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**“Come on Home”: Fountain House Gallery Exhibition Offers Visual Representations of Interior and Exterior Space During Pandemic**

**On view (online): January 15 – February 17, 2021**

**NEW YORK CITY** – Fountain House Gallery – the premier venue in New York City representing artists with mental illness – today announced the upcoming [Come on Home](#), an exhibition of visual representations of interior and exterior space. The show, which examines the ways in which perceptions of everyday surroundings have been impacted by the pandemic lockdown, will be live online from January 15, 2021, through February 17, 2021.

The exhibition is curated by the founders and principals of Summertime Gallery: Sophia Cosmadopoulos, Gallery Director, and Anna Schechter, Studio Director. Founded in 2019, Summertime is a nonprofit art studio and gallery located in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Summertime champions a more inclusive art world where artists with and without intellectual disabilities create and display work alongside one another. Summertime connects neurodiverse artists with the people and world around them, providing a platform to tell their stories, show their work, and generate income.

Cosmadopoulos and Schechter said, “The lockdown necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to see our surroundings in a different light, offering time for sustained focus and compelling us to make the familiar fresh. We were excited to discover the elements that the artists of Fountain House Gallery paid particular attention to in their homes during this extraordinary time, and how they chose to render the objects and moods of their surroundings. What emerged were intimate portraits of our inner worlds, the worlds we longingly look out on and those we can only imagine.”

The curators invited Fountain House Gallery artists to address questions such as, “Since the lockdown, have you begun to perceive the world around you differently? Are there objects in your home that you had not paid particular attention to before, and how about spaces outside the home? Are there things or people you have spent more time with, or have missed?”

The 17 works showcased in the exhibition include Barry Senft's pared-down composition in the acrylic on canvas piece *Dinner*, which depicts a couple who could well be sheltering in place as they face each other from opposite ends of a long table. Raymond Lopez highlights the everyday beauty and order in rows of shoes in his watercolor on paper work, *The Wardrobe*. Sally Fisher's digital photograph, *Monarch Watch*, captures a butterfly at rest on the indoor surface of a window screen.

The *Come on Home* artists are: Donna Faiella, Sally Fisher, Guiomar Giraldo-Baron, Maybellene Gonzalez, Roger Jones, Raymond Lopez, Reyna Vera Prieto, and Barry Senft.

Beginning on January 15, 2021, the online exhibition can be viewed at:

[https://www.artsy.net/show/fountain-house-gallery-come-on-home?sort=partner\\_show\\_position](https://www.artsy.net/show/fountain-house-gallery-come-on-home?sort=partner_show_position)

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### **About Fountain House Gallery**

Fountain House Gallery and Studio provides an environment where artists living with mental illness can express their creative visions and exhibit their work. Founded by Fountain House in 2000, the storefront Gallery in Manhattan sells original artworks and collaborates with a wide network of artists, curators and cultural institutions. The Studio, located in Long Island City, is a collaborative workspace that furthers the professional practice of our artists. Embracing artists who are emerging or established, trained or self-taught, Fountain House Gallery cultivates artistic growth, makes a vital contribution to the New York arts community, and challenges the stigma surrounding mental illness.

### **Fountain House Gallery**

**[www.fountainhousegallery.org](http://www.fountainhousegallery.org)**

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