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Saeko Takagi
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Making an Entrance at Any Age

Fairy tales of a sweeter sort are implied in the deft, watercolorlike paintings of a young Japanese artist named Saeko Takagi, who is making her debut at ATM, recently relocated to Chelsea from the East Village. Ms. Takagi's radiant landscapes belong to a familiar genre of seductive illustrational art, but her palette, imagination and touch suggest that she might rise above it. Her work can also be seen at Transplant Gallery in Chelsea, where she has drawn the images for an animated video by her husband, Masakatsu Takagi. The tiny stills from it, which compress Ms. Takagi's ethereal images into gemlike miniatures, may be the best work in either show.

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