



**AAPI MONTH GROUP EXHIBITION  
BE WATER, MY FRIEND  
MAY 11 - JUN 23**

Daieny Chin  
Michael Thế Khôi Trần  
Kristen Liu-Wong  
Justin Yoon

Curated by Kaizhou Allegro Yang

**OPENING RECEPTION:  
MAY 11 2-5PM  
YIWEI GALLERY  
1350 ABBOT KINNEY BLVD**

In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Yiwei Gallery is pleased to present "be water, my friend" a group exhibition featuring four Asian American artists, Daieny So Won Chin, Michael Thế Khôi Trần, Justin Yoon, and Kristen Liu-Wong. The exhibition showcases their works on canvas, collectively speaking to their personal memories of identities that reflect autoethnographic narratives of the Asian diaspora.

Originally a quote from Bruce Lee's philosophy, 'Be water, my friend' borrows Lee's idea of the formless nature of water, which takes the shape of anything it enters. 'You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot,' says Lee. While it is a philosophy about adapting, the exhibition brings out an alternative side of the thinking framework, of which we delineate the containers by reading the shape of water: What makes them make what they have made?

Four artists present figurative paintings. Each varies from surrealistic and metaphorical approaches, intertwining mythical references and urban settings.





**Daieny Chin**  
***They Call Them Haenyeo Divers, 2022***

80" x 60"  
Acrylic on canvas  
\$10,500



**Daieny Chin**  
***Mound of Noses (1592-1598), 2022***

72" x50"

Acrylic on canvas

\$9,200



**Daieny Chin**  
***Hybrid Body, 2023***

32" x24"

Acrylic on canvas

\$4,400





**Michael Thế Khôi Trần**  
***REVULSION, 2022***

60" x 48"

Acrylic and marker on canvas

\$4,500





**Michael Thế Khôi Trần**  
***Oxblood: Does it end this way, 2022***

48" x 60"

Acrylic and linoprinting on canvas

\$4,500



**Michael Thế Khôi Trần**  
***Asian Apologies, 2021***

14" x 11"

Marker on canvas

\$500



**Kristen Liu Wong**

***Until I Pop, 2020***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache on cradled wood panel

12"x16"

\$2,500



**Kristen Liu Wong**

***And Who Has Seen the Moon, 2021***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache on cradled wood panel

11"x14"

\$2,200



**Kristen Liu Wong**  
***His Lips Were Quite Cold, 2020***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache on cradled wood panel

11"x14"

\$2,200



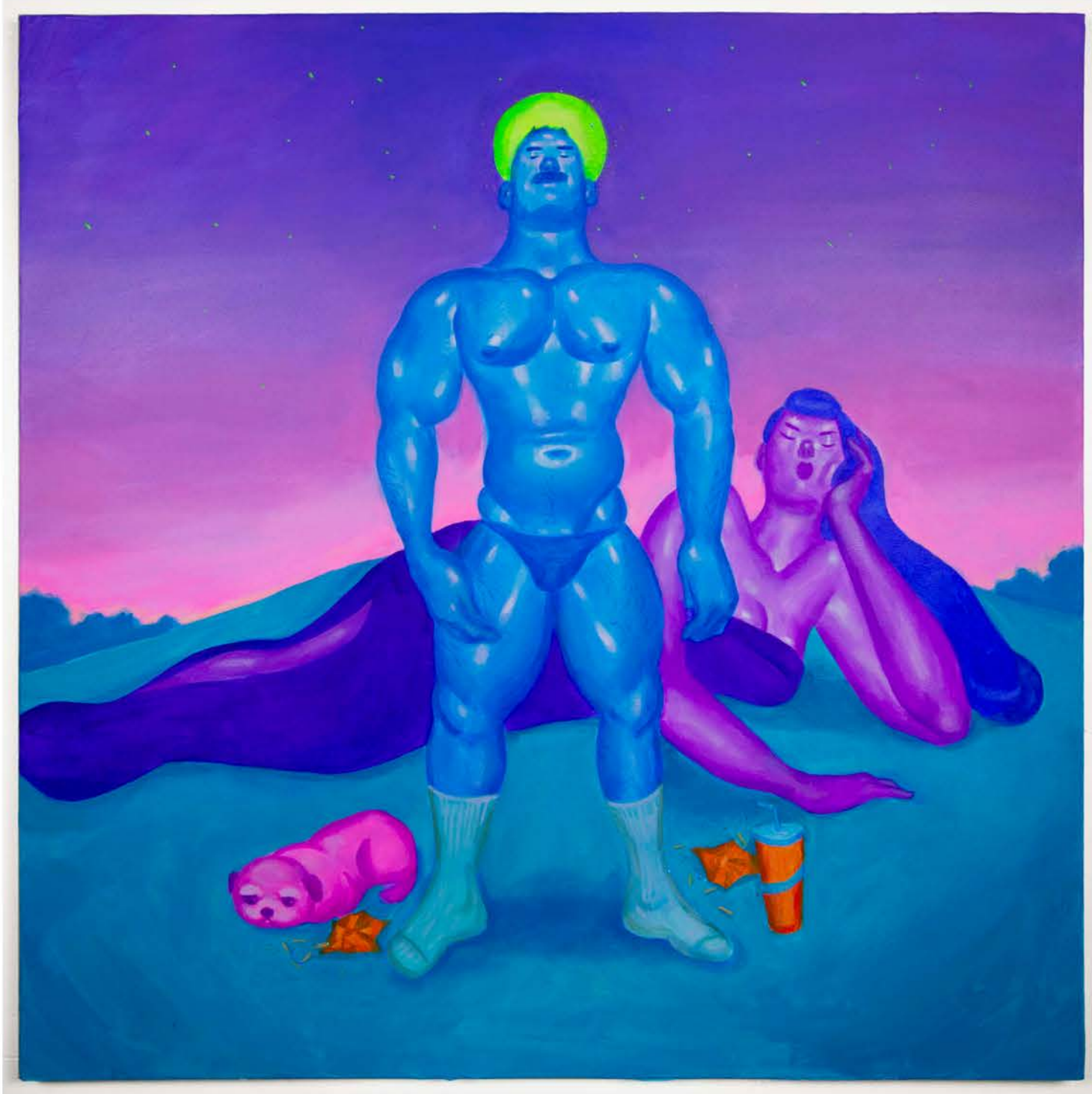
**Kristen Liu Wong**

***She Was Passionate About Her Collection, 2019***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache on cradled wood panel

36"x24"

\$3,500



**Justin Yoon**

***The Moon Belongs to Everyone, 2023***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache, glitter on canvas

40"x40"

\$7,000



**Justin Yoon**  
***Goodbye to Spring, 2023***  
Acrylic, acrylic gouache, glitter on canvas  
40"x40"  
\$7,000





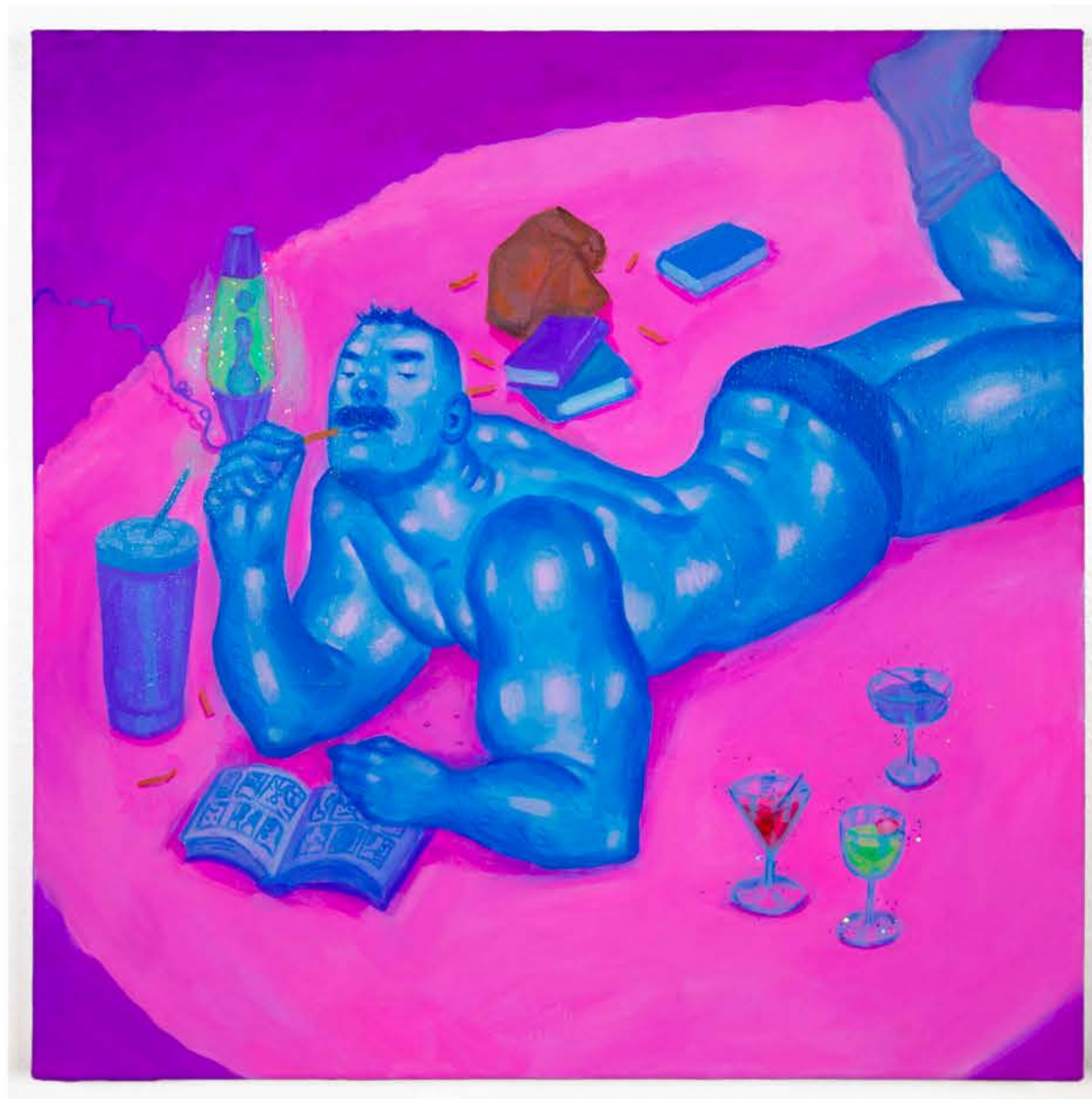
**Justin Yoon**

***The Throne of Theater, 2024***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache, glitter on canvas

24"x24"

\$4,000



**Justin Yoon**

***Violets for Your Furs, 2023***

Acrylic, acrylic gouache, glitter on canvas  
20"x20"

\$3,400

## Also Available



**Daieny Chin**  
***Insidious Nature, 2022***

72" x 48"

Acrylic on canvas

\$9,000



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