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Julia Kowalska: Secrets Of Our Loves

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Steve Turner is pleased to present *Secrets Of Our Loves*, a solo exhibition by Warsaw-based Julia Kowalska that features new paintings inspired by the mystery of love. The paintings consist of thin translucent layers of oil paint in unexpected colors that depict dimly lit images of bodies, faces and places. According to Kowalska, The images were born under the cover of night where romance, melancholy, calm and restlessness coexist.

Julia Kowalska (b. 1998, Warsaw), graduated with an MFA from the Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw (2022) and has had solo exhibitions at Kravitz Contemporary, London (2023) and Galeria Karowa, Warsaw (2022). She has also had works included in group exhibitions at The Curators Room, Barcelona (2023); Kravitz Contemporary, London (2022) and at the Hotel Warszawa Art Fair with Śmierć Człowieka (2022). This is her first exhibition with Steve Turner and her first in the United States.

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Julia Kowalska **Skin on the Chest Starts to Glow**, 2024 Oil on canvas $47^{1}/_{4} \times 70^{7}/_{8}$ inches (120 x 180 cm) j.kowalska013525



Julia Kowalska **Chew, Swallow, Let This Joy Last**, 2024 Oil on canvas $35^{3}/_{8} \times 31^{1}/_{2}$ inches (90 x 80 cm) j.kowalska013526



Julia Kowalska **Warm, Salty Forehead**, 2024 Oil on canvas $55^{1}/_{8} \times 47^{1}/_{4}$ inches (140 x 120 cm) j.kowalska013527



Julia Kowalska **To Give to Eat or to Allow Oneself to Be Eaten**, 2024 Oil on canvas $39^3/_8 \times 47^1/_4$ inches (100 x 120 cm) j.kowalska013528



Julia Kowalska **Skin**, 2024 Oil on canvas $35^3/_8 \times 39^3/_8$ inches (90 x 100 cm) j.kowalska013529



Julia Kowalska $\it Splash$, 2024 Oil on canvas $31^{1}/_{2} \times 35^{3}/_{8}$ inches (80 x 90 cm) j.kowalska013530

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Julia Kowalska Cave, 2024 Oil on canvas $31^{7}/_{8} \times 25^{5}/_{8}$ inches (81 x 65 cm) j.kowalska013555