

# ***OLYMPIA & Tutu Gallery***

present:

## **Morrison Gong**

### ***Give Me Pleasure or Give Me Death***

*“Whenever the golden thread of pleasure enters that web of things which our intelligence is always busily spinning, it lends to the visible world that mysterious and subtle charm which we call beauty.” - George Santayana*

Morrison Gong manipulates the fictitious nature of photography to create staged realities, while inviting space for improvisation, randomness, and chance. Informed by the philosopher and poet George Santayana’s considerations on the materials of beauty, where he favored a radical reconciliation of spirit and nature, Gong’s visual approach to intimacy originates in the sphere of sexuality; emerging as “pleasure objectified” a state of being intended for both viewer and photographic image.

Gong’s recent series of portraits interweave a theory of aesthetic experience with physical pleasure. Sitters range from old friends, dates, acquaintances, and strangers, with whom the artist made a collaborative playlist to accompany the photographs. They disrupt and re-work conventional writings of erotic symbolism that depend on physical and spiritual distance and coquetry. Tensions traditionally found between the pornographic tendency to reveal and the erotic tendency to conceal are blurred.

Morrison Gong moved to the United States from China when they were 18 years of age. The presence of their Chinese and nonbinary identity enables them to foreground intimacy and question how personal spaces are developed pictorially. Artifacts can represent mementos of anthropocentric experiences, while nature represents a sort of origin of beauty and catalysis for vivacious and bold flux. Somewhere in between these spaces, the nuanced dynamics of relationships are preserved.

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## Artist Bio:

Morrison Gong 龔家琪 (b. 1997, China) is a photographer and filmmaker whose work deconstructs their perception of beauty through expressions of sexuality. Placing nude bodies within natural environments, as well as around cultural artifacts, they record personal experiences of carnality in contexts of seduction, displacement and ephemerality. Gong received their BFA from Parsons School of Design and is currently a MA candidate at the New School for Social Research. Their works have been shown at Anthology Film Archives, Microscope Gallery, Vox Populi Gallery, the Filmmakers Cooperatives, CROSSROADS presented by San Francisco Cinematheque, Manhattan Independent Film Festival, Hong Kong Arthouse Film Festival, among others. They are based in Brooklyn, NY.

## About the Gallery:

**Olympia** is dedicated to dismantling the cis-male-centric art canon. Founded in 2015 at Mount Holyoke, a historical women's college, Olympia hosts shows, interviews and events with women, non-binary, and transgender artists. 41 Orchard St. houses our bookshop and gallery, where we champion artist-focused curation and support contemporary makers from a range of frameworks and mediums. Our exhibition programme has been reviewed by Artnet, Brooklyn Rail, Hyperallergic, Juxtapoz Magazine, Two Coats of Paint, and featured in Cultured Magazine, as well as LVL3. In addition to our in-house operations, our install team travels across New York and beyond offering expert art-handling services. We are artist-first and artist-focused, with deep commitment to building community, rejecting binaries, and amplifying creative voices.

**Tutu Gallery** is a feline-owned DIY space located in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, founded in July 2019 by Tutu (cat) and her human assistant April Zhu. Tutu is dedicated to under-the-radar talents who are self-trained, immigrants, or students. Tutu displays works that stay true to our shared and ordinary experience of being. Tutu hopes to nurture the start of a career for our artists and encourage the audience to live with art by creating a piece of their own or discovering beauty everywhere in their daily life. Tutu's programs have been featured on Harper's BAZAAR (China), the Costal Post, and BOMB Magazine.

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**Morrison Gong**

*Nicolás*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

30" x 20"

\$1,800

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Gretchen and Taylor*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

30" x 20"

\$1,800

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Fuego*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Esteban at Sunset*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Bird of Paradise* / 天堂鳥

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*The Magician*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Looking at Flowers Through the Fog / 霧裡看花*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

14" x 9"

\$500

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Nicol with Tangerines*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

14" x 9"

\$500

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*April in Bathroom*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Bea*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Kyle Smoking*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Escape Room*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

11" x 17"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*All Work No Play*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Love is a Losing Game*

2021

Archival Inkjet Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Before the Rising Storm / 山雨欲来风满楼*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

14" x 9"

\$500

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

Love Before Sunset / 愛在日落黃昏時

2021

Archival Pigment Print

14" x 9"

\$500

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

Beauty and Bamboo / 湘妃竹

2021

Archival Pigment Print

14" x 9"

\$500

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Snow Leopard*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*The Daughter of Dionysus*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*A Heavy Snow Promises a Fruitful Year / 瑞雪兆豐年*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Before I Dive Into You*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Nicolás In Bed*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Lovers Always Coming, Lovers Always Going*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Who Do I Speak to About My Loneliness / 更與何人說*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Autumn Arrives After Spring Left / 春去秋來*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Bei in Red*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Heart of Glass*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

30" x 20"

\$1,800

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Fairy with Smoke*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Water Lily, The Emblem of Beauty and Truth / 愛蓮說*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Wind, flowers, snow and the moon / 風花雪月*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Gabriel*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*A Spring Night is Sensual but Short / 春宵苦短*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*A Heavy Snow Promises a Fruitful Year / 瑞雪兆豐年*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Nobody Wants to Be in Love Alone*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Vive L'Amour*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Summer Solstice*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Bamboo Dream / 竹夢*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

17" x 11"

\$750

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Garden of Eden* / 伊甸園

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Your Love Creeps Slow like a Thief in the Night*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

18" x 12"

\$850

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Fragrance at Night / 夜來香*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*The Person Whom I Desire Lives on the Other Side of Autumn Lake / 秋水伊人*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Blue Narcissus*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

21" x 14"

\$1,050

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP



**Morrison Gong**

*Taste / 品*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

30" x 20"

\$1,800

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP





**Morrison Gong**

*Commence Your Year like the Spring / 一年之計在於春*

2021

Archival Pigment Print

40" x 27"

\$2,000

Edition 1 of 5, with 2 AP