

# SEAN K KELLY

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SEAN KELLY GALLERY  
*Hudson Yards*

LIU WEI

180 FACES

*May 5–June 16*



*Liu Wei: 180 Faces, 2017–2018, courtesy of Sean Kelly, New York and AYE Gallery, Beijing. © Liu Wei*

"180 Faces" is an exhibition of 180 small-scale portraits by the Chinese artist Liu Wei, a leader in China's "cynical realism" movement. Sean Kelly Gallery will display the portraits in alternating frames, sometimes with the glass intentionally shattered. Liu Wei's works here delve into a distinct understanding of realness and artificiality. In these identically sized paintings, he depicts his own artistic impulse, filling them with his own emotion, rather than the visages of human figures. Satirical and seductive, his work constructs a balanced system, rather than aesthetic verisimilitude.

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