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is pleased to present

» *NIGHT FALL* «

solo show by Lauren Coullard

September 14th - October 30th 2019

Opening Reception: September 14th 2019, 7 pm

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Lauren Coullard's painting germinates and feeds itself into a systematic short circuit between abstraction and figuration, mythology and fiction. Her works exhume a “d'antan” imagery, jovially neo-medieval, chivalrous and religious, populated by dames, virgins and docile beasts — strictly courtly and mostly female. A pictorial reboot with echoes from Neo Expressionism and Transavanguardia leads to incursions into metaphysical and symbolist realms. The artist imposes confidently and proudly an anachronistic transfiguration of the present. It is more than a carnival parade, or any sort of nostalgic tribute, almost as if she were seeking to redeem the contemporary life from its schizophrenic, harsh and inconclusive narrations. Oneiric, epic, archaic and almost pagan, the characters of her works seem stuck to a world with an evanescent gravity, a theatrical set romantically adorned. They rise from the artist's unstoppable desire to snatch light from the darkness of the canvas.

In *Night Fall*, her first solo show at Lily Robert, Lauren Coullard triggers a further temporal switch, moving the cursor over a science-fictional galaxy. Her lineup of ancestral figures is staged here to officiate and derail *Isaac Asimov's* novella from which the exhibition derives its name. It narrates the coming of darkness on a planet perpetually illuminated by sunlight—more precisely, by six simultaneous suns. Its inhabitants are terrified by the advent of the night and its obscurity and the prophecy of an imminent total eclipse by a religious sect throws them into blind desperation. Recovering the philosophical tradition of Enlightenment and the conscious use of the rationality against every obscurantist drift of power, the story is structured around the metaphor of the relationship between light and darkness.

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Lauren Coullard graduated from the Fine Art Masters Degree at the Chelsea College of Art and Design in London. She recently exhibited at Galerie Georges-Philippe et Nathalie Vallois, Paris. Other notable exhibitions of her works include Art Vilnius, Belle Air in Essen, Germany, Center For Recent Drawing, ICA, and Gallery 46 in London. Salon de Montrouge, Zoo Galerie, La Tôlerie, La Générale in France. Silicon Malley in Lausanne and Peter Bergman Gallery in Stockholm.

She is also a co-founder of Paris artistic space and work residency DOC and her work was featured in important French media such as Beaux-Arts Magazine, Libération or France Culture.

Artist: *Lauren Coullard*

Title: *Night Fall*

Dates: *14th September - 30th October 2019*

Address: *18 rue de l'Hôtel de Ville, 75004 Paris*

Opening Times: *Wed - Sat » 2 pm - 7 pm and by appointment*

Nearest metro: *Pont Marie - Cité internationale des arts*

Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays

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