

Shangri-La | John Newsom

Opening reception: January 10th, 2018, 6 to 8 PM



John Newsom, *The Bright Side*, 2017, Oil on canvas, 70 x 60 in

Brintz Gallery is pleased to present *Shangri-La*, an exhibition of recent oil paintings of flora and fauna by renowned New York artist John Newsom. Newsom's works are included in The Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Museum, The Brooklyn Museum, and The Hammer Museum, among other important public and private collections.

Shangri-La takes its title from the mythical Himalayan utopia imagined by the early twentieth-century British novelist James Hilton. Inspired by his joy at the birth of his first daughter, John Newsom offers his own visions of earthly paradise in a series of abundant compositions infused with tenderness, wonder, and a sense of almost transcendental calm. In the catalogue essay accompanying the exhibition, Phoebe Hoban writes: "It is that transcendental calm that Newsom has channeled into lovely, delicately patterned paintings whose essential prettiness belies their intense visual complexity and underlying formal rigor. Strangely, given today's relentless headlines, Newsom has conjured up a jolt of joy and jubilation."

Brintz Gallery was founded in Palm Beach in 2014 for the exhibition and promotion of established, mid-career, and emerging artists with a primary focus on contemporary painting and sculpture. *Shangri-La* is Newsom's first solo exhibition with Brintz Gallery.