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Angela Bidak
April 17 – May 18, 2024
New York

PRESS RELEASE

PAUL SOTO is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of new paintings by Angela Bidak. The exhibition will open at the gallery's New York location on Wednesday, April 17 with a reception for the artist from 6 to 8pm. Bidak's exhibition will run until Saturday, May 18. This is the artist's debut exhibition with the gallery, and her first in New York.

Angela Bidak's exhibition comprises a series of paintings that depict recurring horizon lines that entwine representation and abstraction. They suggest landscapes, stretching outward and repeating vertically in flaring whites, greens, blues, browns, and reds. The artist's process is both additive and subtractive. She orchestrates a backlit effect through a removal process in which the paintings' grounds of white are excavated to the foreground in blooms, hazes, and striations that intercept light. Deeper hues meanwhile spread out from and around those, veiling and shaping her compositions.

The horizon lines in Bidak's paintings evoke a minimalist grid stretched in all directions as they spread from side-to-side, and upwards and downwards. Together they generate a flickering effect between the pictorial and the surface qualities of each painting as its internal perspective multiplies in a cascading free-fall. Bidak's motif also repeats across each painting in the exhibition, and at different scales as they engage with a variety of tonal, material, and color effects. Some deliquesce into seemingly pure abstraction, while others drift towards the image, as frames or a scroll locked in a glitched suspension.

Angela Bidak was born in Niagara Falls, New York in 1991. She received her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2013. She attended the Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts at Bard College, and is anticipated to complete her MFA from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University this May 2024.

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