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Curated by Oxford based British Jane Neal, *Between Worlds* features works by international artists Ali Banisadr, Marius Bercea, Angel Otero and Fiona Rae at Galerie ISA. All four artists explore the territory between abstraction and figuration, and each enjoys the physicality of painting and its process.

Fiona Rae is a renowned London based British artist and has earned her name as one of the iconic female British artists of her generation and in several significant collections and institutions across the world. Ali Banisadr is a

famous Iranian born American artist, who's works are exhibited in many museums over the globe. He has also made his name at a young age for being one of the most important Iranian/ American artists of his generation.

Thirty-three year old Angel Otero is a Puerto Rican born artist, who now resides in New York and is very sought after in the art world. Marius Bercea is a young Romanian artist based in Cluj, Romania. He has widely gained recognition as an important artist from the wave of east European young artists who are making their presence felt in the international contemporary art world.

Says gallery owner Ashwin Thadani, "If archaeology is about exposing the hidden, then painting is the ideal ground for its application. The medium involves the building up of strata — the textured layering of personal and collective memories; interplaying with fiction; intertwining real and virtual. The 'hidden' is contained in the visible; the forgotten or imagined often resurrected through the process of painting.

Sometimes artists like to play with invisibility using paint to create emotional as well as physical contexts, at other times they seek to convey a haptic sensibility through powerfully physical abstraction. The issue of the unseen, or partially uncovered and what it might contain or mask, is particularly resonant for all these painters working today. Though each is distinctly different, they share in common the ability to convey the tension between what is visible on the surface and what might lie beneath."

*Between Worlds* can be viewed at Galerie ISA, 27- Great Western Building, 1st Floor, S Bhagatsingh Road, Opposite Lion Gate, Fort till September 20, 11 am to 7 pm.

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