

HARSH COLLECTIVE

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Entropy

May 10th - June 8th

Opening Reception May 10th 6 - 8 p.m. at 133 Eldridge St, New York, NY



Left: Nicole James, *Chop, Chop Baby*, 2023 Acrylic on linen, 16 x 20 inches

Right: Gabriela Kramer, *Modern Day Alchemist*, 2023, Spray Paint, Acrylic, Oil Stick, Oil Pastel, Ink, Graphite on Canvas, 48 x 48 inches

New York, New York - Harsh Collective and Collect Bean proudly present *Entropy*, a duo show featuring the works of Brooklyn-based artists Nicole James and Gabriela Kramer at Harsh Collective's new Lower East Side location (133 Eldridge St). Both artists have developed unique approaches to navigating chaos within their art, showcasing their distinct styles and inviting viewers into a captivating dialogue between order and spontaneity.

Nicole James (b. 1987, Los Angeles, CA) embraces chaos in her figurative compositions, even amidst the quest for aesthetic perfection. Using a systematic painting approach, James seamlessly integrates elements from modern photography, pop culture, and self-documentation. Her compositions, born from this fusion, offer viewers a glimpse into the beauty inherent in life's chaos, inviting them to immerse themselves in the captivating allure of disorder while imagining themselves as the subject of the composition.

Gabriela Kramer (b. 1994, San Diego, CA) infuses the vibrancy of city life, her diverse experiences, and pop culture influences into her spontaneous abstract works. Through her paintings, which are abundant with personal stories and provocative titles, Kramer prompts viewers to engage with their own personal narratives. Kramer's abstract expressionist style leads viewers on a transformative journey, exploring vulnerabilities and emotional landscapes from innocence to womanhood.

In contrast to James' structured chaos, Kramer's works embody a spontaneous energy that celebrates the dynamism of life. While James' compositions exhibit meticulous precision, each subtly hints at the inevitable presence of unpredictability. Conversely, Kramer's art feels immediate and vibrant, yet it unfolds into a carefully orchestrated symphony of emotions and experiences upon closer examination. Kramer infuses her art with personal vitality, inviting viewers to explore the complexities of their emotional landscapes.

About Nicole James

Nicole James (b. 1987) is a Los Angeles-born, Brooklyn-based artist recognized for her chaotic still-life paintings. Often focused on capturing fleeting moments, her practice explores the subversive potential of beauty in liminality and disorder. Her work has been shown at O’Flaherty’s and IRL in New York, as well as Lorin Gallery in Los Angeles, and is held in various private collections throughout the country.

About Gabriela Kramer

Gabriela Kramer (b. 1994 San Diego, CA) found refuge through art after a tumultuous childhood. Venturing from home, she thrived in Tel Aviv’s vibrant atmosphere, shaping her artistic style and identity with the city’s diverse energy and influences. Settling in Brooklyn, New York, in 2022, she fully embraced her passion for painting, using mediums like crayons, oil pastels, and colored pencils to blend childhood chaos with adult boundaries. Drawing influence from her upbringing marked by pop culture, television, and navigating life with a single mother, Kramer’s art reflects her experiences. The names of her paintings evoke a sense of connection, inviting viewers to share in her journey and find resonance with their own stories. Through her abstract expressionist works, Kramer aims to convey a journey from innocence to womanhood, allowing viewers to explore vulnerability and navigate their own emotional landscapes within her art.

About Harsh Collective

Harsh Collective is an artist-first gallery that amplifies emerging contemporary artists’ voices and offers a bespoke platform where collectors, artists, and guests are welcome and encouraged to build community. Harsh Collective demystifies the art market’s inner workings, allowing the artist to be at the forefront—bringing attention to their process, inspiration, and story.

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About Collect Bean

Marlee Katz Snow, the driving force behind Collect Bean, is dedicated to demystifying the art world. The platform showcases and supports artists directly from their studios, simplifying the art-collecting process with monthly curated launches that prioritize transparency, authenticity, and accessibility. In addition to its online presence, Collect Bean is deeply involved in artist management and exhibition curation, ensuring that emerging talent receives the support and recognition they deserve. Known for her artist-centric approach, Katz Snow is committed to supporting creative growth and fostering genuine connections within the art world. Leveraging over a decade of expertise in relationship building, business operations, curation, and sales, she empowers artists at every stage, amplifying their impact and honoring their contributions.

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