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## Member Exhibition

### **Ann Young: *Water: Color***

October 15 - November 9, 2015

**Opening Reception: Sat. October 17, 1-5PM**

SOHO20 is pleased to present *Water: Color*, an exhibition of new works by Ann Young. Approaching Young's newest series of works, one is immediately taken by the surreal, almost virulent colors, whose implications range from post-apocalyptic vignettes to scenes grown out of a dreamy petri-dish. Ann Young, however, is a realist. Identifying her work primarily as Social Realism, Young is concerned with the everyday struggles rather than romantic notions that exist within nature and humanity.

For the past three years, Young has taken a step away from her figurative and social realism works to develop a series of paintings that grew primarily out of her time spent in her natural environment. These high-chroma, colorful images depicted on her canvases are in fact microscopic views of decomposing leaves that she finds while kayaking through ponds near her home in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. These leaves, *Brasenia Schreberi*, commonly known as water shield, fill the shallow areas of the lake like water lilies, completely blacking out the water underneath. The colors in Young's paintings are the true colors of the leaves, highlighting the actions of the microbes, which create lines of decay in the leaves before completely disappearing into the blackened surface below.

Although it appears that we are looking at tightly rendered abstract paintings, tricking the viewer is not Young's objective. She is after a simpler existence, her intention for her work being to highlight and impart the quiet brilliance of her daily experiences and surroundings.

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