

# ANNA ZORINA GALLERY

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## ALEXANDRIA SMITH

*In Praise of Shadows*

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Opening Reception: Thursday, October 17, 6-8PM

*In Praise of Shadows*

*They said they would always be there and they were*

*Yet and still*

*An attempt to grasp an emotion, an enigma a transient state formed*

*Transitions are like shadows, simultaneously visible and invisible to the naked eye*

*a reflection a tweak a flicker a manipulation of light*

*What permeates our core is sometimes indistinguishable*

*Emotions are the weights that one can feel but cannot articulate*

*In Praise of Shadows is an honoring and a refusal*

*It is a manifestation of those things that we cannot and will not see*

*But things that live in the dark always come to light and we must reckon with them*

*Navigate them*

*And respect them*

Anna Zorina Gallery is pleased to announce *In Praise of Shadows*, the Gallery's first solo exhibition with Alexandria Smith. Smith's latest body of work examines the manifestations of emotional expectations and permissions as they are projected onto human structures. It asks the question: How do our emotions emulate architectural confinement and impact our abilities to exist within our bodies?

ALEXANDRIA SMITH (b. 1981, Bronx, New York) earned her BFA in Illustration from Syracuse University; MA in Art Education from New York University; and MFA in Painting and Drawing from Parsons The New School for Design. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2018-2019 Queens Museum/Jerome Foundation Fellowship for Emerging Artists, a Pollock-Krasner Grant, the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Fellowship, the Virginia A. Myers Fellowship at the University of Iowa and the 2013-2015 Fine Arts Work Center Fellowship. Residencies include MacDowell, Bemis, Yaddo and LMCC Process Space. Recent exhibitions include her solo, *Monuments to an Effigy* at the Queens Museum, NY; *The deCordova Biennial* at the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, MA; *The Windows Invitational* at the Davis Museum, MA and *The Lure of the Dark: Contemporary Painters Conjure the Night* at Mass MoCA, MA.

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