

Art & Exhibitions

Artists to Watch This Month: 10 Solo Gallery Exhibitions to See In New York Before the End of the Year

TM Davy, Diamond Stingily, Linus Borgo, Mondongo, and more.

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For his debut solo exhibition in New York, and first with Yossi Milo, Linus Borgo interrogates “Monstrum,” the title of the show and Latin term for “monster.” In his otherworldly and often unsettling figurative paintings, Borgo explores the boundaries of the human body—how it is depicted and arranged, within the context of both reality and fantasy. Employing rich and lavish color palettes, each painting is a window into another world; whether incorporating urban landscapes, secluded forest glens, or residential bathrooms, Borgo maintains an incredible command of atmosphere.

“Monstrum” also includes the first exhibition of the artist’s sculptures in bronze, which feature the artist himself as imaginary creatures such as an angel or merman—the latter of which is a motif he has continually returned to in his practice. Tapping elements of Surrealism and mythology, as well as pervasive and personal perceptions of the human body, Borgo’s captivating, even sublime vignettes offer new approaches to ideas around bodily aesthetics, transformation, trauma, and transition.