New Collectors Presents

Cocoon, a Group Show by the
Installation Class of the School of
Visual Arts MFA Program
October 28 – November 03, 2021

Opening Reception: Thursday, October 28, 6–8pm

Installations by:
Alamo Artworks
M Sawyer Ballance
Ellen Carpenter
Helia Chitsazan
Sangho Han
Hwichan Ko (GEKSA)
James Jaxxa
Kostas Lales
Weina Li
Maomì Melody Marissa
Dani Melen
Paulina Mendoza Valdez
Se Young YIM

New Collectors is pleased to present *Cocoon*, a group show by 13 MFA students from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. The installation class, taught by the artist, **James Clark**, will be presenting a diverse range of mediums installed in unconventional ways throughout the gallery. The exhibition will open with a reception on Thursday, October 28th, from 6pm to 8pm, and will be on view at 191 Henry Street through Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

"Cocoon emerged as the title for the show as it encapsulated the meanings, feelings and observations expressed by the class during several discussions. After an unprecedented global human experience, we find ourselves moving more cautiously as we get our liberties back. We are encountering each other in shared spaces once again, but also keep relying on distance for comfort. We cocoon in this gallery, we cocoon in our studios and cocoon outside. Rather than a close-knit group show, each artwork cocoons free from each other thinking of protection, regeneration, preparation and metamorphosis. Artworks in the gallery move through the space exploring remaining feelings of isolation, escape and claustrophobia."

Participating artists include Alamo Artworks, M Sawyer Ballance, Ellen Carpenter, Helia Chitsazan, Sangho Han, Hwichan Ko (GEKSA), James Jaxxa, Kostas Lales, Weina Li, Maomì Melody Marissa, Dani Melen, Paulina Mendoza Valdez, and Se young YIM.

About the School of Visual Arts: The School of Visual Arts MFA Fine Art program reflects the diversity of New York's many art worlds. Together, the faculty and students form a community of established and emerging artists from many backgrounds who work across disciplines and modes of practice. It's main goals are to provide a stimulating and supportive environment in which students can thrive and develop as artists, to foster rigorous critical engagement with contemporary art and other cultural forms, and to produce an ongoing conversation, through work as much as through words, about what we make, how we make it, and why.

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#### **Hours:**

Wednesday-Sunday, 12-6

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