



# TROPICANA & NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN

PAINTINGS BY YUHI HASEGAWA

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KIPNZ is pleased to announce the opening of *Tropicana* and *No Country for Old Men*, two exhibitions of paintings by one artist, Yuhi Hasegawa.

*Tropicana*, (2007-2015, pictured left) fills the first two rooms. We are caught in a visual crossfire of color, figures with yawning mouths, smiling eyes, and expressive poses suggesting a spectrum of mental states as broad as the colors of the rainbow.

In *No Country for Old Men*, (2009-2018, pictured right), bearded men stand immobile, looking out at us, and each other. Despite their solitude, they form a collective of striking forms and complex colors.

Yuhi's paintings, while presenting as portraits, are not literal representations but a means of discovering what an expression, a color, a composition can reveal about the inner life of humans. He is interested in the instinctive and primitive qualities of a person and the expressive forms they can assume. Many of his figures wear a mask-like countenance, as though animated by something within. "I grew up in a house where there were so many masks from Africa and Oceania, and European kitschy objects hung on the wall that my father collected from all over the world. I was always scared but intrigued by them. That was my very first inspiration for sure."

Born in Kyoto, Japan, Yuhi first moved to San Francisco to study painting at the Academy of Art University. After six years in San Francisco he moved to pursue a Master's Degree in Fine Art at the School of Visual Arts in New York City, where he continues to live and work.

Located upstairs at 150 Delaware Street in Walton, New York, KIPNZ is a partnership between Kenneth Pietrobono and Natalie Zayne. This is the gallery's first exhibition.

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