

Chutian Shu: Fall Asleep with a Vision

Tutu Gallery

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Feline-run Tutu Gallery is announcing a multidisciplinary exhibition, *Chutian Shu: Fall Asleep with a Vision*, on view from November 16th to December 14th. Featuring 6 videos, an installation and photographs, the exhibition will transform all rooms of Tutu's apartment gallery location into a space of absurd inner dialogues. Displayed on a CRT TV, monitors, an iPhone, an iPad and a projector, the majority of Chutian's video works will be showcased in the main exhibition area in Tutu's living room. Chutian's newest photographs will occupy the hallway. The kitchen will contain an installation of a dining table. Finally, a video will be displayed in the bathroom.

Brooklyn-based Chutian Shu recently graduated from the MFA program at Pratt Institute. Her works start from lighthearted depictions of ordinary life events, gradually escalating into surreal behaviors and comments that are self-absorbed, naive and bewildered by existence, all at once. Born and raised in China, Chutian studied Trade and Economic English there before her graduate program in the States. Due to these changes in her life and academic pursuits, Chutian often expresses absurdity and alienation in her works, at the same time brings in a sense of wonder for new possibilities. In her video, *Dad*, she repeatedly crops a picture of her dad in half in Photoshop until the last pixel remains. Using pixels as an analogy to molecules, Chutian questions the relationship between representation and the core essence of human beings. *Tooth Impaction* features a monologue about the disproportionate fear and confusion a tiny wisdom tooth can cause. *Sit* is a performance recording that uses physical repetition to articulate the boredom of sitting in an art lecture she doesn't understand. *I Imagine They Meet* combines footages of strangers walking on the street who disappear into each other at the edge of the

frame. *How to Use Toilet Paper* experiments with 100 ways to redeem toilet paper with Chaplinesque humor.

In this exhibition, Tutu hopes to explore new possibilities for apartment galleries that historically rely on showing small objects and paintings, while maintaining consistency with our domestic space. This exhibition is among our many endeavors to share under-the-radar art and a genuine understanding of the ordinary but fantastical experience of being.