

RENA BRANSTEN

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Yen-Hua Lee / Book project: a silent conversation

June 29 – August 17, 2019

Reception July 13 / 5-7pm

Rena Bransten Gallery is pleased to present *Book project: a silent conversation*, our first exhibit with multi-media artist Yen-Hua Lee. This installation of small works on paper is part of an ongoing series in which Lee draws on the pages of antique books she has collected. Through the stories found on the book's pages, Lee imagines a silent conversation with writers of the past as she offers to these pages her own visual narratives. An interest in sequencing and the passage of time draws her to the medium of books, though in this context each page offers its own story – there is no beginning and no ending. Dealing with memory and ideas of home both real and imaged, these saturated ink drawings are both playful and somber, and reminiscent of the way written words, whether spoken or read, slowly congeal in our minds to create images.

Originally from Taiwan, Yen-Hua Lee graduated in 2002 from the National Art University of Taiwan. She received an MA from the University of Dallas in 2004 and an MFA in 2007 from Northern Illinois University. She is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships and her work has been shown internationally in over 25 solo exhibitions and numerous group exhibitions, including shows at the Dallas Contemporary, TX; National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan; China Ceramics Museum; Inside-out Art Museum, Beijing, China; Katonah Museum, NY, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY; Korean Culture Center, New York, NY; Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan; Taiwan Yingge Ceramic Museum; and Aomori Contemporary Art Centre, Japan.

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Agreement, 2014–2019
Ink, watercolor on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0049

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Attention, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0048

3



lonely, 2014–2019
Ink, ballpoint pen on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0046

4



in Between, 2014–2019
Ink, watercolor on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0047

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mEt, 2014–2019
Ink, pencil, watercolor on book page
7 2/3 x 9 5/8 in. (19.5 x 24.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0051

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imagination, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0043

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mY frame and my friend, 2014–2019
Ink, ballpoint pen on book page
10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0044

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Rain storm, 2014-2019

Ink, ballpoint pen on book page

10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0045

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Tomorrowland, 2014-2019

Ink, ballpoint pen on book page

8 ¼ x 6 ¾ in. (17.1 x 21 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0040

10



aNyway, 2014-2019

Ink on book page

10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0041

11



Am I right, 2014-2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0042

12



Packaging, 2014-2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0039

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boaT and bike, 2014-2019

Ink, ballpoint pen on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0037

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buT, 2014–2019

Ink, watercolor on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0038

15



I am I, 2014–2019

Ink on book page
8 ¼ x 6 ¾ in. (17.1 x 21 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0036

16



fLOwing river, 2014–2019

Ink, ballpoint pen on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0034

17



Also, 2014–2019

Ink, watercolor on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0035

18



eRaser, 2014–2019

Ink on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0030

19



Yen-Hua Lee

Reality space, 2014–2019

Ink on book page
10 x 7 ½ x in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0031

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Karma, 2014–2019

Ink on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0032

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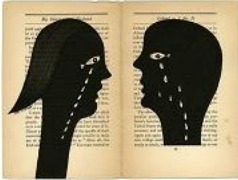
ilLusion, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0033

22



drOp, drop slow tears, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0025

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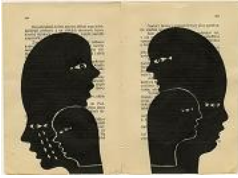
Gdansk, 2014–2019

Ink, watercolor on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0026

24



Seeking flowers within falling snow, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

6 7/8 x 9 1/2 in. (17.5 x 24.1 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0027

25



he cAlls me "my friend", 2014–2019

Ink on book page

8 ¼ x 6 ¾ in. (17.1 x 21 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0029

26



deep brEath, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0021

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Suffered, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0022

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No answer, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0023

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Bite and sup, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0028

30



drop Tears as fast as the arabian trees, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0018

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Yen-Hua Lee

Container, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

9 x 12 in. (22.9 x 30.5 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0019

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life is a Journey, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0024

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uNspecified, 2014–2019

Ink, watercolor on book page

9 ½ x 6 7/8 in. (17.5 x 24.1 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0020

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siLence, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0015

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Tearing up, 2014–2019
Ink, watercolor on book page
9 ½ x 6 7/8 in. (17.5 x 24.1 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0016

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wiNd blows, 2014–2019
Ink, ballpoint pen on book page
10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0017

37



Vadose zone, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
12 x 9 in. (22.9 x 30.5 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0013

38



tears on the River, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0014

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all in All, 2014–2019
Ink, watercolor on book page
9 ½ x 6 7/8 in. (17.5 x 24.1 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0010

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See you, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0011

41



Emotion, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
9 7/8 x 7 3/8 in. (18.7 x 25.1 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0012

42



Crying in the rain, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0007

43



sOrry, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
9 7/8 x 7 3/8 in. (18.7 x 25.1 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0008

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Exchange, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
9 7/8 x 7 3/8 in. (18.7 x 25.1 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0009

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fIOating ice, 2014–2019
Ink on book page
7 3/8 x 9 7/8 in. (18.7 x 25.1 cm)
LEEYE-WOP-0005

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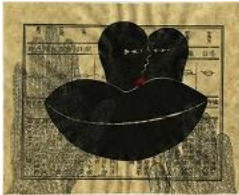
evEntually, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0006

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oN the other hand, 2014–2019

Ink, pencil, watercolor on book page

7 2/3 x 9 5/8 in. (19.5 x 24.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0003

48



gO home, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0004

49



cRush, 2014–2019

Ink, watercolor on book page

10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0002

50



Exists, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

10 x 7 ½ in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0001

51



Negotiate, 2014–2019

Ink on book page

7 ½ x 10 in. (19.1 x 25.4 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0000

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The shadow of wind, 2014–2019

Ink, watercolor on rice paper

27 x 27 3/8 in. (68.6 x 69.5 cm)

LEEYE-WOP-0050