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Rachel Zhang

b.1998, USA

Currently lives and works in New York.

Chinese American artist Rachel Zhang, based in Brooklyn, NY, delves into the absurdities and anxieties surrounding personal autonomy and systems of power. Through surrealist figurative scenes, Zhang explores the evolving beliefs that structure social hierarchies and manifestations of control. Her oil paintings often depict figures in conflict or metamorphosis, men turn into bowling pins and commuters morph into cogs on wheels. Zhang's work reflects her nuanced perspective on visibility, otherness, and the complexities of identity in relation to her cultural heritage and societal expectations. Everyday public spaces — gym changing rooms, dive bars and gas stations become sources for her surrealist characters to come alive. She draws from personal and collective histories, including the intersection of Asian American experiences, family narratives during 20th-century China, and broader histories of women's roles.

ARTIST CV

EDUCATION

2020 The Cooper Union, New York City, USA

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Longlati Foundation, Shanghai, CN

Corridor Foundation, Hong Kong

Artistic Museum of Contemporary Art (AMOCA), Wales, UK

AWARDS & GRANTS

2025 Young Arts Jorge M. Pérez Award, Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation

2024 NYFA Recharge New Surrealist Prize

2022 Art for Change Prize of the Americas, Saatchi Gallery

2020 Pietro and Alfrieda Montana Memorial Prize for Drawing, Cooper Union

Ruth Light Braun Merit Scholarship, Cooper Union

RESIDENCIES

2023 *Vermont Studio Center*; Zeta Orionis Fellowship, Johnson, VT, USA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026 *AMOCA Dialogues: New Voices from the Museum Collection*, Group Exhibition, AMOCA, Cardiff, UK

The Art of Withdrawal, Group Exhibition, AYE PROJECT SPACE, Hong Kong, CN

2025 *My Dear*, Group Exhibition, Hskin Art Salon x Saatchi Yates, Kaohisung, TW

2024 *Arto21*, Group Exhibition, Shanghai with Saatchi Yates, Shanghai, CN

2022 *Rachel Zhang*, Saatchi Yates, London, UK

Situations, Fragment Gallery, New York City, USA

2020 *Into the Light*, Bellefonte Art Museum, Bellefonte, PA, USA

2019 *Serving the People*, Virtual Exhibition

Museum of Wild and Newfangled Art Biennale, Virtual Exhibition

2018 *EOYS*, Cooper Union, New York City, USA

2016 *In the Land of...*, Cooper Union, New York City, USA

Painting Show, Cooper Union, New York City, USA

Group Show, HUB-Robeson Gallery, Penn State University, PA, USA

Group Show, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA