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## MEMORY MINISTER

November 30-December 22

Opening reception: Friday November 30, 7-9pm

at Explosivo/chashama

169 Avenue C at 10th Street

curated by Tracy Candido

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Andrew Prayzner, and Kimi Weart

"Memory Minister" includes artists that project an uncanny, dream-like, or strange reality by conjuring up personal and/or collective images from their memory. In the late 18th century, France had invented the Phantasmagoria, a precinema projection ghost show which was a modified type of magic lantern, used to project images on walls, smoke, or semi-transparent screens. This lantern-sorcery conjured up images of the dead and began to develop into a kind of art-form.

The artists in "Memory Minister" do not use typically frightening imagery in their works, instead, they summon up memories of their past as they remember them, sometimes intermingling elements of the present to decipher what they may not understand. The works in "Memory Minister" are haunting and dream-like, and evoke notions of romantic poetry, engaging in an energetic imaginative commitment to the restorative powers of memory, especially of childhood and adolescence.

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A special event for MEMORY MINISTER will take place on Thursday, December 20th at 9pm featuring a shadow puppet performance by the world renowned PUPPETKABOB.

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