Artist Biographies

John Hee Taek Chae is an artist and educator whose work is interested in the hybridization and mutation of visual culture primarily through the practice of painting. John received his BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 2010 and his MFA in Painting and Printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2020. His previous solo exhibitions include Hallucination at D. D. D. (New York, NY), A Dark and Bloody Ground at Institute 193 (Lexington, KY), Shed Your Eyes at MARCH (New York, NY), and Make. Believe. at MOCA Jacksonville (Jacksonville, FL), among others, and he was awarded the MacDowell Fellowship in 2021 and was a Yaddo Fellow in 2022. He was the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Scholar in Residence at the University of Houston in 2023 and is currently Assistant Professor in Painting and Drawing at the School of Art and Design at Alfred University.

Kate Liebman (b. 1991, New York, NY) graduated from Columbia University with her MFA in Painting in 2019 and Yale College with her BA in 2013. She has received residencies, support, and grants from: the Vermont Studio Center; Andrea Zittel's "AZ West" program in Joshua Tree, CA; the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation; Art Cake; the Lower East Side Printshop; and Works on Water. She has shown work nationally and internationally, including at D. D. D. D., 15 Orient, the Jewish Museum, Subtitled, Management, Gallery Tutu, and Print Center New York, among others. She has been nominated for the Rema Hort Mann Emerging Artist Grant and for the Artist Fellowship at the Museum of Art and Design. Her work has been featured in The Yale Review, pre cog magazine, WKCR, Two Coats of Paint, and White Hot Magazine, and is in collections including the Soho House, Cecconi's, Brookfield, and Hotel Kinsley.

Ali Kaeini, is an Iranian artist currently working in New York, NY. Kaeini has exhibited his work internationally and in the United States. Recent exhibitions include solo and two-person exhibitions at D. D. D. D. in New York, Delgosha Gallery in Tehran, and 1708 Gallery in Richmond, Virginia, and group exhibitions at Hamiltonian Artists, and the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art. He was awarded VMFA Fellowship in 2024. He received his MFA degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2023, and he attended Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in 2019. In 2023, he earned the Hamiltonian Fellowship. Kaeini attended the MacDowell Fellowship in 2024.