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Introverse: Allegory Today

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Introverse: Allegory Today intimates the allegorical turn in current artistic practice characterized by the psychological interiorization, libidinal symbolism, and melancholic contemplation of contemporary life. Featuring 12 artists, the exhibition presents diffused figurations and extended metaphors that embody the spiritual and political complexities of our times, traversing individual interiorities to reflect on the immensity of the outer world.

With each work, the surplus of significations, narratives and affects implode to reveal radical uncertainty coupled with the will to persevere. These allegorical modes reference and estrange our current reality, offering forking paths towards negation and becoming.

Extending Walter Benjamin's view of German Baroque and Benjamin Buchloh's analysis of post-war collage and appropriation strategies, *Introverse* takes stock of emergent allegorical procedures that mediate our political and social reality, constituting different ways "to speak publicly with hidden meaning." *

Curated by 80WSE Curator Howie Chen and artist Alex Ito.

80WSE Gallery is located at 80 Washington Square East
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* Benjamin H.D. Buchloh, "Allegorical Procedures: Appropriation and Montage in Contemporary Art," *Artforum*, September 1982, 43-56.