

10 Standout Gallery Exhibitions to See during Armory Week 2023

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Rebecca Morgan, "Over the Hill"

Asya Geisberg Gallery

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Rebecca Morgan, Self-Portrait as a Romanticized Painter, 2023, oil on linen. Photo by

Cartoonish, whimsical figures abound in "Over the Hill," <u>Rebecca Morgan</u>'s fifth solo show with Asya Geisberg Gallery. Featuring several self-portraits, the exhibition offers a glimpse into the artist's life as she faces major milestones: the metaphorical hill of approaching 40, and the literal hills that have surrounded her since moving to the Hudson Valley in June 2022.

Hints of the latter theme emerge in *Hudson Valley Plein Air (May 12, 2023)* (2023), which nods to the legacy of landscape painters who admired the natural beauty of the region. Inserting herself into this history, Morgan is seen painting *en plein air* in *Self-Portrait as a Romanticized Painter* (2023). A small image of *Hudson Valley Plein Air (May 12, 2023)* appears on her easel as if documenting her artmaking practice.

Indeed, the entire show depicts the artist at different stages of the exhibition process, beginning with her frazzled self-depiction in *Self-Portrait on the First Day of Summer Break (First Day of Making This Show)* (2023). Elsewhere, she looks to the future in another self portrait at age 100, which includes a small cartoon that reads: "What does it all mean?"