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This Artist's Surreal Paintings Imagine the Adventures of an Outrageous and Unstoppable Alter Ego—See Them Here

Show of the Day: "2017" at Magenta Plains, New York.

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Ebecho Muslimova, *Fatebe Aspanique Pee* (2017). Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

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EBECHO MUSLIMOVA

"2017"

Magenta Plains, New York

What the Gallery Says: "Ebecho Muslimova's strikingly graphic paintings and drawings spotlight an alter ego named 'Fatebe,' a grinning, portly figure minimally rendered in sweeping black lines. Wide-eyed and naked, Fatebe finds herself in various impossible situations—a contortionist of voluminous proportions. Whether squatting like a genie inside a jar of coins and gagged by a stack of quarters, or poised as Narcissus over a pool of still water while folded into the angles of a laundry drying rack, Fatebe can do and show things that her author can't."

Why It's Worth a Look: The 33-year-old Russia-born artist has impeccable line work, and is showing paintings, in addition to her usual drawings, for the first time. Each piece reads like an anxiety-ridden nightmare, Muslimova's Fatebe alter ego constantly finding herself in impossible, compromising, or otherwise absurd situations. The work recalls old time-y cartoons, and a Surrealist take on slapstick humor. Through it all, Fatebe remains smiling, and unapologetic emblem of voluptuous womanhood.

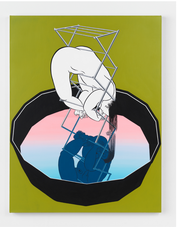
What It Looks Like:

Installation view of Ebecho Muslimova's current exhibition at Magenta Plains. Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

Ebecho Muslimova, *Fatebe 2017 Show* (2017). Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

Ebecho Muslimova, *Untitled (Jar)*, 2017. Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

Ebecho Muslimova, *Fatebe Self Possession* (2017). Courtesy of Magenta Plains.



Ebecho Muslimova, *Fatebe Rack* (2017). Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

Ebecho Muslimova, *Fatebe Arms Display* (2017). Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

Ebecho Muslimova, *Fatebe Wheelbarrow Unicycle* (2017). Courtesy of Magenta Plains.

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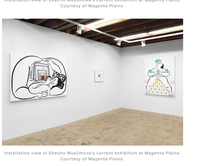

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"Ebecho Muslimova" is on view through February 11, 2018.

Magenta Plains is located at 94 Allen Street, New York.

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