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**Soft Systems and Lot49 present *Excess Labor for the Ephemera: A Group Exhibition of Paintings and Sound*.**

**Chicago, IL** — Soft Systems, in collaboration with Lot49, is pleased to announce "Excess Labor for the Ephemera," a group exhibition featuring new work from Harris Ainsworth, Lara DiBlasio, Doeybuff, Marlee Chlystek, Brigid O'Neil, Lorenzo Osterheim, Tong Pan, Avery Pollard & Astro Carter, Kayla Taylor, Theo Schweiger 萧世通, John Wright, and Simone Whiteley-Allen. The exhibition's opSaturday opening will also feature performances from Sam Anthem, Melon Sprout, and Tunnel.

This unique 'rock collection' of peculiarities merges paintings and sound to form an immersive experience. The artists delve into the ephemera of life, exploring the beauty found in the seemingly insignificant. Motivated by an irrational urge to share these discoveries, the artists employ their excess labor to distill and celebrate the inherent joy of these enthralling and uncanny moments. Tong Pan, the exhibition's curator, expresses "You don't know all the things you are."

Join us for an exploration of life's ephemeral beauty through the eyes and expressions of these emerging artists.

**Event Details:**

- **Dates:** December 9-10, 2023
- **Location:** Lot49 - 2201 W Huron St, Chicago, IL 60612
- **Opening Reception:** Saturday, December 9 (6-10 pm)
- **Gallery Hours:** Sunday, December 10 (11-4 pm)

**About Soft Systems**

Soft Systems is a decentralized gallery, offering a dynamic platform for contemporary fine art. With a commitment to adaptability, Soft Systems embraces the unique characteristics of each exhibition space it occupies, embodying the essence of fluidity.

**About Lot49**

Lot 49, located in the West Town neighborhood of Chicago, is a DIY music venue that hosts shows, spotlighting emerging musicians and fostering a grassroots community of artists.

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