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Eve Ackroyd's Paintings and Kara Rooney's Sculptures Stage an Artists' Duel Over Ideas of the Body—See Them Here

Show of the Day: "Group Motivation" at Cindy Rucker Gallery, New York.

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Eve Ackroyd, Daydreaming (2017). Courtesy of Cindy Rucker Gallery.



EVE ACKROYD AND KARA ROONEY

"Group Motivation"

Cindy Rucker Gallery, New York

What the Gallery Says: "Group Motivation,' featuring works by New York-based artists Eve Ackroyd and Kara Rooney, explores the body as a vehicle for expression, restriction, politics, and individual and collective freedom. Eve Ackroyd's paintings depict women's figures in intimate, colorful surroundings...Both delicate and anchored in reality, they serve as reminders of how bodies negotiate space. Kara Rooney's Hydrocal and resin sculptures inscribe the body through gestural absence. Implied in their surfaces and human-scaled forms is the spectre of movement, left as a residual echo from the works' utilization in the artist's multidisciplinary performances and collaborative actions."

Why It's Worth a Look: The two bodies of work genuinely set each other off. Within the small space of the Lower East Side gallery, there's a tension between Ackroyd's delicate and dreamy figuration and Rooney's rough and ambiguous surfaces that's truly intriguing.

What It Looks Like:



Installation view of "Group Motivation" at Cindy Rucker Gallery, featuring paintings by Eve Ackroyd and sculptures by Kara Rooney. Courtesy of Cindy Rucker Gallery.





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Kara Rooney, Alter No. 9 (2016). Courtesy of Cindy Rucker Gallery.



Kara Rooney, Alter No. 5 (2015). Courtesy of Cindy Rucker Gallery.





Eve Ackroyd, Folded Arms (2017). Courtesy of Cindy Rucker Gallery.



Eve Ackroyd, Unity (2017).



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"Group Motivation" is on view through February 4, 2018.

Cindy Rucker Gallery is located at 141 Attorney Street, New York.

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