

Es/ Cultura Vernácula

Evelyn Quijas Godinez & Aura Oropeza Tellez

Exhibition Run: December 10, 2022 - January 14, 2023

Artists Evelyn Quijas Godinez (b. 1990, Los Angeles, CA) and Aura Oropeza Tellez (b. 1992, Los Angeles, CA) collaborate for the first time on an exhibition designed for the DMST Atelier gallery. This exhibition is shaped by the forces of friendship, history, sculpture, and language. Evelyn Quijas Godinez and Aura Oropeza Tellez formed their friendship through mutual community members in Boyle Heights and have remained friends since then. Structured around the objects of the past, shared experience, and verbal imagination, this exhibition reveals how the use and reuse of common objects and symbols can create a connection to a period of life that is historical and far from the present. Though the works of each artist exist independently, this exhibition highlights both the divergences and the conceptual, historical, and contextual overlaps of the collaboration of these genuine friends.



The “es/cultura vernácula” exhibition investigates the relationship between a historical collective past and an individual artistic self, and how engagement with the past generates new artistic, cultural, and historical experiences. Featuring newly produced installations, sculptures, and works of writing developed separately but designed in collaboration, this exhibition will form an inclusive space striving to call forth alternative experiences of the present through thinking of, interacting with, creating through the past. Inspired by both biographical similarities and artistic resonances, Evelyn and Aura look into the multifaceted manifestations of the concept and practice of sculpture. With architectural elements coming directly from Mexico, their works point to an unpredicted dimension of having a life in Los Angeles but building on elements from Mexico. This exhibition will highlight the invisible but essential building blocks that serve to make the installation possible, reflecting both a necessary material base for artworks and also parts of the immaterial, the memories of the artists and therefore any person’s, as every one of the artworks individually stands for a meaning, an experience, a story, everyone of us separately lives with our own past. Pause for a moment: when you walk into this exhibition, our past arrives at a point of the present—do you see the artworks or yourself?

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Artworks List

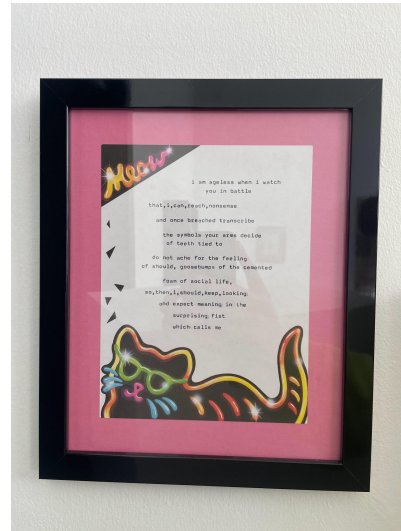
<p><i>"my lifetime"</i> Aura Oropeza Tellez Paper and ink 13" x 17" x 1" \$200</p>	
<p>Equis (X) Evelyn Quijas Godinez Concrete tile, ceramic tile, wood, grout. 39" x 39" x 9 1/2" \$2,800</p>	
<p><i>"i cannot see death when it is clear or amorphous"</i> Aura Oropeza Tellez Ink on pressed flower paper 12" x 15" x 1/2" \$150</p>	

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Vista desde Guachimontones hacia Cuauhtépetl
 (View from Guachimontones toward Cuauhtépetl)
 Wood frame, aluminum strips, backlit photo print,
 LED light strips, acrylic sheet.
 37" x 25" x 5"
 \$1300



"i am ageless when I watch you in battle"
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink on stationary
 9 ½ x 11 x ½
 \$150



"i understand that fear is understanding"
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink and watercolor on paper
 9 ½" x 13" x 1"
 \$150

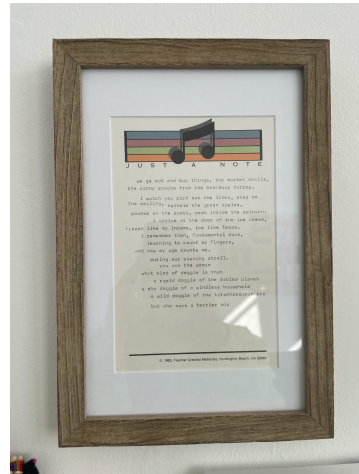


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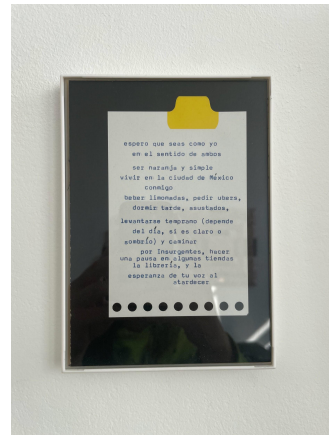
“love you as if the resoluteness of words”
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink on doilie, stationary, graph paper, requisition form, and stickers on wooden panel
 20” x 20”
 \$300



“we go out and buy things”
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink on stationary
 9” x 13” x 1”
 \$150



“espero que seas como yo”
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink on index notebook divider paper
 5” x 7” x ½”
 \$100



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Interiores (Interiors)
Evelyn Quijas Godinez
Concrete tile, wood frame, found object.
12" x 12" x 2"
\$400



"to be"
Aura Oropeza Tellez
Ink on graph paper, and postcard
8" x 11" x 3/4"
\$130



"the smithereens"
Aura Oropeza Tellez
Stationary and ink
9" x 11" x 1/2"
\$150



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"the earth is a beautiful place"
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Stationary, amate, papyrus, doilie, stickers,
 watercolor, ink, and photo
 14 ½" x 14 ½" x 1"
 \$300



"i am the evening"
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink on notebook paper, and stickers on wooden
 panel
 4" x 12" x ½"
 \$100



"the story of light nowhere"
 Aura Oropeza Tellez
 Ink on amate, and stickers on wooden panel
 7 x 10 x 1/2
 \$130

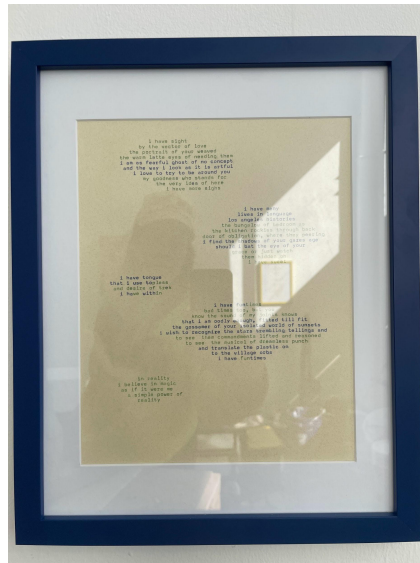


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"my found i"
Aura Oropeza Tellez
Ink on notebook paper, stationary, amate, and
stickers on wooden panel
8" x 10" x 2
\$250



"i have sight by the vector of love"
Aura Oropeza Tellez
Ink on paper
12 1/2" x 15 1/2" x 1"
\$200

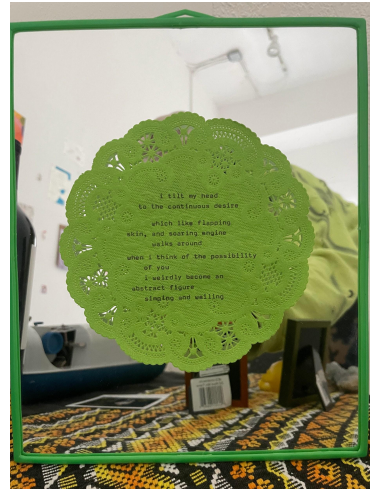


Xocmool
Evelyn Quijas Godinez
Clay and glaze
14" x 4 1/2" x 6"
\$800



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"i tilt my head"
Aura Oropeza Tellez
Ink on doilie with mirror
8 1/2" x 11 1/2"
\$100



Misc. Poems
Aura Oropeza Tellez
Stationary, paper varieties (amate, papyrus, doilies,
pressed flowers, graph paper, postcards), stickers,
ink, colored pencil, stamps, watercolor on paper

Small - \$60
Medium - \$80
Large - \$120

