

# HAPPYSADEEMPTYFULL

## TIDE



Ross + Kramer is pleased to announce the opening of Japanese artist TIDE's debut solo exhibition, entitled *HAPPYSADEEMPTYFULL* at the gallery's Chelsea location. This is TIDE's debut solo gallery exhibition in the United States. Ross+Kramer previously exhibited his work at the Independent Art Fair in New York in March 2022.

TIDE is a Tokyo-based artist renowned for his signature cat character, which he depicts in monochromatic, domestic settings. Beginning in 2019, TIDE has made grayscale paintings of this cat character, existing within various domestic environments, often punctuated with art historical references. In this newest body of work, the cat, perhaps an avatar for the artist himself, lounges in a cozy bed, swathed in blankets and layers of duvets.

The title of the exhibition comes from a painting, *HAPPYSADEEMPTYFULL*, and reflects the cycles of feelings that one experiences throughout a day. The subject matter feels especially relevant given current events—a housecat, much like humans in a pandemic lockdown, has a somewhat narrowed spectrum of experience.

TIDE works in multiple layers, using airbrush and spray paint to express the illusion of depth in a delicate environment, and employs a variety of brush stroke techniques in order to create the appearance of texture and natural elements. TIDE's work wonderfully demonstrates the value and richness of harmonious composition. His monochromatic palette, coupled with crisp yet gentle silhouettes, ignites a pronounced sense of nostalgia.

Tatsuhiro Ide (born 1984, Japan), known as TIDE, lives and works in Tokyo. TIDE's work has been exhibited internationally in Japan, Korea, and Hong Kong as well as London and New York.

The exhibition will run from January 19 until February 25, 2023. The gallery is located at 515 West 27th Street, New York, NY 10001.