

MONYA ROWE GALLERY

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For Immediate Release

AUBREY LEVINTHAL

Vacancy

September 10 – October 31, 2020

Opening receptions are temporarily suspended.

Monya Rowe Gallery is excited to announce a solo exhibition of new paintings by **Aubrey Levinthal** titled *Vacancy*. The exhibition opens to the public on Thursday, September 10th at 12 PM. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 12 - 6 PM. No appointment necessary.

For this exhibition, Levinthal continues to extract ideas from the quotidian as inspiration for her paintings. Male and female figures appear independently and interlocking. Drawn from memory, moments are frozen in time, relatable, and on the edge of consciousness. Illuminating the silence of daily interiority, Levinthal's paintings depict a divided self.

In *Weighty Table* (2020) a figure is depicted crawling underneath a dining table ostensibly holding up the weight of the table. A metaphor for carrying some sort of psychological burden. At the edge of the painting, just a hint of another person's presence is depicted by a hand clasping a mug. Levinthal embraces Art History tropes such as the universally identified image of the table and the still life. Echoes of Pierre Bonnard (1867- 1947) and Fairfield Porter (1907-1975) linger among Levinthal's tenderly observed domestic scenes. Pairing anxiety and drudgery alongside contentment and nuance, Levinthal's sublime paintings command a thoughtful and closely observed viewing experience.

Playing with light, color and space, Levinthal's work lingers somewhere between abstraction and figuration. Beyond the flatness and patterns, and after prolonged looking, one realizes how complex the paintings actually are. To really look is to be rewarded.

Aubrey Levinthal (b. 1986, Philadelphia, PA) received an MFA from the *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA)*, Philadelphia, PA and a BA from *The Pennsylvania State University*, University Park, PA. She is the recipient of an *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant* and completed a residency at *Ballinglen Arts Foundation*, North County Mayo, Republic of Ireland. Levinthal's work has recently been exhibited in group exhibitions at *Anna Zorina Gallery*, NY; *The Painting Center*, NY; *Mrs. Gallery*, Queens; *Nancy Margolis Gallery*, NY; and *Monya Rowe Gallery*, NY. Upcoming group exhibitions include "Fête Galante" at *Heaven Gallery*, Chicago, curated by Gwendolyn Zabicki. This is Levinthal's first solo exhibition at *Monya Rowe Gallery*. The artist lives and works in Philadelphia, PA.

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