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5 Bright Young Talents the Artnet Gallery Network Is Watching This May

This month we have our eyes on artists with shows in Berlin, Jersey City, and beyond.

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At the Artnet Gallery Network, our mission is to discover new artists each and every month. We sifted through the thousands of talented artists on our site to select a few we find particularly intriguing right now.

Beyond the hubbub of art fairs taking place this month, we've chosen five artists worth knowing about and who have works on view in Paris, Berlin, and beyond.

Li Shuang at Peres Projects, Berlin

Chinese artist Shuang Li (b. 1990) traveled to Berlin for the opening of her first solo exhibition at Peres Projects in February 2020. Since then the artist has been living in Berlin, deciding not to return home due to the severity of its pandemic restrictions. Now, the artist's second solo exhibition with the gallery, "nobody's home," is about to open and the show is in many ways an exploration of the consequences of her decision to stay in Berlin for two years of ensuring dislocation, uncertainty, and discovery. Bringing together video, sculpture, and wall works, the exhibition reflects on new forms of intimacy borne out of the pandemic as well as the relationship between the body and the screen and the body and its image. Childhood memories play an important role—the works Tears Don't Fall and Heartbeats Pound Softer are named for anime the artist remembers fondly, while other works are inspired by barrettes she wore in her hair as a girl.