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Claudia Bitran, *Frenzy (Shower Vomit)* (2020),
\$7,500



Claudia Bitran, *Frenzy (shower vomit)*, 2020. Courtesy of the artist and SPRING/BREAK Art Show.

Painter Claudia Bitran culls viral Vine, Instagram, and YouTube videos from the internet and transforms them into small, lovely paintings. Upon seeing these works in the booth curated by Lauren Powell, I asked Bitran about the source material for one piece I found particularly beautiful (I later learned its title, *Frenzy (shower vomit)*). "It's a young man in the shower, very drunk, sitting on a potato chip bag, trying to not throw up, and then he throws up eventually," she told me. Bitran found grace in this fratty footage. As she painted, she attempted to capture the boy's movement, creating staggered shadows of his face and shoulder. Under Bitran's brush, the vomit looks like radiant yellow light issuing from the boy's mouth: He becomes more prophet than miscreant. The artist noted that she references Futurism, the 20th-century Italian movement concerned with painting progress and speed. "I thought this was a nice little rainbow waterfall," Bitran said as she looked lovingly at the pink-and-orange figure.