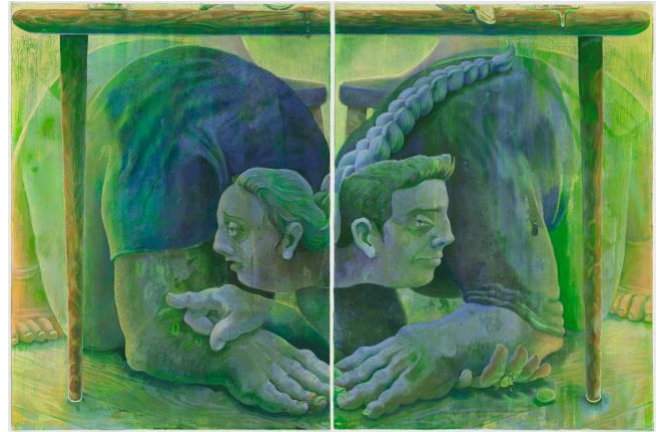


New York Online Exhibition

Erin Milez

MY RIGHT, YOUR LEFT

October 6 – November 12, 2022



Erin Milez, Oh, Grape, 2022, Flashe, acrylic inks, colored pencil, and watercolor crayon on paper, Two parts, each: 24 x 18 in, Overall dimensions: 24 x 36 in.

Arsenal Contemporary Art New York is pleased to present Erin Milez's solo project, *My Right, Your Left*. Milez's recent work has addressed the interpersonal dynamics of domestic partners, within the context of proliferated networked communication. Featuring a suite of new multi-media paintings on paper, the exhibition focuses on physical engagement in order to explore modes of emotional intimacy.

Milez's practice is concerned with the choreography of figures and their non-verbal communication. Their work focuses on the significance of everyday life and the menial tasks required by it, which they argue are not mundane but rather significantly represent a sense of creation and love. Furthermore, Milez has reflected upon the relationship between intimacy and body language through the metaphor of duet ballet performances.

With this new series of works, Milez portrays an unsynchronized and, at times, clumsy engagement of couples' bodies. The organic connection of a couple holding hands is not apparent, rather we can view the figures' hands and heads awkwardly morphing into one another, suggesting a sense of miscommunication. The intensely labored paintings present couples echoing each other's body language but failing to be in concert with each other, highlighting the nuances of artistic and human expression.

Erin Milez (b. 1994, Pittsburgh, PA) lives and works in Bayonne, NJ. Milez received an MFA from New York Academy of Art, NY and a BA from Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA. Recent exhibitions include Lorin Gallery (Los Angeles, CA), Daniel Raphael Gallery (London, United Kingdom) and Monya Rowe Gallery (New York, NY). In 2020 they were the recipient of the Elizabeth Greenshields Grant.

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