

MONYA ROWE GALLERY

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Me, Myself and I

POLINA BARSKAYA, AUBREY LEVINTHAL and JUSTIN LIAM O'BRIEN

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Opening receptions are temporarily suspended

Monya Rowe Gallery is pleased to announce a three-person exhibition titled *Me, Myself and I* featuring new paintings by **Polina Barskaya, Aubrey Levinthal** and **Justin Liam O'Brien**.

Me, Myself and I celebrates contradiction, anxiety, longing, joy, power and vulnerability. The three artists in the exhibition all look inward to their own personal lives to construct narratives. Finding complexity in the quotidian, each artist harnesses their psychological experiences to engender their work and create a space for personal significance. By exploring multidimensional notions of the self and autonomy, the works in the exhibition reveal a fundamentally universal experience.

Polina Barskaya (b. 1984, Cherkassy, Ukraine) received a MFA from *Pratt Institute*, Brooklyn, NY and a BA from *Hunter College*, NY. In 2020 she was awarded an *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant*. Recent group exhibitions include *Anna Zorina Gallery*, NY; *Althuis Hofland Fine Arts*, Amsterdam; *Marianne Boesky Gallery*, NY; and *Monya Rowe Gallery*, NY. Her work was selected by Jerry Saltz of *New York Magazine* for the recent *New American Paintings* Northeast Edition (2020). Upcoming exhibitions include a solo exhibition at *Monya Rowe Gallery* in October 2021. Barskaya lives and works in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, NY.

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 a three-time recipient of an *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant* and in 2017 was awarded a residency at *Ballinglen Arts Foundation*, North County Mayo, Republic of Ireland. Recent group exhibitions include *Anna Zorina Gallery*, NY; *Heaven Gallery*, Chicago; and *Monya Rowe Gallery*, NY. Levinthal's work is included in an upcoming group exhibition at the *Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)*, Boston in 2022. The artist lives and works in Philadelphia, PA.

Justin Liam O'Brien (b. 1991, Flushing, NY) received a BFA from *Pratt Institute*, Brooklyn, NY and an AS in Visual Arts from *SUNY Suffolk*, Selden, NY. Recent group exhibitions include *Miles McEnery Gallery*, NY; *Richard Heller Gallery*, LA; and *Galerie LJ*, Paris. Recent solo exhibitions include *Gynp Gallery*, Berlin, *Richard Heller Gallery*, LA; and *Monya Rowe Gallery*, NY. O'Brien's work has been reviewed in *Juxtapoz*, *Artforum*, and *Elephant Magazine*, among others. His work was selected by Jerry Saltz of *New York Magazine* for the recent *New American Paintings* Northeast Edition (2020). *Raw Meat Collective* recently published a book, *Losing in the Form of Darkness*, based on O'Brien's sketchbook. The artist lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

Gallery hours
Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 6 PM
No appointment required

Upcoming

Two-person exhibition: ANNE BUCKWALTER and GRETCHEN SCHERER

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