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Henry Shum

Hex

November 4 - December 21
55 Walker

Andrew Kreps Gallery is pleased to announce *Hex*, an exhibition of new paintings by Henry Shum at 55 Walker.

Henry Shum's work mirrors the experience of contemporary daily life, and the constant mediation of various streams of imagery and information. In his paintings, Shum distills disparate references culled from physical and digital sources, as well as his own imagination into psychologically-charged compositions. Dynamic spatial effects emerge from thin veils of paint, as architectural space collides with natural forms and abstract geometry. Achieved through a chemical manipulation of oil paint, rich areas of saturated pigment sit against faint washes, creating forms that hover between the real and imagined. This interplay between opacity and transparency extends to the works' subjects. While Shum employs a highly personal language, he maneuvers through collective, and individual experiences, building emotive resonance through lurid and atmospheric color. Throughout, Shum positions his work within a liminal space where memory, and history can flow freely to shape a distinct view of the present.

Hex is Henry Shum's (b.1998, Hong Kong) first solo exhibition in the United States. Shum lives and works in Hong Kong, and received his BA from Chelsea College of Arts, London, in 2020. Empty Gallery, Hong Kong presented Shum's first solo exhibition in 2020.

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ENTRANCE

MAIN GALLERY



HENRY SHUM
Shadowplay, 2022

Oil on canvas
35 3/8 x 23 5/8 inches (90 x
60 cm.)
(HES22-005)



HENRY SHUM
*Away Thoroughly from Dust
and Echoes*, 2022

Oil on canvas
78 3/4 x 52 3/8 inches (200 x
133 cm.)
(HES22-010)



HENRY SHUM
Lunar pilgrimage, 2022

Oil on canvas
70 7/8 x 47 1/4 inches (180 x
120 cm.)
(HES22-007)



HENRY SHUM
*Shapeshift (Long to
Disremember)*, 2022

Oil on canvas
47 1/4 x 31 1/2 inches (120 x
80 cm.)
(HES22-002)



HENRY SHUM
Circles (of Woman and Man),
2022

Oil on canvas
78 3/4 x 52 3/8 inches (200 x
133 cm.)
(HES22-006)



HENRY SHUM
Illusion of Illusion, 2022

Oil on canvas
47 1/4 x 31 1/2 inches (120 x
80 cm.)
(HES22-003)



HENRY SHUM
Maar, 2022

Oil on canvas
78 3/4 x 52 3/8 inches (200 x
133 cm.)
(HES22-001)



HENRY SHUM
Ghost, 2022

Oil on canvas
47 1/4 x 70 7/8 inches (120 x
180 cm.)
(HES22-008)

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EDUCATION

2020 BA Chelsea College of Arts, London

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York
2020 *Vortices*, Empty Gallery, Hong Kong

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Fifteen Painters*, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, NY
2020 *Mankind is a God in Ruin*, Candid Arts Trust Gallery, London
2019 *I opened myself up to the gentle indifference of the world*,
Fitzrovia Gallery, London
2018 *Blurred Boundaries*, Bones and Pearl Gallery, London