

Art in America

GUIDE

Margaret Morrison Objects of Desire

December 7, 2023 - March 1, 2024



Woodward Gallery celebrates this Winter Season with Margaret Morrison's newest one-woman exhibition, *Objects of Desire*, marking the gallery's return to its secondary location and launching its 30th Anniversary year! Oil paintings, some previously exhibited in museums around the world, are gathered for this solo exhibition, together for the very first time.

Tuscany is Margaret Morrison's second home and place of great inspiration. Nearly every summer, Morrison wanders through the antique markets of Arezzo, Cortona, and Lucca, Italy searching for inspiration. She often finds tables laden with sumptuous offerings of silver, crystal, and collectibles. Morrison explains that there are tables piled high with forgotten trinkets and discarded items that fascinate her with their accidental beauty. Monumental paintings from her *Antiques* series inspired by these observations will premiere in *Objects of Desire*.

Margaret Morrison's oil paintings are so realistic that they appear to be photographs. Her large-scale works are chock full of detail to behold. Shiny treasures reflect within one another or glisten with sugary lusciousness in her unique table settings.

Considering life from a child's point of view, Morrison believes that life becomes mysterious and magical all over again. Previously featured at the Art in Embassy program, in Tel Aviv, Israel, and at the NYU Kimmel Vitrines in Manhattan, New York, larger-than-life marbles from her joyous *Playtime* series will be presented as part of *Objects of Desire*.

Morrison's decadent sweet treats have been featured at the Imperial Centre Museum, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Lightheartedly, Margaret Morrison blames her father for her sweet tooth. She recalls her youth time family visits to the drive-in movie theater including ritual stops at the local drug store where her father would purchase several bags of candy. She vividly remembers the shiny wrappers, the seductive packaging, and the incalculable thrill of sweet pleasure. Indulge in delights from this *Candy* series, premiering in New York City for *Objects of Desire*.

DETAILS

Start:

December 7

End:

March 1, 2024

Event Categories:

[Exhibition](#), [Virtual Events + Viewing Rooms](#)

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<https://woodwardgallery.net/margaret-morrison-objects-of-desire/>

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