



CARSON ELLIS

Only Children, Hang Tight

June 3 - July 16, 2022

Opening Reception : **June 3, 6 - 9pm**

This exhibition, Ellis' debut with Gallery 16 is titled *Only Children, Hang Tight*. Most of the artwork was made during the pandemic - not necessarily in response to it, but profoundly influenced by the experience of it. Ellis explains "*Only Children, Hang Tight*" was a message to kids without siblings stuck at home with their parents and no-one else to play with. But it was also really a message to anyone who finds themselves suddenly isolated.

Carson Ellis is an artist, author and illustrator of the best-selling picture books *Home* and *Du Iz Tak?* She has illustrated a number of books for kids, including *The Composer Is Dead* by Lemony Snicket, and the *Wildwood Chronicles* by her husband, Colin Meloy. She is also the illustrator-in-residence for Colin's band, the Decemberists, and received a Grammy nomination for the design of their 2015 LP, *What a Terrible World, What a Beautiful World*.