Sleepwalker

By Zoe Vassiliou

Solo Show Fall 2026
Uncool Gallery

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Uncool Gallery presents *Sleepwalker*, a solo exhibition by photographer Zoe Vassiliou, opening in Brooklyn, NY, on November 30, 2026.

Developed over several years, *Sleepwalker* moves through the unstable territory between waking life and dream. Vassiliou photographs figures after twilight, inside bedrooms, along roadsides, and within abandoned or deteriorating spaces. Light becomes part of the psychological structure of each image. Streetlamps, moonlight, interior lamps, and sudden flashes transform familiar environments into places charged with uncertainty.

The photographs begin with Vassiliou's interest in the strange logic of dreams. Childhood memories of imagining dreams as movies projected behind closed eyelids developed into a photographic language where reality can feel briefly altered. Figures appear suspended inside their surroundings. A landscape may seem watchful. An ordinary room can carry the pressure of something unseen.

Across *Sleepwalker*, Vassiliou uses photography to give form to emotions that surface most strongly at night. The work draws on fear and fascination, allowing difficult states of mind to become images that can be looked at directly.

The exhibition includes photographs made between 2022 and 2026, including *Sleepwalker*, *Blue Hour*, *Curtain Call*, *Hitchhiker*, *Where the Current Sleeps*,

Cornfield Cathedral, and *The Uninvited*. The works are presented as archival pigment prints in two scales. Selected works will also be available through Uncool Gallery on Artsy.

Sleepwalker was selected as Uncool Gallery's Fall 2026 Solo Show through the Gallery's quarterly Solo Show Open Call. The Fall 2026 edition received 170 applications. Zoe Vassiliou was selected for the physical solo exhibition, with nine additional artists forming the Fall 2026 Cohort.

Exhibition Information
Sleepwalker
Zoe Vassiliou

On view: November 30 through December 11, 2026
By appointment

Public Reception
Friday, December 4
6 to 8 PM

Presented by Uncool Gallery
Hosted at Lista Studios

Exhibition page:
https://uncoolgallery.com/exhibitions/sleep-walker/

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Zoe Vassiliou
Zoe Vassiliou is a Greek American photographer with a BFA from Cornell University. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Art and Art Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. She was selected as a 2020 YoungArts Finalist in Photography and received the Scholastic Excellence Award from the Panhellenic

Scholarship Foundation in 2021. Her work has appeared in international exhibitions. In 2026, she was selected as a finalist for the LensCulture Portrait Awards and as a prizewinner by *The Photo Review*. She lives in New York and Athens, Greece.

Uncool Gallery

Uncool Gallery is an artist-led curatorial platform directed by Carolina Paz, dedicated to contemporary experimentation and community-driven artistic practice. Operating as part of the Uncool Artist initiative, the gallery develops solo exhibitions and site-responsive projects through dialogue and sustained artistic inquiry.

The Solo Show Open Call is Uncool Gallery's quarterly curatorial project, inviting artists to propose solo exhibitions for its New York City program. Each edition selects one artist to receive a grant and present a two-week solo exhibition, while up to ten artists per cycle are featured across the gallery's website, Instagram, and Artsy.

Lista Studios

Lista Studios is a membership-based art studio for young creatives in Brooklyn, offering open studio access, workshops, and mentorship from working artists. Designed as a flexible and inclusive space, Lista encourages experimentation across media and supports students in developing their own points of view through sustained artistic practice.