

Alake Shilling & Alex Fisher

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I chose to show Alake Shilling and Alex Fisher together because they are two artists who turn to making because it's simply something that they love doing. Art remains for them an outlet and place of exploration. This point of departure puts the artists' interests and emotions at the forefront of the work.

Shilling's works draw inspiration from her own imagination. Her colorful characters and canvases use the language of animation to articulate her emotions. Here she works with painted ceramics to beautiful effect. Her pieces are packed with texture, pastel colors and energetic lines. Her characters ooze with personality as they are rendered expressing joy, anguish or curiosity. Shilling's works are a vibrant translation of her energy.

Fisher's paintings focus on things that bring him comfort or fascinate him. The imagery he uses borrows from product packaging, fictional characters and levels from video games. He takes this source material and subtracts visual elements until the painting presents only what Fisher deems essential. The end results are canvases made with care that feel at home in domestic spaces. Each work is a study in pleasure.

I hope you all enjoy the show alongside jelly treats by Nunchi!

-Jesse Clark

