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Hedieh Javanshir Ilchi, *All night things passed in the dark*, 2023, acrylic and watercolor on panel, 20 x 16 inches

HEDIEH JAVANSHIR ILCHI: *We are forever folding into the night*
November 11 – December 22, 2023

Washington, DC - HEMPHILL is pleased to announce the exhibition, Hedieh Javanshir Ilchi: *We are forever folding into the night*, opening on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. The exhibition will remain on view through December 22, 2023.

Hedieh Javanshir Ilchi's connection to nature, landscape, and geography provokes themes through which the painter focuses her lens. With each poured work, Ilchi elicits a new environment or dreamscape from the undulating forms, as if divining a place of solace (or unease) from floes of thinned acrylic and watercolor. The artworks in this exhibition evoke the idealism of Hudson River School paintings, echoing the sublime themes of this 19th-century movement. Otherworldliness can be seen as an inspiration in Ilchi's own practice, pairing intricate Tazhib patterns with fearsome depictions of nature, such as celestial phenomena and towering trees. Ilchi reflects on the individual's organic connection to heaven and earth, land and sky, breathing life into the hidden environments described in this newest body of work.

Hedieh Javanshir Ilchi: *We are forever folding into the night* is the artist's fourth solo exhibition at HEMPHILL. Ilchi was born in Tehran, Iran, in 1981 and currently lives and works in the Washington, DC, area. Ilchi received a BFA with honors from the Corcoran College of Art + Design in 2006 and an MFA in Studio Art from American University in 2011. She has been awarded residencies at the Ucross Foundation, Vermont Studio Center, The Jentel Foundation, and the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts. Her work is represented in numerous public and private collections, including the The Federal Reserve Board, Fine Arts Program Permanent Collection, The Carl F. Freeman Foundation, University of Maryland Contemporary Art Purchasing Program, and The Phillips Collection. She is currently the McMillan Stewart Endowed Chair in Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)..

HEMPHILL celebrates its 30th Anniversary with the 2023 Fall Art Season. The gallery opened in September 1993 and has since presented over 250 solo and group exhibitions in gallery spaces throughout Washington, DC and, since 2019, in DC's Mt Vernon Triangle location. Upcoming exhibitions include Willem de Looper (January–February 2024) and Steven Cushner (March–April 2024).

GALLERY HOURS:

Tuesday 12 p.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday 12 p.m.–5 p.m.

Thursday 12 p.m.–7 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday 12 p.m.–5 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

The gallery will be closed Thursday, November 23–Monday, November 27, 2023, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal gallery hours will resume on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

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