

© Jean Foos, *Saks Painter* (detail), 11 x 17 inches, digital print and markers



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Jean Foos *The Other Me*

Curated by Cecilia Jurado
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Opening reception for the artist:
Tuesday, November 20, 6–9 p.m.

Y Gallery is pleased to present “The Other Me,” an exhibition of paintings by Jean Foos. The title speaks to the duality of the glossy, highly artificial world depicted by the fashion industry and the more unpolished world occupied by the majority of its audience. It also alludes to each individual’s various self-images; as we imagine and re-imagine our lives—our own personal “shoots”—we conjure multiple selves.

The artist’s painterly alterations of high-end fashion photography, in which models in designer garb peer through hand-worked grids and loopy meshes, push the familiar blank longing of these ubiquitous figures to other levels. These fusions of slick photo shoots and Foos’s deft hand scale the heights from ad to art (Vermeer, if viewed through fishnet stockings), with occasional comic turns. An abstract painter, Foos was attracted to the lush surfaces and detailed textures of the original images. Using metallic paint markers, she began drawing patterns similar to those on her canvases over the photos. Foos has said about this series: “I don’t deny there is both aggression and simple joy in transforming these perfectly lit, ideally styled models.”

Poet Kim Rosenfield has written a text that responds to this body of work, and designer Dirk Rowntree has compiled words and images into a limited-edition artist’s book to be published by Ragged Sky Press.

Jean Foos’s artwork has been exhibited in New York City, San Francisco, Berlin, and Rome. She is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and has twice been nominated for a Joan Mitchell Foundation grant.

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