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Elena Chestnykh “Songs of Summer”

A Solo Exhibition Presented by The Untitled Space

Opening Reception

June 8th, 6-8pm

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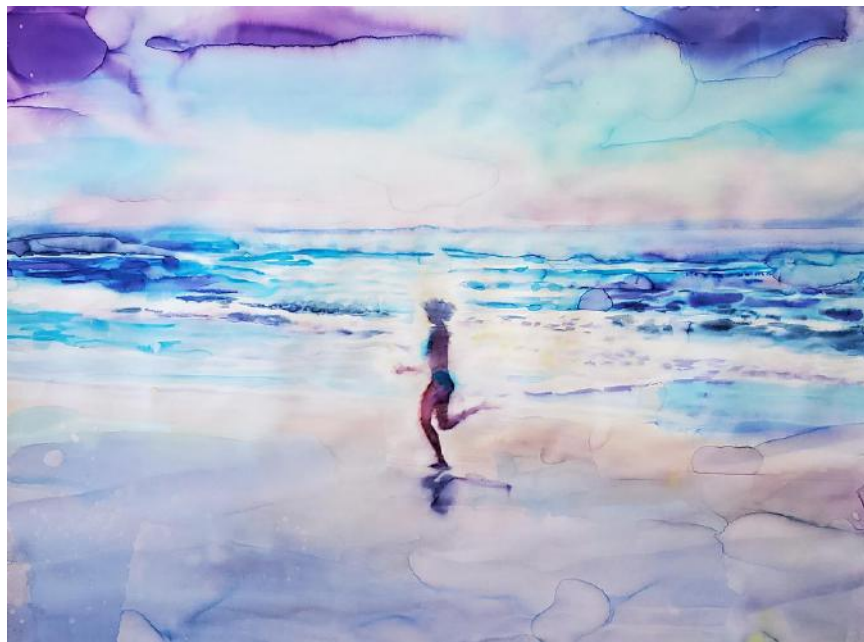
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Exhibition on View

June 8th – June 22nd, 2023

The Untitled Space

45 Lispenard Street, NYC 10013



Artist Elena Chestnykh, “Sparkling Day”

[The Untitled Space](#) is pleased to present [“Songs of Summer.”](#) a solo exhibition of artist [Elena Chesnykh](#) opening on June 8th and on view through June 22nd, 2023. Curated by Indira Cesarine, the exhibition showcases Chestnykh’s ethereal watercolors and oil paintings that radiate the joy of summer, celebrating self-love, body positivity, self-liberation, and the human connection with nature. The artist’s gestural brush strokes and usage of wet-on-wet ink and watercolor techniques evoke an air of mystery in her paintings, often masking the silhouettes’ identifiable characteristics without compromising their femininity. Through the lens of the female gaze, Chesnykh’s unapologetic nude figures represent the universality of the female experience, while her landscapes engage a poetic idealism. Chesnykh has previously been featured in a number of group shows at the gallery, and her forthcoming exhibition will mark her debut solo exhibit as a represented artist of The Untitled Space.

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Artist Elena Chestnykh, "Tropical Paradise," "Dreaming by the River," "Flowers and Butterflies"

ARTIST STATEMENT

"With my artistic practice, I create oil paintings and watercolors that focus on issues of gender, body, and the self. I explore different aspects of human existence through the subject, a woman searching for and creating her identity, her place in the world, and finding self-empowerment.

This woman strikes a balance within herself, her body, and her sexuality. I see the female body as a source of vitality, desire, and power. My attention to the body comes from my immigrant experience. I left my country and everything I had, but my body is inseparable. It belongs only to me. It physically presents itself, like an anchor connecting me with reality.



Artist Elena Cehstnykh, "Walk in the Morning Mist," "Only Sky and Ocean," "In Golden Haze"

My latest series of paintings is about the joy and pleasure of being alive and connecting with nature. It is about oneness with the environment, exploring one's innate wild nature, inner beauty, and power.

In the past year and a half, as Russia wages a war of aggression against the Ukrainians, I have reflected on the long history of violence, repression, and fear, as well as the devaluation of an individual's life outside the political ideology, and the learned helplessness rooted in Russian

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culture. Through these vibrant watercolors, I want to overcome this tradition of self-suppression, learned in childhood, and assert one's right to seek individual happiness." – *Elena Chestnykh*



Artist Elena Chestnykh, "Naked Happiness," "Summer Idling," "In Tropical Garden"

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Elena Chestnykh was born in Novosibirsk, Russia, and currently lives and works in New York City. She has exhibited both nationally and internationally, including with the Museum of Contemporary Art Erarta (MCAE) in Saint-Petersburg, the Art Center WINZAVOD in Moscow, the State Museum of Novosibirsk, Tomsk, and Kemerovo in Russia, and Nord Art 2010, Rendsburg, Germany. In 2013, "Urban Reflections" traveled to New York Erarta Gallery and became Chestnykh's first solo exhibition in the United States. Chestnykh has also presented works in New York at SFA Projects Gallery, The Royal Gallery, R&D Studio BUSHWOOD, Trenton Artwork Center, NJ, and in a selected group exhibition at the School of Visual Art Gallery in Chelsea, NYC. Her artwork was featured in The Untitled Space "INNOVATE" and "REBEL" group exhibitions, and she will be presenting her first solo exhibition with the gallery this June, 2023.



Artist Elena Chestnykh, "Wild Rosehip," "On the Beach Again," "Vieques in April"



ABOUT THE UNTITLED SPACE

<https://untitledspace.com>

The Untitled Space is an art gallery located in Tribeca, New York in a landmark building on Lispenard Street. Founded in 2015 by Indira Cesarine, the gallery features an ongoing curation of exhibits of emerging and established contemporary artists exploring conceptual framework and boundary-pushing ideology through mediums of painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, video, and performance art. The gallery is committed to exploring new ideas vis-à-vis traditional and new mediums and highlights a program of women in art. The Untitled Space artists and exhibitions have been featured in *Vogue (US)*, *Vogue Italia*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, *W Magazine*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Teen Vogue*, *New York Magazine*, *i-D Magazine*, *Dazed*, *CNN Style* and *The Huffington Post* among many other international publications.

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