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Yuma Radne: *The Weight of Water*

August 12 – September 9, 2023

Steve Turner is pleased to present *The Weight of Water*, a solo exhibition by Vienna-based Yuma Radne that features new paintings which are inspired by the memories of her youth spent in Buryatia, a republic in Siberia, that has a significant population of indigenous Mongols to which Radne belongs. She depicts blue nymph-like creatures that inhabit a colorful landscape. Some stand in water, some stand on the land while others ride flying fish. According to Radne:

I grew up in a colorful world. The sky had more than a million colors. Wise people only wore orange and had their beige heads shaved. Yellow, red, blue, and green ribbons adorn the trees on the road leading to the Yanzhima, Goddess of arts, science and wisdom. They are the only colors which contrast with the forest which is largely white and dark-brown. Legend says that Yanzhima came from the sky to the sacred mountain of Barkhan Uula, in the Barguzin Region of Buriad Ulas (Buryatia). Oelun, the mother of the great Ghengis Khan, was born there and so was my father. I used to visit Yanzhima every year, where it is believed that anything you wish for will come true. When I turned thirteen. I asked her to help me become an artist.

Mongolian people have a saying, “Under the great blue sky, there are blue Mongol people.” There is a Mongol blue history. There are blue books and blue grass. Not surprisingly, there is a lot of blue in my paintings. I did not see the connection before I left homeland. Only after I left could I recall that blue was everywhere in my memories.

When I was nineteen, I made a drawing called The Legend of the Baikal Monster. I just made it up, its existence and its name. I grew up around Lake Baikal, and I never heard of any monsters. However I recently decided to look it up and found out that there are indeed ancient legends of Baikal monsters. That's when I first realized that I can make paintings that have more knowledge than I have.

Yuma Radne (born 2001, Ulaan Ude, Buryatia) has been creating art since she was five years old. After gaining notoriety in Ulaan Ude, she was honored with a solo exhibition at the National Museum of the Republic of Buryatia when she was only seventeen years old. Soon after, she moved to St. Petersburg where she studied for one year at the Shtiglitz Academy of Fine Arts before moving to Austria, where studied in Linz for one year, and then transferred to the Art Academy, Vienna where she is still enrolled. In the fall, she will continue her studies in London at Central Saint Martins. Radne had a previous solo exhibition with Steve Turner (*I Am Mad*, May 2023) and will soon present works with Steve Turner at Enter, Copenhagen.

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Yuma Radne

Weight of water, 2023

Oil on canvas

68 ⁷/₈ x 108 ¹/₄ inches (175 x 275 cm)

y.radne013112



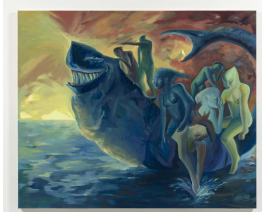
Yuma Radne

Trying to understand, 2023

Oil on canvas

57 ¹/₈ x 63 inches (145 x 160 cm)

y.radne012967



Yuma Radne

The journey of ten thousand songs, 2023

Oil on canvas

78 ³/₄ x 94 ¹/₂ inches (200 x 240 cm)

y.radne013125



Yuma Radne

Teasing her tentacles, 2023

Oil on canvas

59 x 51 ¹/₈ inches (150 x 130 cm)

y.radne013116



Yuma Radne

Subsistence, 2023

Oil on canvas

47 ¹/₄ x 61 inches (120 x 155 cm)

y.radne013115



Yuma Radne

Multimensch, 2023

Oil on canvas

49 ¹/₄ x 41 ³/₈ inches (125 x 105 cm)

y.radne013119

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Yuma Radne
Keep on walking, 2023
Oil on canvas
59 x 55 ¹/₈ inches (150 x 140 cm)
y.radne012970



Yuma Radne
In the water, 2023
Oil on canvas
39 ³/₈ x 39 ³/₈ inches (100 x 100 cm)
y.radne012971



Yuma Radne
If I had a voice, like a prancing saber, 2023
Oil on canvas
59 x 63 inches (150 x 160 cm)
y.radne012993



Yuma Radne
From the eyes of a fish, 2023
Oil on canvas
65 x 43 ¹/₄ inches (165 x 110 cm)
y.radne013114



Yuma Radne
Feeling blue, 2023
Oil on canvas
45 ¹/₄ x 31 ¹/₂ inches (115 x 80 cm)
y.radne013118



Yuma Radne
Dance, dance to my song hypnotique, 2023
Oil on canvas
68 ⁷/₈ x 126 inches (175 x 320 cm)
y.radne013123

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Yuma Radne
Covered with petals, sea and sky, 2023
Oil on canvas
43 ¹/₄ x 43 ¹/₄ inches (110 x 110 cm)
y.radne013117



Yuma Radne
Armwrestling, 2023
Oil on canvas
59 x 65 inches (150 x 165 cm)
y.radne013122