A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce Sol, ella y yo (Sol, her and I), an exhibition by Fellowship Artist Isabella Cruz-Chong. Cruz-Chong will be showing a series of videos that seek to explore a matrilineal history, connection, and spirit. This is Cruz-Chong’s first solo exhibition in New York City.

Working across video and sound, Sol, ella y yo features three works that delve into Cruz-Chong’s maternal lineage and the way memory is passed through each generations. Depicted in each video are three minimal shapes of soil, synced with the recorded voices of the artist, her mother, and her grandmother. Throughout the video, vibrations meld the three shapes into one as the three voices layer over one another. With this, the artist attempts to conjure previously unseen and unknown connections between owned, shared, and unconscious experiences that tie together the three voices and the expressions of life that they reveal. The minimal and geometric aspect of the work is inspired by abstract tantric paintings. The voices are drawn from extended interviews of the three women. These interviews were originally intended as a means for the artist to explore and contextualize her own womanhood and emotional upbringing.

Containing elements of healing, change, energy, and self-love, the artist’s tactile obsession with earth holds a raw connection that expresses the essential and timeless quality of the material. In spite of the perpetual shifting of soil underfoot, Cruz-Chong embeds in it simultaneously individual and shared lives and experiences that both retain their singularity and merge into a single utterance of history and blood.

Isabella Cruz-Chong is from Tijuana, Mexico and is based in Brooklyn, New York. She obtained a BFA from School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an MFA from Parsons School of Design. She has exhibited at Mana Wynwood at Art Week (Miami, FL), Smack Mellon, (Brooklyn, NY) and SXSW (Austin, TX), among others.

For more on the artist, visit icruzchong.com

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