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JADE KIM

MOMENTS

CURATED BY THE LEAGUE OTO

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South Korean artist Jade Kim explores the space between reality and dreamscape in his new solo show *Moments* opening on Thursday May 16th at Allouche Gallery NYC in collaboration with League OTO. Jade's wife is the muse for his work, forming the enchanting protagonist Min, a vessel inviting escapism through her bright, innocent eyes.

Min, the dreamy illustrative character, is a reflection of his wife's hopes and dreams. He paints her delicate and wide-eyed amongst varying landscapes, signaling the transient nature of memory in the midst of an ever-changing world. For Jade, the process of portraiture is about a certain kind of representation - less literal than spiritual. The task at hand then becomes not so much about capturing a photo realistic image of the human form, but a certain emotional essence, a poetic longing. Min carries a protective and loving presence, but with an open, neutral expression. Her viewers are drawn in and given space to imagine their own narratives through her sympathetic gaze and rich environment.

As a subject and muse, Min is straddling reality and dreamscape, adolescence and adulthood. When asked why he chose to portray his wife in this style, Kim responds, "I wanted to remind myself by looking at my paintings [of] what we [had] lost and what we had to protect." As such, Min embodies a liminal realm within the artist's creative consciousness, where he engages with the complex themes of love, bereavement, and optimism. In doing so he captures the multifaceted essence of love, encompassing notions of sacrifice, anticipation, wistfulness, and the aspiration towards a shared existence beyond oneself.



Jade Kim
My Guardian Kirin, 2024
Oil on canvas
57.3 x 44.1 inches



Jade Kim
Sun Drop, 2024
Oil on canvas
57.3 x 44.1 inches



Jade Kim
A Blue Wait, 2024
Oil on canvas
46 x 35.8 inches



Jade Kim
Conflicting Emotions, 2024
Oil on canvas
46 x 35.8 inches



Jade Kim
Min Fairy, 2024
Oil on canvas
46 x 35.8 inches



Jade Kim
A Fleeting Dream, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
Blue, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
My Koi, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
Relaxation, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
Sakura Series, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
Space, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
Waiting Alone, 2024
Oil on canvas
39.4 x 31.6 inches



Jade Kim
One Spring Day, 2024
Oil on canvas
31.6 x 39.4 inches



Jade Kim
The Moment We Made Eye Contact, 2024
Oil on canvas
28.6 x 35.8 inches



Jade Kim
Snow Flower, 2024
Oil on canvas
31.5 inches diameter