

## OTHERWISE

### **Lorella Paleni**

October 7 - November 6, 2016

Opening reception: Friday, October 7, 6 - 9 PM



*Lorella Paleni, Will-o'-the-Wisp, oil on canvas, 150 x 200 cm, 2016.*

" ... all that we say we are saying around that which cannot be said, cannot be spoken."

— Susan Griffin

Magic Beans is pleased to announce Lorella Paleni's first solo exhibition with the gallery.

"OTHERWISE" is a cohesive body of new paintings investigating animal and human relationships. With colorful and contrasting hues, the paintings are built on layers and transparencies. The light that inhabits the

works are often warm flickering fires, like Will-o'-the-Wisp's spontaneous combustions. The animal and human body's gestures mingle with the fire, trees, and other forms populating the space.

The subject of the animal also doubles as the "Other," uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Paleni's work investigates the fallacy of the thin line that man draws to separate herself from the otherness of the animal. Her paintings create a language beyond verbal systems, establishing a space where speech eludes and rational thinking fails. The "Other" can emerge as the possibility of something unplanned, unexpected, a mishap.