8 × 17 7/8 in. (37.78 × 45.40 cm)

17 3/4 × 20 3/4 × 1 3/4 in. (45.09 × 52.71 × 4.45 cm) (framed)

"Since she sleeps with her dog and her baby at night, it's her private life that only the dog knows."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Concentration*, 2018

Acrylic on paper

18 1/4 × 15 1/4 in. (46.36 × 38.74 cm)

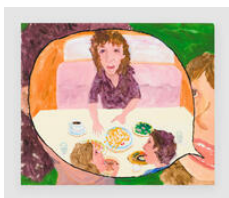
"When my child was a newborn, I walked around very focused on the stroller."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Nothing can stop the rain*, 2018

Acrylic on paper

17 3/4 × 14 7/8 in. (45.09 × 37.78 cm)

"As I fretted over my son, who was unable to stop crying, I thought to myself, 'There is no rain that won't stop.'"

**Kyoko Idetsu***Eating Out*, 2018

Acrylic on paper

15 1/4 × 18 1/4 in. (38.74 × 46.36 cm)

"When I was a child, my mother didn't want me to talk about the fact that we ate out a lot."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Good things coming soon #2, 2025*

Oil on canvas

21 × 18 × 1 in. (53.34 × 45.72 × 2.54 cm)

"The doctor had a very busy practice. People around him worried that he was working too much, but he said, 'Don't worry, I'm sure things will be good.' A little later, he got sick. (Maybe Meniere's disease)"

**Kyoko Idetsu***The world beyond through the hole in the washing machine, 2025*

Oil on canvas

63 3/4 × 51 1/4 × 1 1/4 in. (161.93 × 130.18 × 3.18 cm)

"I read a book by Nobel-prize winning novelist Hangang then was thinking about Jeju Island in Korea while dusting the washing machine. The history of war there is so sad and how it is now a resort. I would still very much like to go."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Beef Bowl Restaurant, 2025*

Oil on canvas

20 × 28 3/4 × 3/4 in. (50.80 × 73.03 × 1.91 cm)

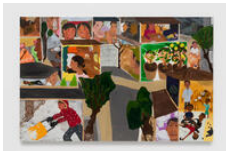
"In that inhuman beef bowl restaurant, an elderly woman and I exchanged a human greeting."

**Kyoko Idetsu***TVs across from each other, 2025*

Oil on canvas

21 × 25 3/4 × 3/4 in. (53.34 × 65.41 × 1.91 cm)

"This couple has two TVs in their bedroom that face each other on the opposite sides of their bed."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Where Words Fail #3, 2025*

Oil on canvas

57 1/4 × 89 1/2 × 1 1/2 in. (145.42 × 227.33 × 3.81 cm)

"When I saw the war-destroyed apartments on the news, I see their daily lives there! They show the damage and at the same time they ask for assistance. We are not communicating well as a world"

**Kyoko Idetsu***He can't stop coughing, 2025*

Oil on canvas

21 × 18 × 1 in. (53.34 × 45.72 × 2.54 cm)

"I was reading a story about a man who went to work in Korea in the 1970s. Relations were so tough between Japan and Korea then; he developed a cough that would not stop. I have a friend who suffered from an unstoppable cough as a newlywed."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Naked Talk*, 2025

Oil on canvas

28 3/4 × 46 × 1 in. (73.03 × 116.84 × 2.54 cm)

"Between my friends and I there has been a lot of frank talk about sex."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Love*, 2024

Oil on canvas

52 1/4 × 64 1/2 × 1 1/4 in. (132.72 × 163.83 × 3.18 cm)

"I read a memoir by someone who experienced war as a child. 'Love should only be allowed when there is peace,' they said, I thought about that line. It reminded of a love story I recently heard from my friend."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Good things coming soon*, 2025

Oil on canvas

18 × 15 × 3/4 in. (45.72 × 38.10 × 1.91 cm)

"I didn't know what he was talking about, but he said 'I have a good thing coming soon.'"

**Kyoko Idetsu***Red Portraits*, 2025

Oil on canvas

Diptych, each: 24 × 19 3/4 × 1 in. (60.96 × 50.17 × 2.54 cm)

Overall: 48 × 19 3/4 × 1 in. (121.92 × 50.17 × 2.54 cm)

"She was always complaining about many things. Someone said, 'Don't just complain, think of solutions. If you just complain, you are just like the Communist Party.'"

**Kyoko Idetsu***Married Couple's Boat*, 2025

Oil on canvas

18 × 24 × 1 in. (45.72 × 60.96 × 2.54 cm)

"I was reading a novel about Minamata disease. There was a scene where the husband takes care of his wife, as a patient, I thought about my mother, who was hospitalized with a broken leg, and my father, who was taking care of her."

**Kyoko Idetsu***Grave*, 2024

Oil on canvas

Triptych: $63 \frac{3}{4} \times 89 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (161.93 \times 227.33 \times 3.81 cm)

"The other day, my child got sick at night and we went to the emergency room. That night I had a dream that I ran into a friend and her family amongst everyone else I saw in the waiting room that day. Here they at a grave-sweeping traditional festival, like they do in Okinawa."