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Noa Yekutieli: No Longer – Not Yet

A solo exhibition that explores memory and belonging through new site-specific installations

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Opening Reception: February 13, 2024 6-8pm

Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday 10:30am-5:30pm The International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP) presents *No Longer – Not Yet*, Noa Yekutieli's first solo exhibition in New York, curated by Jenée-Daria Strand.

Using wood, fabric, and her signature manual paper-cutting technique, Yekutieli creates striking renderings of real and imagined scenes, densely populated with sprawling flora, repeating patterns, and destroyed landscapes. For this exhibition, the artist transforms the gallery into a series of stage-like installations that relate to memory and the notion of belonging. The works reflect on cycles of destruction, loss, and trauma, themes that Yekutieli frequently contemplated while growing up in Israel and that are even more palpable for her today. In the face of the ongoing conflict and grim everyday realities of life in Israel and



Noa Yekutieli, *Collapsing into growth* (detail), 2023, manual paper-cutting, 120×96 in. Courtesy of the artist. Photo by Sean Meredith

Palestine, she looks for, in her words, "different languages and spaces of reflection to shift patterns of violence and trauma, and oppose the idea of a singular narrative."

Yekutieli's family history sits at the fore of her work. In her intricate collage-like pieces, she incorporates formal strategies, craft traditions such as woodworking and sewing, and cultural symbolism inspired by her American-Japanese-Israeli heritage. Her approach to paper-cutting, for instance, is influenced by the Japanese concept of using negative space as a compositional element. Drawing on rediscovered photographs of her family, Yekutieli questions what is lost and what is left as a result of her experiences with immigration and assimilation. She embraces a state of between-ness—contending with the complexities of her multicultural intersectional identity. In each installation, she juxtaposes polarities of positive and negative, hope and reality, brutality and beauty, and destruction and growth. Much like deconstructed tapestries, thin lines of connection spill across the landscape's chasms, creating a tension between fragility and strength. Stretching the paper compositions across the gallery's walls, Yekutieli tests the limits of the material and creates—in scale and technique—some of her most ambitious works to date.

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Noa Yekutieli is a self-taught American-Japanese-Israeli artist currently based between Los Angeles and New York. She was a resident at ISCP between the fall of 2022 and the winter of 2023. Over the past decade, her works have been featured in solo and group exhibitions worldwide, including The MAXXI - National Museum of 21st Century Art, Italy; The Nakanojo Biennale, Japan; Bienalsur Biennale at Museum of Contemporary Art of Rosario, Argentina; The Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Israel; and The Changjiang International Photography & Video Biennale at Changjiang Museum of Contemporary Art, China. Yekutieli is a recipient of grants from the Harpo Foundation, Artis, and Outset Contemporary Art Fund and is winner of the Young International Artist Award by Outset & TAAC. Her works are in the permanent collections of the Marrakech Museum for Photography and Visual Arts, Morocco; The Israel Museum and The Tel Aviv Museum of Art, both in Israel. In 2024, Yekutieli will present solo exhibitions at Hannah Traore Gallery, New York and On The Seam Museum, Israel.

Jenée-Daria Strand is a curator and writer, born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. In 2022, she was appointed as the Assistant Curator at Public Art Fund where she has supported the realization of new commissions by artists Fred Eversley, Huma Bhabha, Nicholas Galanin, Edra Soto, among others. Formerly, she was a Curatorial Associate at the Brooklyn Museum where she supported ten exhibitions on artists including María Magdalena Campos-Pons, Lorraine O'Grady, and Carrie Mae Weems. Strand also co-curated the museum's presentation of *Really Free: The Radical Art of Nellie Mae Rowe*. She has curated independent projects for NADA Miami/TD Bank and White Columns, New York, among others, and has contributed her writing to publications by the Brooklyn Museum, Studio Museum in Harlem, SEEN Journal, and more.

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