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Eric Wert
Other Life

September 24 – October 17, 2020

Gallery Henoch is pleased to present *Other Life*, a solo exhibition by artist Eric Wert. With 15 oil paintings and 2 graphite drawings, it will be his largest exhibit to date and his first solo show in New York. The exhibition will run from September 24th – October 17th.

In the 2018 monograph, *Eric Wert: Still Life*, published by Pomegranate Books, Richard Speer writes:



It is a misnomer to call Eric Wert's still lifes "still," for they fairly buzz with compositional dynamism: jubilant messes of blooms and stems arranged willy-nilly, opulent vases toppled on reflective tiles, rivulets of spilled water shining glassy-smooth, droplets akimbo reflecting luxurious fabrics. Each work is a feast of horticultural bounty recontextualized by the human gaze. More concretely, they are products of extraordinary skill, a time-intensive process, and an uncommon sense of visual drama which have won the respect of fans and collectors around the world. Each of Wert's compositions begins with a prototype still life, which he stages in his Portland, Oregon studio, and photographs in many variations of angle, lighting and positioning. He fashions these myriad images into a working amalgam, tweaking its elements in a selective editorial improvisation, and exaggerating perspective, reflections, chroma, contrast and other variables to maximize visual impact. The result of this meticulous fine-tuning is a complex set of components coalescing into a tableau that appears effortlessly "realistic."

Eric Wert received his BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and his MFA from Northwestern University. With a career spanning over 20 years, Wert's work has been featured in 13 solo exhibitions as well as in over 100 group shows and art fairs throughout the U.S. and abroad.

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