

# MONYA ROWE GALLERY

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## **For Immediate Release**

**Monya Rowe Gallery** is pleased to announce representation of Philadelphia-based artist **Calli Ryan** (b.1988).

Calli Ryan favors calm Morandi-like colors with variations of earthy greys, browns and warm yellows. Ryan's paintings are harmonies of light and color with subtle shifts that emphasize a moody atmosphere. Careful editing and surprising compositions contribute to a mysterious and ambiguous tension. Ryan's work is equally about what is eliminated, and what is included.

Ryan highlights the interior life of her characters by situating them within seemingly deserted cityscapes or high-rise buildings. Individuals appear lost in thought balancing loneliness and solitude in the modern era. The work reflects a heightened psychological state while poetically referencing time, place and memory. Ryan's visual storytelling ranges from figurative to landscapes to cityscapes to interiors to still lifes. Ryan consistently reminds the viewer of the act of looking and slowly being rewarded. Her paintings channel a Noir sensibility while echoing the stillness of Edward Hopper (1882-1967) and the tenderness of David Byrd (1926-2013).

**Calli Ryan** (b. 1988, Richmond, VA) received an MFA from *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA)*, Philadelphia, PA and a BA from *University of Virginia*, Charlottesville, VA. Her work has recently been exhibited at *Procession*, Philadelphia, PA; *HAGD Contemporary*, Aalborg, Denmark; *Scroll Gallery*, New York, NY; *MePaintsMe*, online gallery; and *Monya Rowe Gallery*, NY. Ryan will have her first solo exhibition at Monya Rowe Gallery in May 2026. The artist lives and works in Philadelphia, PA.

### Gallery hours

Tuesday – Saturday 12-6 PM