

FRIEZE

Seven Exhibitions to See During Frieze Week Seoul

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Jewyo Rhii

Barakat Contemporary

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Jewyo Rhii, *Flash Pallet*, 2023. Courtesy: the artist and Barakat Contemporary, Seoul

‘Love Your Depot is a new institution that supports the life of an artwork based on its physical reality,’ describes artist Jewyo Rhii on the project’s official website. Launched in 2019, ‘Love Your Depot’ manifests as open storage displaying previously exhibited artworks that have nowhere to go. The selection is not based on conventional fine-art criteria; rather, Rhii organically selects art by lifelong peers based on personal relationships. This latest iteration, featuring pieces by artists such as Seeun Kim and Chung Seoyoung, includes details such as the story behind the works and the labour invested by each artist. This affectionate, holistic approach intricately weaves narrative into aesthetic decision-making and builds connections between the artworks. Kinetic installations in the show, such as the slowly rotating Turn Depot and Painting Plate (both 2023), evoke a sense of intimacy as viewers are encouraged to interact with them, ducking and weaving beneath the hanging works. From its earliest iterations in public spaces, including museums and parks, Love Your Depot now casts its gentle light on the commercial core of the contemporary art market.