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SENEM OEZDOGAN THE NIGHT PAINTINGS

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Presented in collaboration with Uprise Art

LAUNCH F18 and Uprise Art are pleased to present *The Night Paintings*, an exhibition of new work by Senem Oezdogan. In her paintings, Oezdogan employs precise color relationships to explore the absence and presence of light and the alluring mystery of night.

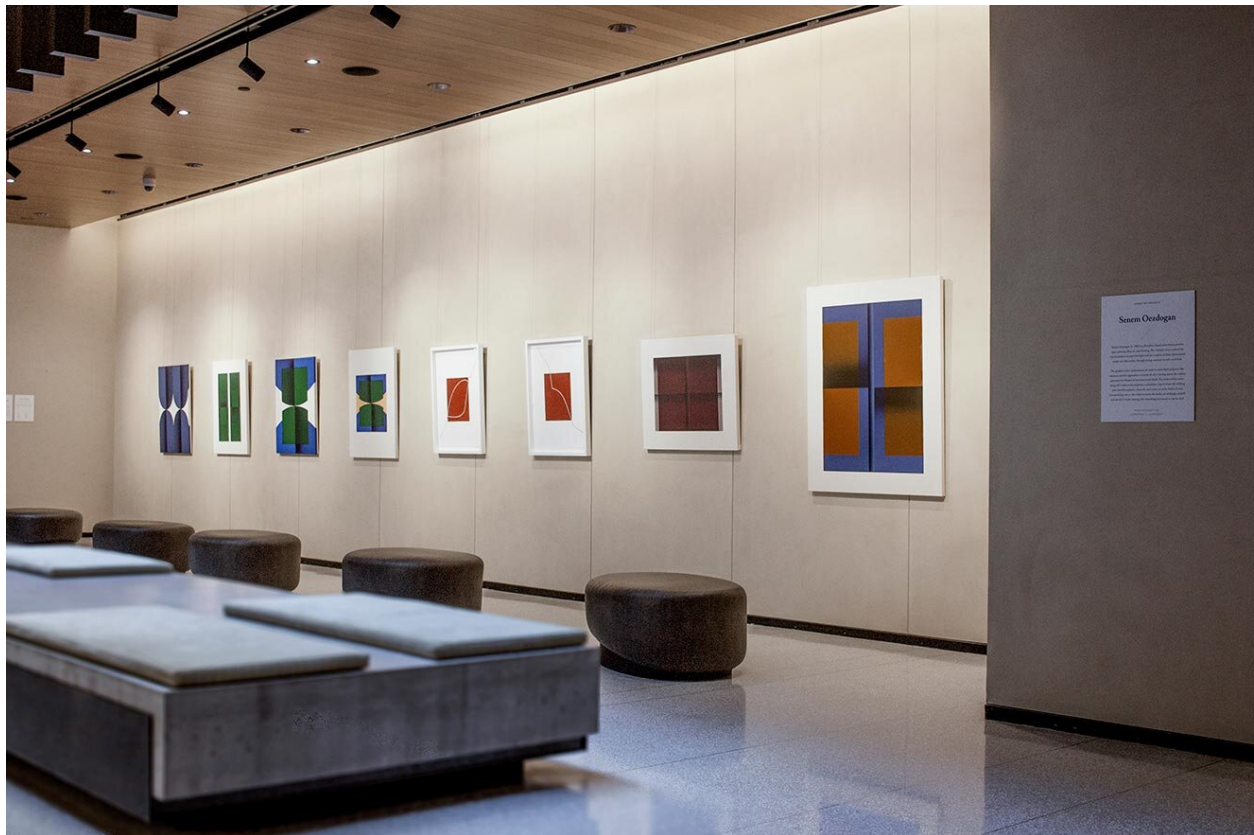
Like eyes adjusting to darkness, Oezdogan's paintings reveal themselves slowly. Cloaked in rich hues of indigo, the paintings are punctuated with radiant pricks of vermillion and ochre tinged yellows. Deep maroons reverberate against the nearly black blues, both simultaneously receding and advancing forward into space. This optical dissonance disrupts the viewer's understanding of Oezdogan's constructed planes, alluding to the disorienting quality of the decreased visibility in darkness.

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The primordial opposition of day and night, light and dark has long preoccupied the collective consciousness on a biological and psychological level. Oezdogan's paintings excavate these emotional and physical phenomena, giving shape to the spectral space of night.

For more information and a preview of this exhibition please email us at: info@launchf18.com

BIOGRAPHY



Senem Oezdogan (b. 1980) is a Brooklyn-based mixed media artist whose works meditate on the visual phenomenon of optical illusions through color and form. Smooth gradients give a sense of volume to the bold shapes depicted in Senem's work that are subsequently flattened by her illusionistic use of spatial composition. Her color palette is equally beguiling, disrupting foreground and background and constantly forcing the viewer to reorient their sense of perspective.

Senem has previously exhibited extensively in exhibitions and art fairs both nationally and internationally, including "Conversations," PULSE Contemporary Art Fair, Miami, FL, (2017);

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"Gradient Works," Gotham West, New York, NY (2019), NS "Homebody: New Prints 2020/Winter," International Print Center New York, New York, (2020) among many others. Senem lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.