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Tam Ochiai

12 October through 11 November 2000

Team will present a solo exhibition of new paintings by Tam Ochiai from the 12th of October through the 11th of November 2000. Team is located at 527 West 26th Street, cross streets Tenth and Eleventh Avenues, on the ground floor.

Tam Ochiai has made 13 paintings, each one named for a chapter from Georges Bataille's *The Story of the Eye*. Each picture centers itself on an expansive rendering of a woman's head. Centered within the frame, these women gaze out blankly, neither engaging the viewer nor rejecting them. Ochiai's girls achieve a commanding presence both through their arrogance and their scale.

Ochiai's handling of paint and color — a little red trickle at the lips; watery yellow streams of cascading hair; a dripping brown gush of clothing — each hint at Bataille's subject matter. The beauty of Ochiai's depictions is debased by his rendering, however, simultaneously, his paintings are made lyrical. These paintings conflate the artist's obsessions with European fashion magazines, with French literature and film, with the serial idea of collection, and with the bodily implications of American color field painting.

During the past year, Ochiai has shown his work in Geneva, Amsterdam, Milan, Stockholm, Basel and Tokyo. He has been written about in *The New York Times*, *Studio Voice*, *Brutus*, *The Village Voice*, *Art in America*, *FlashArt International* and numerous others. He is jointly represented by Team in New York and Tomio Koyama in Tokyo. The artist divides his time between the Lower East Side and Yokohama. This is Mr. Ochiai's fourth one-person show in New York.

For further information and/or photographs, please call 212.279.9219. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 6pm.