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Yuko Uchida's SUNSHOWR + NO GREY ZONE: The Stories We Tell in Black and White.

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Yuko Uchida, Sunshower 2018

New York, NY - On March 6th, 2018,6 - 9 pm Ideal Glass gallery and performance space, in collaboration with Japanese - New York based - artist Yuko Uchida and Russian artist and independent curator Victoria Borisova (A.K.A. <u>VSB Art</u>), presents **SUNSHOWER + No Grey Zone: Stories we tell in Black and White**.

Yuko Uchida's performance SUNSHOWER has been inspired by complex and often contradictory feelings and memories from her childhood. In Japan, sun showers invoke the traditional story of the Fox's Wedding,' where a fox would trick people, both good and bad. In SUNSHOWER Yuko will be the fox, tricking the audience, inviting them to feel as if they are in a dream, fantasy land and fairy tale. Her wearable art pieces, installation and performance itself are a reflection of her background in fashion design and a way to give a voice to complex and unspoken feelings through the use of mixed media, from fabric to unconventional materials.

SUNSHOWER performance, was originally developed to be featured as a parallel event to the 2018 New York Fashion Week, will be presented on March 6th, 2018 together with the pop up group show NO GREY ZONA: Stories we tell in Black and White. Yuko will be joined by Japanese dancer Ayako Takahashi, the performance duo Artemis Beasts, and artists Michael Murton, Palenakeke Brown, Persephone Hopper, Marianna Olinger, Jaiko Suzuki and Ayano Taka.

Since moving to New york in 2007, **Uchida's** work has been featured in a number of DIY venues, as well as museums and galleries. After "occupying" the Armory show in 2016 with her performance "Parade", her work was featured on Hyperallergic's "Artists to Watch during the 2016 Bushwick Open Studios" In

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her pieces, fragmentation, brokenness, entrapment, and self-realization found in traditional Japanese narratives, meet the whimsical and fantastic.

NO GREY ZONE: The Stories We Tell in Black and White is a group show in conjunction with Uchida's performance, curated by VBS Art. The show investigates a non-verbal visual storytelling, focusing on different techniques and materials from charcoal drawing to video, installation and performance artists choose to use to tell their story.

Storytelling through visual art has been a common practice throughout history of art and humanity and remains as vital today as ever. Artists in the show come from different countries and backgrounds, and have their own story to share, limited and liberated by the use of two colors only, which helps them to sharpen the focus on the essence of their story, subtracting it from anything extra.

Artists: Charlie BrownBunny (Spain), Helen Esberg (USA), Kyung Eun You (South Korea), Marianna Olinger (Brazil-Luxembourg), Michael Murton (Canada), Victoria Borisova (Russia), Yasuaki Okamoto (Japan) and Yuko Uchida (Japan)

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