

# Emergence

29 JULY - 17 SEPTEMBER 2021



OPENING RECEPTION

**Thursday 29 July, 12-8pm**

LOCATION

**24 Berwick Street, London W1F 8RD**

Emergence is a nebulous concept. It is perhaps best articulated as a list of ideas: coming up, coming out, coming to light. Revealing, uncovering, disclosing. Quietly, slowly, gradually.

19th Century, philosopher G. H. Lewes gave the term a more narrow definition. He said that emergence happens when something that isn't suggested by its constituent parts comes into being. Something new and unanticipated. For example, a lone ant has limited capacity to reason and isn't capable of accomplishing much, but ant colonies have a sort of group-intelligence that helps them to complete complex tasks. When they come together, this intelligence emerges.

Paul Gauguin spoke of the artist as an alchemist, using their materials to create an entirely new entity. Nothing in the oil, pigment, linen canvas and wooden stretcher that make up a painting suggests the profound effect it can have on a viewer. Looking at these components for creation, it is not possible to anticipate what their sum might be at the artist's hands

The artworks in this exhibition, all by new artists to Rise Art's roster, can be thought of as illustrations of the way that something new and significant comes to exist through the combination of unassuming parts. Furthermore, in the exhibition itself each work becomes a constituent part of a wider impression. This impression will vary between different viewers, each picking up different ingredients from each artwork and mentally combining them using a different recipe.

What emerges, though, will always be greater than and different to its components. It will not be reducible to their sum or their difference. It will come up, come out, come to light. Be revealed, uncovered, disclosed. Quietly, slowly, gradually.

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## Notes to Editors

Emergence is the second exhibition at Rise Art's Soho gallery space, located in the heart of Berwick Street. It is a group exhibition featuring work by Iain Andrews, Trine Bork, Robbie Bushe, Bella Carlos, Hira Gedikoglu, Harriet Gillett, Abigail Hampsey, Jack Hughes, Fu Liang, Simona Orentaite, Lucas Pertile, Sabrina Shah, Abbie Schug, Hidetaka Suzuki, Liorah Tchirout, Lasse Thorst, Eleanor Wang, Joanna Whittle, Hannah Wilson and Maddie Yuille

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Image: detail from In Expectation (2020, ink on canvas) by Maddie Yuille

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