

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LaiSun Keane presents **Leo Birthday**

A Group Exhibition with Genevieve Cohn, Kyra Gregory, Isabelle Higgins, Calvin Kim, Eva Lewis, Kristen Liu-Wong, Campbell-Lynn McLean, Meghan Murray, and Jenny Olsen

Dates: August 1 - 24, 2025

Opening Reception: Friday, August 1, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Boston, MA – LaiSun Keane is celebrating the month of August with *Leo Birthday*, on view from August 1 to 24, 2025 with works by Genevieve Cohn, Kyra Gregory, Isabelle Higgins, Calvin Kim, Eva Lewis, Kristen Liu-Wong, Campbell-Lynn McLean, Meghan Murray, and Jenny Olsen. Artists in this exhibition were invited to reflect on the theme of birthdays and to interpret its personal or symbolic significance through painting.

Genevieve Cohn's *Circle the Sun* contemplates how we mark the passage of time. She notes, "So much of aging is recognizing that we are consistently scale-shifting in order to anchor ourselves in the complexity of our lives, and to make meaning in the day-to-day. I find something sweet and poetic about lighting small fires as an honoring of our yearly rotation around the sun."

Isabelle Higgins approaches the theme with emotional depth, reflecting on the generational layers of celebration and loss. In *Sunday Dinner*, she paints herself three times: as a child peering through a window, as her current self seated amongst eggs, candles and cake, and in memory of her late father, evoking how birthdays evolve after the loss of a loved one.

Kristen Liu-Wong, in her signature style, created a manga-inspired party scene bursting with balloons, champagne, and cake, while other artists took a sweeter route with paintings of cake—especially scrumptious for birthday cake lovers!

The gallery is delighted to include nine artists from New York, Ohio, California, and Massachusetts in this birthday-themed exhibition. We have previously exhibited eight of them and are pleased to be working with Cohn for the first time.

Artist info:

**Genevieve Cohn (b.1992, lives in Boston)**  
MFA from Indiana University

**Kyra Gregory (b. 1996, lives in NYC)**  
BA Gender Studies and Studio Art, Princeton University

**Isabelle Higgins (b.1996, lives in Boston)**  
BFA from MassArt

**Calvin Kim (b.1992, Lives in NYC)**  
MFA from Columbia University

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Eva Lewis (b.1995, lives in Dayton, OH)  
MFA from Boston University

Kristen Liu-Wong (b.1991, lives in LA)  
BFA from Pratt Institute

Campbell-Lynn McLean (b. 1999, lives in Boston)  
BFA from MassArt

Meghan Murray (b.1994, lives n Boston)  
MFA from Boston University

Jenny Olsen (lives in Boston)  
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## About the gallery

Founded in 2020 by LaiSun Keane, the gallery focuses on artists working in non-mainstream mediums and from diverse backgrounds. It presents a rotating schedule of exhibitions each year, occasionally participates in art fairs, and has placed works in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Fuller Craft Museum, Zimmerli Art Museum, Harvard Art Museums, Rose Art Museum, Birmingham Museum of Art, and Ackland Art Museum.

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Genevieve Cohn, *Circle The Sun*, acrylic on panel, 10.5 x 8.5in



Kristen Liu-Wong, *Some Cake For Your Birthday*, mixed media on paper, 8 x 10 in



Isabelle Higgins, *Sunday Dinner*, oil on canvas, 106 x 84in

A full checklist accompanies this press release.