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Through the Hidden Rift

LooLook Gallery 12 rue de la Soudière, 75001 Paris

ARTISTS BEIYI WANG DOUDOU WANG HAOTING WU HOLLY CHENG JIAWEN ZIN ZHANG JOSEFINA SUMAR MAGGIE MEIJUN PINGFAN QUE PUZE HUANG RUI TAO TAICHUN ZHENG TIANYU REN TIANYI XU TIA YOON WENGING LIANG XUFEI QIAO YING QIAN YUCHEN LI ZIXIANG ZHANG

CURATOR ALICE LUO (YA-HSIN) Can

you see the cracks

In what you thought was whole?



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Through the Hidden Rift: Where Art Meets Transformation

Beneath the world's seemingly seamless surface lies a landscape of subtle ruptures. This exhibition explores the "rift" not as escape, but as revelation—those hidden apertures within the routines of daily life where radical difference can surface.

At Looloolook Gallery in Paris, Arts Archive London presents a group exhibition that isn't just about looking at art; it's about noticing what usually goes unseen. Through the Hidden Rift gathers nineteen emerging artists whose works don't shout for attention but instead whisper from the margins, asking us to notice the cracks, pause at the edges, and reconsider the world we think we know.

Even the gallery space plays into this invitation. Once rumoured to conceal underground revolutionary tunnels, the venue now holds a quieter form of rebellion. Wandering through its shadowed corridors and small, softly lit rooms feels less like attending an exhibition and more like entering an archaeological site of feeling—layered, fragmented, full of unexpected resonance.

Tia Yoon's "Time Drop" hits you before you're ready for it. Made with materials like rabbit skin glue, bone ash, and blood, the work doesn't merely reference ritual; it feels like one. The piece is both delicate and raw, unsettling and magnetic. There's something ancient pulsing through it, as if the painting had emerged from the remnants of some forgotten rite. It reminds you that transformation isn't always graceful—sometimes it's visceral, sometimes it leaves marks.

In contrast, Doudou Wang's "The Kid" invites a slower kind of engagement. Hovering between dream and symbol, the painting withholds meaning, refusing to resolve into a single narrative. Some viewers may find that frustrating, but I found that openness liberating. There's generosity in Wang's ambiguity: space to bring your own questions into the work, to sit with uncertainty.

Zixiang Zhang's "After the Remains" introduces an almost tactile meditation on decay and renewal. Made with mycelium and discarded fabric, these sculptures feel like something dug up from the future. They're living, growing, and gently breaking down—reminding us that endings aren't always conclusions. Sometimes, they're compost. Standing close to them, you can almost sense the slow work of decomposition, the patient alchemy of rot becoming soil.

Beiyi Wang's "Cocoonloo" offers a reprieve from urgency. With its use of sound, performance, and organic rhythm, it asks viewers to slow down—to sync with the quiet tempo of a silkworm. In a world trained to move fast and think faster, this deliberate deceleration feels radical. It's not a spectacle; it's a soft resistance. I found myself lingering longer than intended, caught in its gentle insistence on time.

Other works reward close looking: Tianyu Ren's "The Quiet of Unseen Light" captures moments so subtle they nearly disappear. With muted tones and delicate collage, Ren suggests that absence isn't emptiness—it's a space where other kinds of meaning can unfold. Her work doesn't insist; it invites. You have to lean in, pay attention, let your eyes adjust to its quiet frequencies.

There's a distinct philosophical thread throughout the exhibition, loosely echoing Adorno's idea that art reveals the unfulfilled. But unlike many shows that get bogged down in theory, Through the Hidden Rift remains grounded in lived experience. The works by Tianyi Xu and Rui Tao are especially powerful in this regard: Xu reorients the way we see gender and autonomy, while Tao's sculpture evokes the disorienting emotional terrain of trauma. These pieces don't just illustrate—they embody. They get under your skin.

Material choices across the exhibition speak volumes. Whether it's mycelium, salt, or acid dye, the physicality of each work reinforces the show's central inquiry: what happens when we pay attention to what lies beneath? This is art that asks us to feel through texture, to read meaning through rupture. Your hands want to touch, though you know you shouldn't.

If there's a challenge here, it's one of patience. The exhibition's quiet tone and conceptual density might deter casual viewers. But for those willing to sit with its ambiguities, Through the Hidden Rift is deeply rewarding. The accompanying texts are thoughtful, if sometimes heavy, but they offer valuable context, especially when read after engaging with the work itself.

This is contemporary art at its most potent—not decorative, but interrogative. Not about clarity, but about complexity. It doesn't offer tidy conclusions. Instead, it opens space for better questions, the kind that follow you home and surface again days later. For viewers interested in art that lingers, that nudges, that unsettles in subtle but lasting ways, Through the Hidden Rift is essential viewing. It reminds us that sometimes, the smallest cracks reveal the most. Sometimes, they're exactly where the light gets in.

Words by Curator: Alice Luo (Ya-Hsin)

Through the Hidden Rift 1st August to 14th August 2025 Looloolook Gallery,12 Rue de la Sourdière, 75001, Paris

Featured Artists:

Beiyi Wang | Doudou Wang | Haoting Wu | Holly Cheng | Jiawen Zin Zhang Josefina Sumar | Maggie Meijun | Pingfan Que | Puze Huang | Rui Tao | Taichun Zheng | Tianyu Ren Tianyi Xu | Tia Yoon | Wenqing Liang | Xufei Qiao | Ying Qian | Yuchen Li | Zixiang Zhang

















"Through the Hidden Rift" Exhibition Catalogue



Beiyi Wang

Cocoonloo

2022

Sound programming, performance, graphics

Duration variable



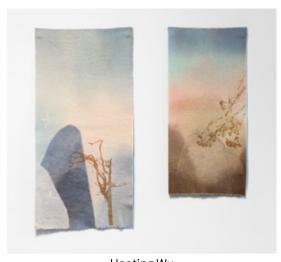
Doudou Wang

The kid

2020

Acrylic on canvas

50 × 50 cm



Haoting Wu Caressing the Anchor #1 & #2 2024 Laser-cut engraving, acid dye, and hand sewing on wool fabric Dimensions variable (59×38.5 cm; 59×29.3 cm)



Holly Cheng
Prophesy (No145)
2021-2024
Oil on Canvas
12 × 10cm

The Edge of Tranquility (No176) 2024 Oil on Canvas $14 \times 11 \text{cm}$



Jiawen Zin Zhang
(Inefficient) LOVE MANIFESTO
2021-2023
MEDIA HANDBOOK / 120 Editions
26.5×21.5×7.8 cm



Josefina Sumar

Efimeral Bodies (Series 2 & 8)

2025

Photography

Dimensions variable



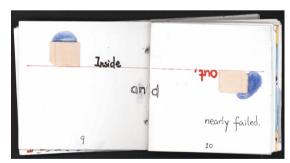
Maggie Meijun

Kaleidoscope of Me

2023

Photography (Installation documentation)

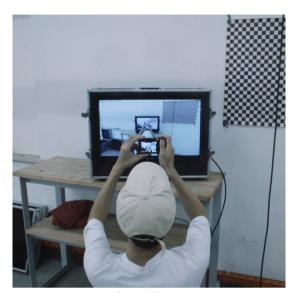
Dimensions variable



Pingfan Que

The Box
2025

Mixed Media Zines
10 × 10cm



Puze Huang
Self-portrait
2021
digital photography
30 × 30cm



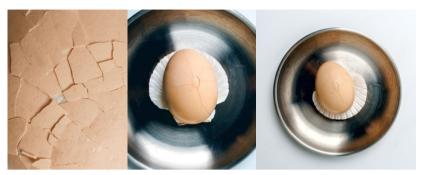
Rui Tao *Hole* 2025 3D Print 30 × 30 × 30cm



Taichun Zheng
Self-portrait
2025
Mixed media on paper $55 \times 40 \, \mathrm{cm}$



Tianyu Ren The Quiet of Unseen Light 2023 Mixed media collage, pencil, acrylic on paper $42 \times 32 \times 1$ cm (framed)



Tianyi Xu Womb, Shell, Skin 2024 Photography Dimensions variable



Tia Yoon $\it Time\,Drop \\ 2023$ Rabbit skin glue, bone ashes, blood, salt, plaster, pencil, acrylic and oil on canvas $60\times60~\rm cm$



Wenqing Liang
Shell 1
2025
shell and organic yarn
30 × 75 cm



Xufei Qiao

Cat in the Night No.0 & No.5
2025

Tempera on wood
15 × 15 cm (each)



Ying Qian
Plant Blindness
2023
Photography
Dimensions variable



Yuchen Li Mooncycles 2024 lino print 15 × 20cm



Zixiang Zhang After the Remains 2025 Fabric, straw, and mycelium $42 \times 35 \times 37$ cm; $42 \times 28 \times 28$ cm; $28 \times 28 \times 17$ cm



LooLooLook Gallery has been established in the 1st arrondissement of Paris at 12 Rue de la Sourdière since 2021.

We create a space of emotion, creation, imagination, but also a place for exchange for contemporary artists from around the world, by offering monthly solo or group exhibitions.

The identity of LooLooLook Gallery lies in the promotion of predominantly emerging young international artists, as well as established artists practicing eclectic styles and media, ranging from printmaking to ceramics, from painting to graffiti, or even video installations.

All these exhibitions contribute to fostering and perpetuating artistic relationships between Asia and the West.

LooLooLook Gallery is a member of the "Professional Committee of Art Galleries (France)" and the "Printemps Asiatique Paris".

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