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Monica Bernier: City Views

Apr 23 – May 18, 2024

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 25, 5-8 pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11-6pm

The Bowery Gallery presents the recent work of Monica Bernier in a series of paintings of New York City that are all deeply engaged with architectural space and color. Largely they look at the artist's native home and are all keenly aware of the structures that surround us in that environment. Often the compositions are conceived of from vantage points on elevated structures like the Metro North platform in Harlem or from Bernier's eighth floor studio window.

From her travels she has painted rooftop views of Frida Kahlo's and Diego Rivera's studios in Mexico City with striking opposing views.

"I was born and grew up in Manhattan so my natural environment is the stone and brick 'cliff dwellings' of the upper west side. In this body of work my intent is to find beautiful geometric compositions and heightened color in the buildings with only the sky, the light and occasional hints of trees or shrubs to reference nature. In these unpeopled city scenes, the manmade structures and my decisions as a painter are the human presence."

For further information and images of the works in the exhibition please visit our website at www.bowerygallery.org. For additional images and information visit www.monicabernier.com.

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