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Lui Shtini: "Face Paintings" at Kate Werble Gallery

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In his third New York gallery show, this young Albanian-born painter breaks through to a weird, personal style full of possibility. Small oil-on-board works harbor largely faceless portraits, oddly hopeful presences denoted by two or three stacked, no-neck symmetrical shapes. Each shape and all backgrounds are madly and inventively textured in colors either eccentric or black. The show suggests that the artist has just discovered and is now exploring the wonders of oil paint. Carry on. — ROBERTA SMITH

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