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VULTURE PICKS

25 Notable New Releases Over the Next Two Weeks

Me, Myself and I

Paintings by Polina Barskaya, Aubrey Levinthal, and Justin Liam O'Brien.

For almost two decades, Monya Rowe Gallery, one of the best archaeologists of new figurative painters, has flown a little under the radar. This three-person show gives us painterly perfections of regret in small works by three super-promising young artists. Portraits of family, lovers, and the artists themselves — here are paintings that metamorphose into idols of loneliness, love, vulnerability, and the deeper pleasures and pains of being inspired while in seclusion.

—J.S. Monya Rowe Gallery, 224 West 30th Street, No. 1005, through February 13.



Aubrey Levinthal, "Beach Lady with Cloud" (2020). Oil on panel.