

After Yale Staged Its MFA Students' Graduate Show IRL, Perrotin Gallery Revived It Online—See It Here

Keep an eye out for these newly minted MFA graduates from Yale University's celebrated art school.

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As galleries and art institutions around the world begin to reopen, we are spotlighting individual shows—online and IRL—that are worth your attention.

“Yale Painting and Printmaking MFA 2020” ***Online at Perrotin, through July 18***

What Yale Ph.D candidate Alexandra M. Thomas says: “These artists take us elsewhere: to the bar with friends; the electricity of queer nightlife; a crowded swimming pool on a sunny day; the affective space of nostalgia for girlhood; the fashion catwalk. We witness earthly pleasures: flowers in bloom, erotic bodies entangled, trees and the sweet fruits they bear...

The sheer range of materials and forms within the language of painting testifies to a propensity for bricolage. These modes of assemblage, performance, and representation are ancestral and innovative. This generation of artists inherits the language of painting and injects into it new media, anticolonial politics, and a range of creative intimacies...

And what of this uniquely twenty-first century exhibition format, in which a show is delivered to us in an easily consumable hyperlink? I invite you to consider these glorious experiments in expression, gesture, and media offered by the Yale Painting MFA class of 2020. The creative and intellectual labor that forms the impetus for this virtual exhibition mobilizes new modes of looking and feeling in our quarantined and screen-based times.”

Why it's worth a look: With so many students missing out on the rites of passage associated with the final months of the school year, Perrotin has stepped up to offer its online viewing room to graduate students from Yale's prestigious MFA program in painting and printmaking.

The artists on view include Africanus Okokon, Aryana Minai, Carly Sheehan, Chiffon Thomas, Edd Ravn, Hangama Amiri, José Chavez-Verduzco, James Bartolacci, Kathia St. Hilaire, Kern Samuel, Kevin Brisco, Krystal DiFronzo, María de los Ángeles

Rodríguez Jiménez, Rebecca Shippee, Sara Emsaki, Tim Brawner, Trevon Latin, Victoria Martinez, and Ye Qin Zhu.



María de los Àngeles Rodríguez Jiménez, still from *29 Latigazos v.2.*, (2020). Courtesy of the artist.



María de los Àngeles Rodríguez Jiménez, *Menina Y* (2020). Courtesy of the artist.