

**Art & Exhibitions**

## Artists to Watch This Month: 10 Solo Gallery Exhibitions to See In New York Before the End of the Year

TM Davy, Diamond Stingily, Dan Lam, Mondongo, and more.

**Annikka Olsen**, December 11, 2023

### **Jennifer Ling Datchuk, “Karma is a Cat”**

Ruiz-Healy Art, through January 26



The “cat lady” trope has been widely used to dismiss women for decades, but in Jennifer Ling Datchuk’s solo exhibition with Ruiz-Healy Art, “Karma is a Cat,” the artist reexamines and reclaims this label. Self-described as an “overeducated, cat-loving, elder millennial in a committed and loving relationship with a man and a cat” (a response to Congressman Matt Gaetz’s 2022 tweet criticizing women rallying against overturning Roe v. Wade), Datchuk presents a collection of object-based works that reimagine assumptions about the feminine.

Frequently using materials like porcelain and textiles, often associated with “women’s work,” Datchuk’s show is at once playful and deeply complex, delving into social, cultural, and political assumptions on identity, womanhood, and intersectionality.



Jennifer Ling Datchuk, *Hear Us Coming* (2023). Courtesy of Ruiz-Healy Art.