

Bibi Lei

BLOOMBAYA



Ross + Kramer is pleased to announce Bibi Lei's debut solo exhibition with the gallery—*BLOOMBAYA*—opening August 24, 2023 from 6pm to 8pm.

Bibi Lei (b. 1985, Macau, China) is a Portuguese-Chinese artist based in Tokyo, Japan. Lei describes herself as a “childlike soul that never grows old,” which shines through in her dreamy, playful, and iridescent paintings. The self-taught artist works intuitively, using her hands as her primary tool. Unbound gestures form energetic scenes populated by Lei's signature characters, which she often refers to as “the children” or “girls”. With curious eyes, the girls interact with one another and bravely explore the fantastical world of each canvas.

Lei sees her artistic practice as its own interconnected universe, one that continuously evolves with each body of work she creates. In *BLOOMBAYA*, the boundaries of each canvas stand to represent societal constraints, the children squeezed together within them. The girls are now growing too big for their world—“more wild and out of control. They are like primal beasts, naughtier than ever.” An energetic, chromatic vibration permeates the work, leaving the viewer with a feeling of excitement and anticipation. To the children of *BLOOMBAYA*, the artist exclaims:

“Raise my colorful children, and bloom the world with love and bravery.”

Lei's work has been exhibited internationally at venues such as Maison Ozmen; Paris, MDP Gallery Kamakura; Japan, Kantor Gallery; Los Angeles, Lorin Gallery; Los Angeles, Guy Hepner; New York, Maddox Gallery; London, Poppi Gallery; Brussels, Ascaso Gallery; Miami, and most recently Arttrio Gallery; Singapore.

BLOOMBAYA will be on view through September 30, 2023. Ross + Kramer is located at 515 W 27th Street, New York, NY. The gallery will be open 11am–6pm, Monday–Friday until September 1, 2023. Beginning September 5, 2023 the gallery will be open 11am–6pm, Tuesday–Saturday. For more information and images, please contact cielle@rkgallery.com.