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Yudel Francisco Cruz, *El Jardin*, 59 inches by 69 inches, oil on linen

**YUDEL FRANCISCO CRUZ**

**EPIFANÍA**

**FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 12, 2025**

**GAMBIT GALLERY  
1155 6TH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY**

[New York, NY] – Gambit NYC is pleased to present *Epifanía*, a debut solo exhibition by the exciting Cuban artist Yudel Francisco Cruz.

This comprehensive selection of new work showcases the artist's ongoing portrayal of surreal landscapes and dramatic scenes inspired by the pastoral Cuban countryside of his upbringing.

Implementing the compositional drama of Spanish masters and a gestural expressive brushstroke, Cruz's work heroically champions a new wave of symbolic South American painting. Cruz's process is a daily discovery and elaboration of subliminal psychic forces encountered within and without.

Epic canvases display vivid enigmatic scenes inhabited by colorful and bewildering characters, drawn from fables told to him by his grandfather. Cruz exhibits no restraint in the subject matter, painting enchanting nymphs and scenes both often gruesome and shocking. These dreamlike mysterious encounters are highly personal to him yet undoubtedly unearth a wide spectrum of subconscious symbols lurking beneath the march of modern life.

*Epifanía* is an incredible cross section of Cruz's large-scale works. Pictures such as *Tu Cielo También es Mío* (59 in x 94 in, oil on linen), translated to English as "Your Sky is Also Mine", feature a menagerie of figures including a noble donkey accompanied by Victorian styled youths, a petite dog, whisks of angelic babies and anonymous ghost-like figures all looking towards a precipice in the distance or facing the viewer. The background, similar to many of his paintings, is a gradual smokey gradation of color, or *sfumato*, gently grounding the Dionysian scene in a renaissance-style landscape. The scale of the piece allows the viewer to feel as if they are a part of the scene, or in direct discourse with the characters. The exhibition invites viewers to participate in Cruz's mythical ensemble.

Gambit NYC is excited to present these thrilling and dramatic works, expressing Cruz' unique interpretation of daily life in Cuba and his surrealist observations of modern life at large.

Epifania on view February 6 through March 12.  
Opening Reception February 6th, 6PM at 1155 6th Avenue.  
*Curated by Lautaro Cuttica.*

For more information about the exhibition, please contact Gambit Works at [info@gambit-works.com](mailto:info@gambit-works.com).

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Yudel Francisco Cruz (b. 1981 Mayabeque, Cuba) is an internationally recognized painter who lives and works in La Havana, Cuba. Cruz studied fine arts in Academia de Arte Plásticas Eduardo Abela. His work is included in various prestigious collections worldwide.

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