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## **Downstairs Gallery**

Karen Zou Iridescence, 2021 plexiglass rod and radiant iridescent acrylic sheet  $23 \times 88$  in.

Iridescence, 2021 plexiglass rod and radiant iridescent acrylic sheet  $8 \times 88$  in.

Li Zeng Dry Season, 2021 Steel, epoxy resin, fiberglass, turntable, laundry detergent powder, and mixed media Dimensions variable

Cameron Harvey *Figure 6: Testiculis (Aeonium Arborem Zwantkop)*, 2021 Acrylic and rubber on canvas 112in x 24in (120in x 20in x 8in as installed)

Alissa Massey *A million ways out*, 2021 Flashe and acrylic on wood panel, 120 x 60 in.









Logan Criley *Abstract Picture*, 2021 Oil on linen 42 x 48 in.

Emma McIntyre Impious pink, 2021 oil and ink on linen, 11 x 12 in.





Cameron Harvey *Figure 5: Labia (Tradescantia Virginiana)*, 2021 Acrylic on canvas 112 x 124 in. (112 x 114 x 8 in. installed)



Laura Larraz *Reclining Nude*, 2020 Acrylic and oil on canvas 80 x 96 in.

Logan Criley *Chimp*, 2021 Oil on linen 26 x 24 in.





Tita Cicognani *Untitled*, 2021 Single channel video with sound

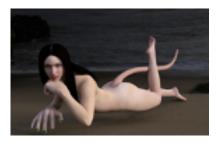
Laura Larraz Anima Dannata, 2021 Flashe, oil stick and paper on canvas 80 x 68 in.

Emma McIntyre The fountain, 2021 oil, oil stick and pastel on linen 18 x 20 in. 2021

**Upstairs Gallery** 

Alissa Massey Seeing in the dark, 2021 Flashe and acrylic on panel 60 x 60 in.

Li Zeng By Then, 2021 Papier-mâché, acrylic, epoxy resin, and found objects 14 x 11 x 7 in.











Jean Chen Homemade Snacks, 2021 Single-channel video

Mark Hannah Monuments of Civilization = Monuments of Barbarism, 2021 Reclaimed pine wood flooring and Feline remains, Aluminum, plywood, Electric fence charger, electrical wire Dimensions variable

Taylor Griffith (33.7909215, -118.4082607), 2021 Cyanotype emulsion on canvas, hog nose rings, sea water Dimensions variable

Emma McIntire *Like watered silk*, 2021 oil and oil stick on linen 78 x 66 in.









David Daigle *SITE,* 2021 Mounted photo with found objects 36 x 36 in.



David Daigle DOOR, 2021 Mounted photo with found objects 72 x 72 in.

Taylor Griffith *Structural Collapse*, 2021 Found ghost traps, fluorescent paint Dimensions variable

Cameron Harvey *Figure 1: Cor (Rhus Integrifolia)*, 2021 Acrylic and water based urethane on canvas 120 x 54 in. (90 x 56 x 36 in installed)







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In her tome <u>SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome</u>, scholar and classicist Mary Beard mused, "In some ways, to explore ancient Rome from the twenty-first century is rather like walking on a tightrope, a very careful balancing act. If you look down one side, everything seems reassuringly familiar.... On the other side, it seems completely alien territory." The same might be said of these strange days of 2021, a period that simultaneously strives towards a "normal" we understand while remaining perpetually alien, obfuscated by a mutating pandemic, a global climate crisis, and political, economic, and philosophical upheaval of every stripe. And like ancient Rome, this epic moment has global reach and cultural significance. It is already history, even as we live through it.

*MMXXI* is a marking of time, with all its gravity and consequence. The year 2021 marks a new understanding of reality as a push-and-pull between the ordinary and the uncertain. The works in this exhibition reflect this mood: they are meditative and manic, familiar and uncanny, minimal and maximal. Some model the colliding of human and animal systems, or strange, open-ended subjectivities. Others reveal bold formal moves in color, motion, composition, or the properties of paint, light, and perception. These works picture the cautious optimism of looking forward and the weight of where we've been, the here and now balanced with what lies on the other side.

- Catherine Taft, Los Angeles, August 2021