Large Print Exhibition Guide Desde el Salón (From the Living Room) Sol Calero selects from the Hiscox Collection 19 May – 15 August 2021



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For fifty years, insurance providers Hiscox have been collecting contemporary art. With no work ever in storage, this living collection of close to 1000 works appears in offices around the world, enlivening the working environment with art that provokes thought or sparks creativity.

The Hiscox Collection is on public view here for the first time, in two consecutive displays curated by two artists with works in the collection. For this, the second iteration, Berlin-based multi-media artist Sol Calero (b.1982, Venezuela) celebrates the natural and the domestic realms as she explores ideas around collecting and the objects that we choose to surround ourselves with.

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Calero creates large-scale, brightly coloured installations that investigate themes of representation, identity and migration, informed by her own perspective as a migrant. Her paintings and murals brim with tropical motifs as she employs a number of visual stereotypes related to popular imagery of Latin America.

Calero selects luscious images of trees, flowers and seed-heads, vast ocean – and mountain – scapes, verdantly coloured maps and depictions of contested lands. They are shown alongside paintings of bright brick walls and open windows, sculpted chairs, tufted rugs and ceramic jugs and vases, in a reflection on our relationship with nature and the making of a home.

Featured artists:

Pio Abad, Phillip Allen, Polly Apfelbaum, John Baldessari, Yto Barrada, David Batchelor, Willem Blaeu, Alighiero Boetti, Marc Camille Chaimowicz, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Willie Cole, Andrew Cranston, Noah Davis, Maria de Lima, Nathalie Du Pasquier, Lilah Fowler,

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Daniel Gordon, Richard Hamilton, Gil Heitor Cortesão, Howard Hodgkin, Agnieszka Kurant, Jim Lambie, Peter Lanyon, Annie Leibovitz, Sol LeWitt, Amadeo Luciano Lorenzato, Eddie Martinez, Nancy Milner, Joan Miró, Sarah Morris, Richard Mosse, Malgorzata Neubart, Chris Ofili, Jorge Pedro Núñez, Pavel Pepperstein, Pablo Picasso, Benedetto Pietromarchi, Tal R, Abigail Reynolds, John Riddy, Martin Soto Climent, Jeni Spota, Brent Wadden and Ali Zitouni.

Offering a wide-ranging survey of the art of our time, a book of the Hiscox Collection is available from the bookshop.

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