Yulf Yamagata *Ghosts Don't Wear Watches* October 30 - December 21, 2024

Anton Kern Gallery



Ghosts Don't Wear Watches, 2024 Elastane, chrome spray, silicone fiber, sewing thread, dyed cotton, glazed ceramic, anti-UV spray 82 5/8 x 49 1/4 x 4 inches (210 x 125 x 10 cm)



Yuli Yamagata *Pizza Fisherman*, 2024 Dyed epoxy resin, sneaker, plaster, bamboo, papier-mâché, fiberglass, metal, lotus root 59 x 21 5/8 x 15 3/4 inches (150 x 55 x 40 cm)



Yuli Yamagata *Ribs*, 2024 Elastane, fabric paint, silicone fiber, sewing thread, white glue, acrylic paint, glazed ceramics, anti-UV spray 39 3/8 x 27 1/2 x 1 5/8 inches (100 x 70 x 4 cm)





Yellow Mouth, 2024 Elastane, dyed elastane, velvet, glazed ceramics, acrylic plaster, white glue, fabric paint, anti-UV spray 35 3/8 x 31 1/2 x 1 5/8 inches (90 x 80 x 4 cm)



Yuli Yamagata *Tomato Spaghetti Puddle*, 2024 Dyed epoxy resin, bone, dried flowers, bamboo, cold porcelain, papier-mâché, glazed ceramic 54 3/8 x 31 1/2 x 1 5/8 inches (138 x 80 x 4 cm)



Bullet in the Forehead, 2024 Elastane, bamboo, chrome spray, silicone fiber, lamé fabric, sewing thread, anti-UV spray 90 1/2 x 55 1/8 x 7 7/8 inches (230 x 140 x 20 cm)





Microwave Motocross Horror Show, 2024 Iron, dyed cotton, elastane, silicone fiber, resin, EVA, aluminum paper, anti-UV spray, sewing thread, dyed epoxy resin 59 x 59 x 21 5/8 inches (150 x 150 x 55 cm)



Snooker at Night, 2024 Elastane, dyed elastane, silk, velvet, felt, silicone fiber, sewing thread, glue, anti-UV spray 82 5/8 x 55 1/8 x 4 inches (210 x 140 x 10 cm)





Crazy Tomato, 2024 Digital print, acrylic paint, and ink 21 x 17 3/8 x 7 7/8 inches (53.3 x 44.1 x 20 cm)





Butoh Chair, 2024 Wood, silicone fiber, glass fiber, resin, aluminum paper, plaster, dried flower, cold porcelain, anti-UV spray 31 1/2 x 26 3/4 x 23 5/8 inches (80 x 68 x 60 cm)







Yuli Yamagata Rock (to Vivienne W), 2024 Elastane, silicone fiber, sewing thread, anti-UV spray 68 1/8 x 51 1/8 x 5 7/8 inches (173 x 130 x 15 cm)



lkebana in the rain, 2024 Glazed ceramic, dried lotus root and flowers, pigmented epoxy resin, snail shell, aluminum, copper, brush, chopstick, cold porcelin 11 $3/4 \times 9 \times 9 1/2$ inches (30 x 23 x 24 cm)







Many Moods Gift, 2024 Elastane, acrylic, oil, oil pastel, silk, silicone fiber, sewing thread, felt, snail shell, corn, resin, anti-UV spray, chopsticks on canvas 23 5/8 x 23 5/8 x 4 inches (60 x 60 x 10 cm)



Estrada, 2024 Elastane, silk, sewing thread, batik fabric, silicon fiber, anti-UV spray, glazed ceramic on canvas 15 3/4 x 9 7/8 x 1 1/8 inches (40 x 25 x 3 cm)



Reflexology Ikebana, 2024 Glazed ceramic, flip flop, snail shell, aqua resin, metal nails, aluminum, bone, plaster, fiberglass 7 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches (20 x 20 cm)



Three Flags Ikebana, 2024 Silk, bamboo, glazed ceramic, papier-mâché, epoxy resin, anti-UV spray 29 1/8 x 11 3/4 x 13 3/4 inches (74 x 30 x 35 cm)



Space Telephone Ikebana, 2024 Bamboo, dyed epoxy resin, glazed ceramic, papiermâché, telephone wire, elastane, aluminum 18 1/8 x 9 7/8 x 8 1/4 inches (46 x 25 x 21 cm)



Ikebana Snail, 2024 Snail shell, corn, glazed ceramic, epoxy resin, aluminum 15 3/4 x 10 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches (40 x 26 x 26 cm)



Yuli Yamagata Mobile, 2024 Mixed media Variable dimensions





Yuli Yamagata Mother Nature Fingers, 2024 Acrylic, dyed cotton, elastane, print on oxford fabric, velvet, silicone fiber, anti-UV spray 82 5/8 x 51 1/8 x 4 3/4 inches (210 x 130 x 12 cm)





Silent Soup, 2024 Plaster, flower, dried lotus root, resin, acrylic, plush, velvet, wood, bamboo, anti-UV spray 11 3/4 x 15 3/4 x 6 1/4 inches (30 x 40 x 16 cm)



Shadow Ikebana, 2024 Cardboard box, aqua resin, papier-mâché, plaster, glazed ceramics, rice paper monotype, wood, dried flowers, epoxy resin 42 x 32 3/4 x 23 1/4 inches (106.7 x 83.2 x 59.1 cm)







Sunflower and a Surprise, 2024 Bamboo, cold porcelain, elastane, silk, silicone fiber, lamé fabric, acrylic, resin, anti-UV spray, wood on canvas 35 3/8 x 42 1/8 x 7 7/8 inches (90 x 107 x 20 cm)





Day Night, 2024 Elastane, dyed elastane, graphite, acrylic, glazed ceramic, silicone fiber, glue, anti-UV spray 27 1/2 x 27 1/2 x 1 1/8 inches (70 x 70 x 3 cm)





Time Machine Chair, 2024 Aluminum $35 3/8 \times 16 7/8 \times 26 3/4$ inches $(90 \times 43 \times 68 \text{ cm})$ Edition of 5 plus 1 AP







Pizza Stool, 2024 Aluminum 18 7/8 x 15 3/4 x 15 3/4 inches (48 x 40 x 40 cm) Edition of 5 plus 1 AP







Yuli Yamagata Frooty Looping Serial Death, 2024 Video 06:39 (looping) Edition of 3 plus 1 AP

Yuli Yamagata: Ghosts Don't Wear Watches October 30 - December 21, 2024

Anton Kern Gallery is pleased to announce the Brazilian artist Yuli Yamagata's (b.1989, São Paulo) third solo exhibition in New York. The artist's latest exhibition, her most ambitious to date, features new fabric paintings, ikebana and mixed media sculptures (including a motorcycle, a mobile, and a fountain), functional chairs and stools, and her first ever video work entitled Frooty Looping Serial Death. United by the principle of cycles, this new body of work offers a meditation on the ephemeral and the eternal.

Yamagata's choice of materials offers visitors sensory pleasures and bracing confrontations. Poly-filstuffed Lycra creates the undulating surfaces of her fabric paintings; organics and synthetics intermix forming objects that evoke atavisticmemories. Her mixed media sculptures express various ways in which the body consumes and interacts with everyday objects. Simulated corn, pizza, and spaghetti represent nourishment; telephones, keyboards, and acupressure boards remind us of tactile feedback. The body - both animal and human - is referenced in her use of sun- bleached bones, seashells and pods, cast limbs, and shiny pools of resin resembling bodily fluids.

Through hyperbolic use of food and body parts in her sculptures, these amalgamated forms become sympathetic characters, their positioning and colors evoking anxiety, anger, excitement and loneliness. Her visual language embraces decay, balances horror with humor, and animates inanimate objects. Mixing references and philosophies from Western and Eastern cultures; from SpongeBob SquarePants, a 15th century fresco, and H.R. Giger, to Manga, Kishontenketsu and Butoh, the results reflect a thoroughly contemporary hybridity.

The centerpiece of the exhibition is her seven-minute video Frooty Looping Serial Death, a spiraling story within a story, which alternates between the waking and dream states of a snail. Yamagata's storytelling combines handmade puppets and props with human actors, her own pets, and stop animation to create a maelstrom of Freudian imagery. The artist has conceived of the story to be circular, with no clear beginning and end, therefore, each visitor's experience will differ, depending on at which point they enter the installation.

Yamagata's works steer our focus away from the realm of human drama and towards the natural world, embracing processes that are inevitable. Self-Digestion Fountain, a fiberglass and polyester resin fountain positioned at the entrance to the gallery, is a foundational piece for the exhibition. It is metaphoric ouroboros, a cascade of mysterious white fluid pours out into its basin and back up the intake tube, in a continuous self-replenishing cycle.