

Carolina Fusilier

PEANA

Carolina Fusilier (b.1985, Buenos Aires) lives and works in Oaxaca. Through painting, film and installation she explores post-human imaginaries, investigating intersections between organic and mechanical bodies, between industrial and domestic scenarios. Her work emphasizes the displacement of anthropogenic perspectives into non-human sensibilities, speculating on the potential of artifacts and technologies with which we are enmeshed, yet whose nature remains uncertain.

Fusilier has appeared in solo and group exhibitions at Jumex Museum in Mexico City, MX; Mendes Wood DM in Sao Paulo, BR; Locust Projects in Miami, US; Natalia Hug Gallery in Cologne, DE; La Fábrica in Buenos Aires, ARG; The Drawing Center in New York, US; The Sculpture Center in New York, US; and Centro Cultural Tlatelolco, Mexico City, MX; among others. She was a recipient of several grants and awards including the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Fellowship and the Jumex Foundation scholarship. With her film projects, she has participated in international festivals such as IDFA in Amsterdam, NL and Doc-Fortnight at MoMA in New York, US. Her most recent short film *Corrientes Mercuriales* (2023) had its world premiere at NYFF, New York, US; and won a special mention for best Argentine short film at the Mar del Plata International Film Festival; Mar del Plata, AR.



LIVES AND WORKS

Oaxaca, MX.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Corrientes Mercuriales, Museo Jumex; CDMX, MX.

2021 Clepsidra, Daniela Elbahara Gallery; CDMX, MX.

2019 Kitchen with a view, Locust Projects; Miami, US.

2018 Angel Engines, Natalia Hug Gallery; Cologne, DE.

2014 Fenómeno, La Fábrica; Buenos Aires, AR.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 Casa Ideal, curated by Enrique Giner, Proyectos Multipropósito; CDMX, MX.

2023 Linhas Tortas, Mendes Wood; São Paulo, BR.

Hic Sunt Dracones, Deli Gallery; CDMX, MX.

2022 Folk Fiction, curated by Ariana Kalliga; OMS Space; Athens, GR.

Viscera, curated by Moira Sims, Simone Subal Gallery; New York, US.

Fire Regime, Curated by Croma Collective, Space 22; Athens, GR

El Lado Quieto - Video projection at Campeche Galleria; CDMX, MX.

Pain Things Vol. 2, Yope Projects; Oaxaca City, MX.

El Umbral de lo visible, curated by Rivera, LLano Galleria; CDMX, MX.

Noctámbula, Relaciones Públicas; CDMX, MX.

2021 Adentro no hay más que una morada, curated by Alejandra Aguado, Museo

Moderno de Buenos Aires; Buenos Aires, AR.

Montajes Audiovisuales, curated by Esteban King, Espacio Ayer; Guadalajara, MX.

Sssoporte; Guadalajara, MX.

2020 Kamias Triennial, Project 20; Manila, PH.

Drawer NYC, Curated by ESSEX Flowers; New York, US.

2019 Point of Departure, The Drawing Center; New York, US.

Ficción y Tiempo, Centro Cultural Tlatelolco; CDMX, MX.

Lucky Draw Auction, Sculpture Center; New York, US.

Open Studios, Kunstakademie; Düsseldorf, DE.

What's love got to do with it?, The Drawing Center; New York, US.

Mutagenesis, DOC; Paris, FR.

Campamento para Jóvenes Naturalistas, curated by Wendy Cabrera Rubio y Karla

Kaplun, Museo de Querétaro; Querétaro, MX.

2018 74 million million million tons, curated by Ruba Katrib and Lawrence Abu Hamdan,

The Sculpture Center; New York, US.

A salve of sorts, Vacation Gallery; New York, US.

Inches, feet, verse, metre, curated by Ludovica Carbotta and Sara Enrico,

Marsèllerie; New York, US.

Esefee, curated by Gaby Ceped, Centro Cultural San Rafael; CDMX, MX.

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2017 Mochi-LA video playlist: Emerging Video Artists from Latin America; Los Angeles, US.

Fertility Breakdown, Natalia Hug Gallery; Cologne, DE.

Walden (Site-specific project), Biquini Wax; CDMX, MX.

AWARDS AND RECIDENCIES

2022 Hot Docs + Netflix support for independent filmmakers; US.

2020 Asian Culture Center (ACC CINEMA FUND) for producing 'El Lado Quieto' KOR.

Kamias Triennial; Manila, Filipinas. CA / PH.

2019 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Fellowship; US.

Locust Projects- Fundación Jumex for producing Kitchen with a view; MX/ US.

2018 Open Sessions. Selection for two-year program at The Drawing Center; New

York, US.

2015 The Banff Center. The Raul Urtasun - Frances Harley Scholarship for emerging

artists of Argentina, CAN

FILM FESTIVALS

2023 NYFF; New York, US.

Festival de Mar del Plata; Mar del Plata, AR.

2022 Doc-Fortnight MoMa; New York, US.

Images Festival; Toronto, CA.

True/ False Film Festival; Columbia, US.

BARQ, Festival de Cine de Arquitectura de Barcelona; Barcelona, ES.

2220 Arts + Archives; Los Angeles, US.

2021 Open City Film Festival; London, UK.

IDFA International Documentary Film Festival; Amsterdam, NL.

DMZ Docs; Gyeonggi-do, KR.

YIDFF Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival; Yamagata City, JP.

Dok-Leipzig; Leipzig, DE.

Black Canvas; CDMX, MX.

Cámara Lucida International Film Festival; Cuenca, EC.

Pravo Ljudski Film Festival; Sarajevo, BA.

Selected Projects

Corrientes Mercuriales

Museo Jumex;. CDMX, MX. 2023

Trazos cuánticos

Material Art Fair; PEANA. CDMX, MX. 2023

El Lado Quieto

Campeche Galeria; CDMX, MX. 2022

Clepsidra

Daniela Elbahara; CDMX, MX. 2022

Kitchen with a View

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Corrientes Mercuriales

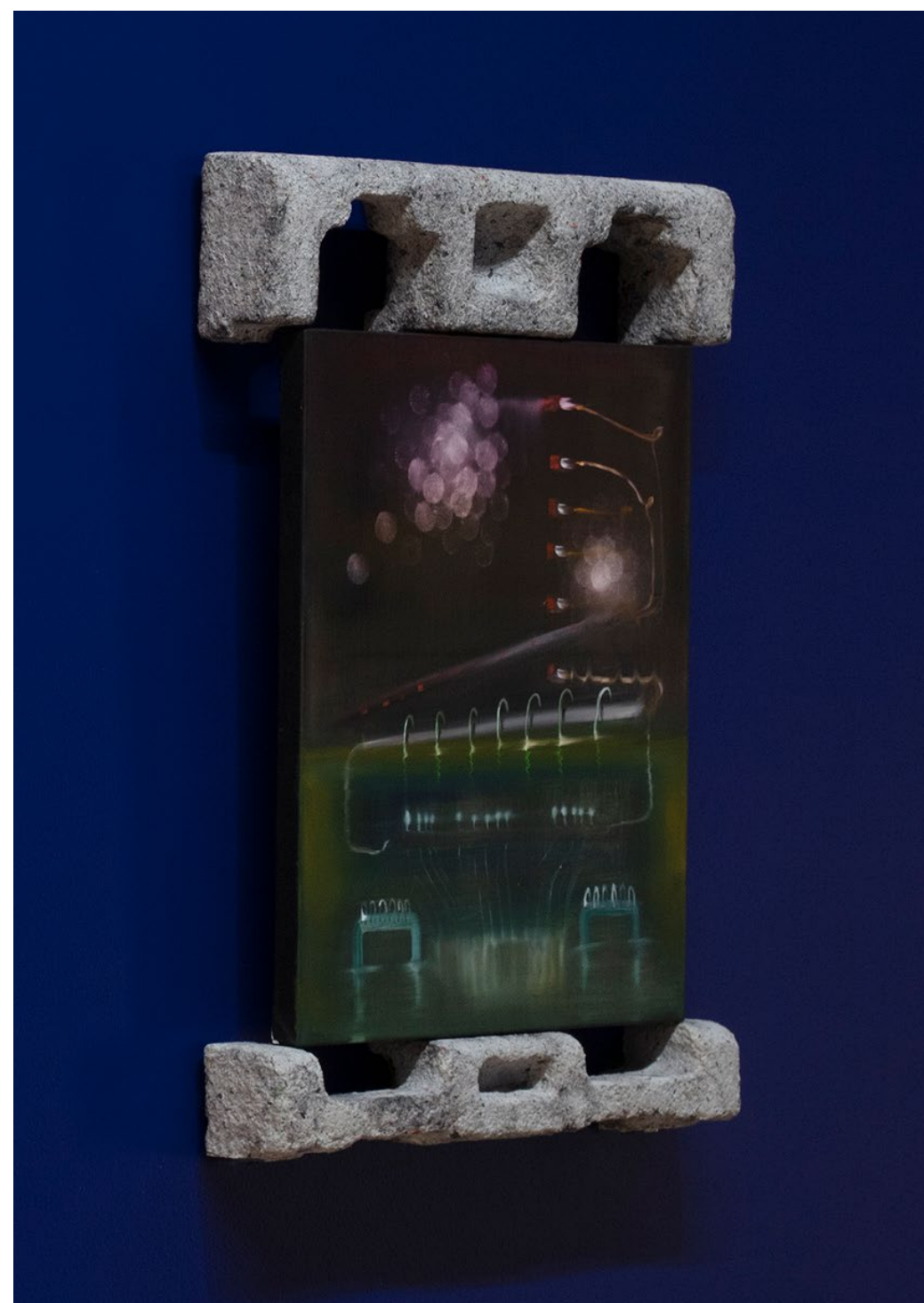
Museo Jumex; CDMX, MX. 2023

Carolina Fusilier (Buenos Aires, 1985) presents a series of unpublished works that connect finance and technology with imaginary worlds and mysterious entities, intertwining the language of documentary cinema with science fiction.

The exhibition emerges from the search for a photograph of her father in 1996, which triggered a process to investigate the financial crises of the 1990s in Argentina from a personal perspective. The video installation “Corrientes Mercuriales” (2023) explores the fictional and real stories that emerge from this photograph. A sound network of human and automaton voices brings to life narratives about spaces that are now deserted due to enormous technological transitions, the artist’s family history, and her emotional relationships with these spaces. An orchestral chorus of ringing phones accompanies the video, and together, these images and sounds construct a sensory journey that suggests that just as nature has its cycles, so do human crises.

A series of paintings inspired by quantum computers accompany the installation. In these works, the artist studies the future and the physicality of intangible and silent technologies that are now part of our lives, through the materiality of painting.

These works create a narrative that links the technological with the ecological and the past with the future, reflecting on family trauma, debt, and the failures of the global neoliberal promise.

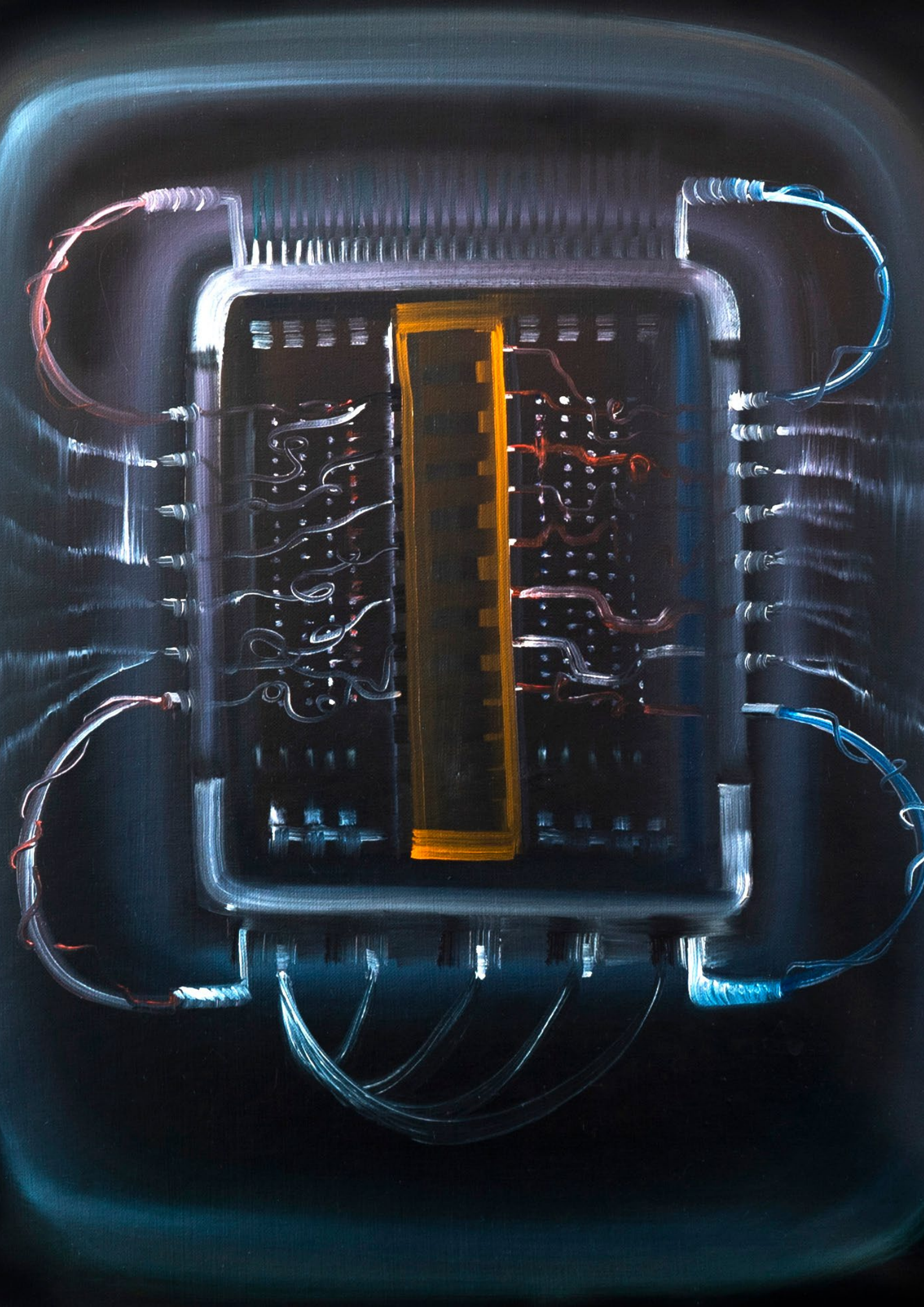




Installation view
Corrientes Mercuriales
Museo Jumex; CDMX, MX. 2023



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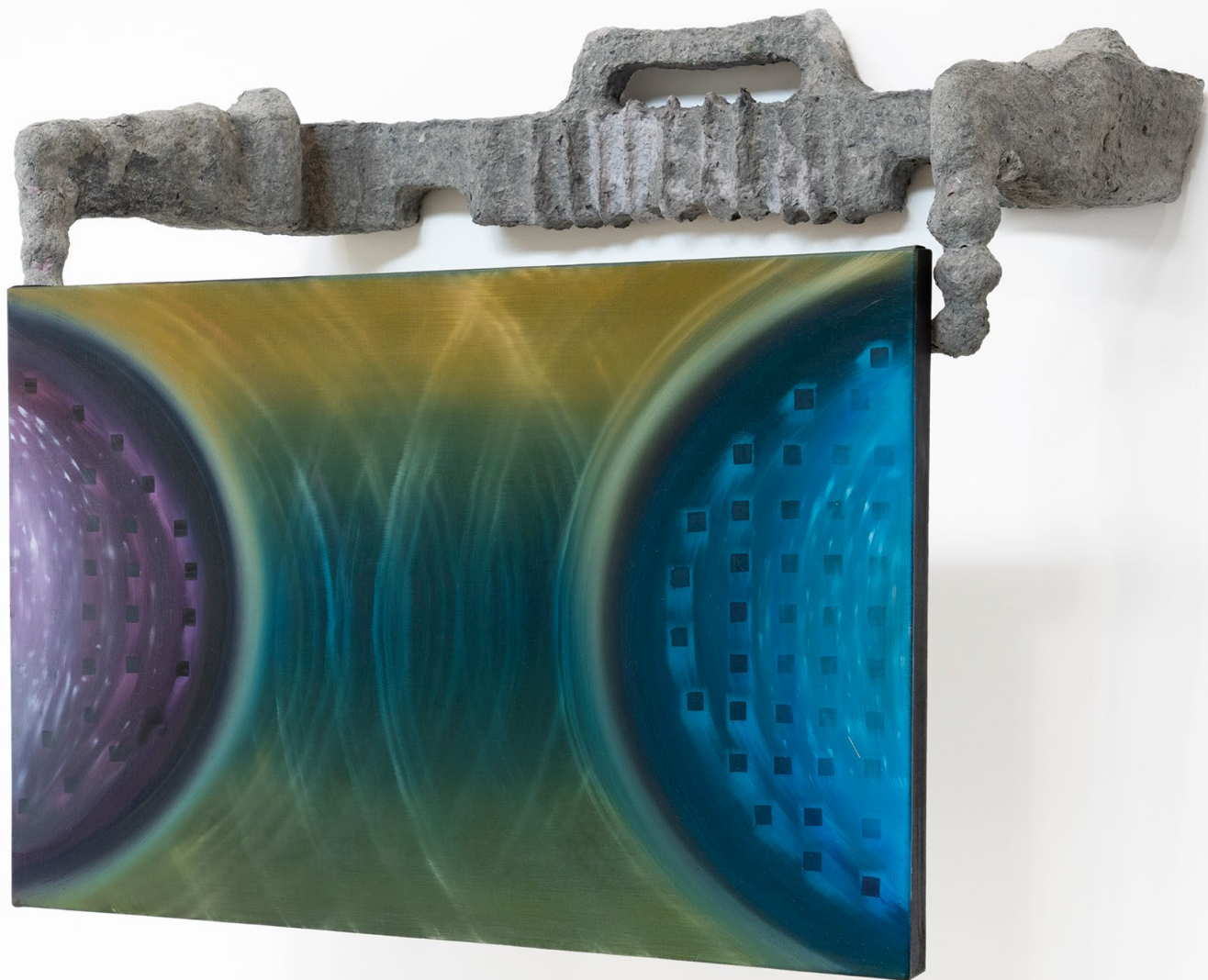


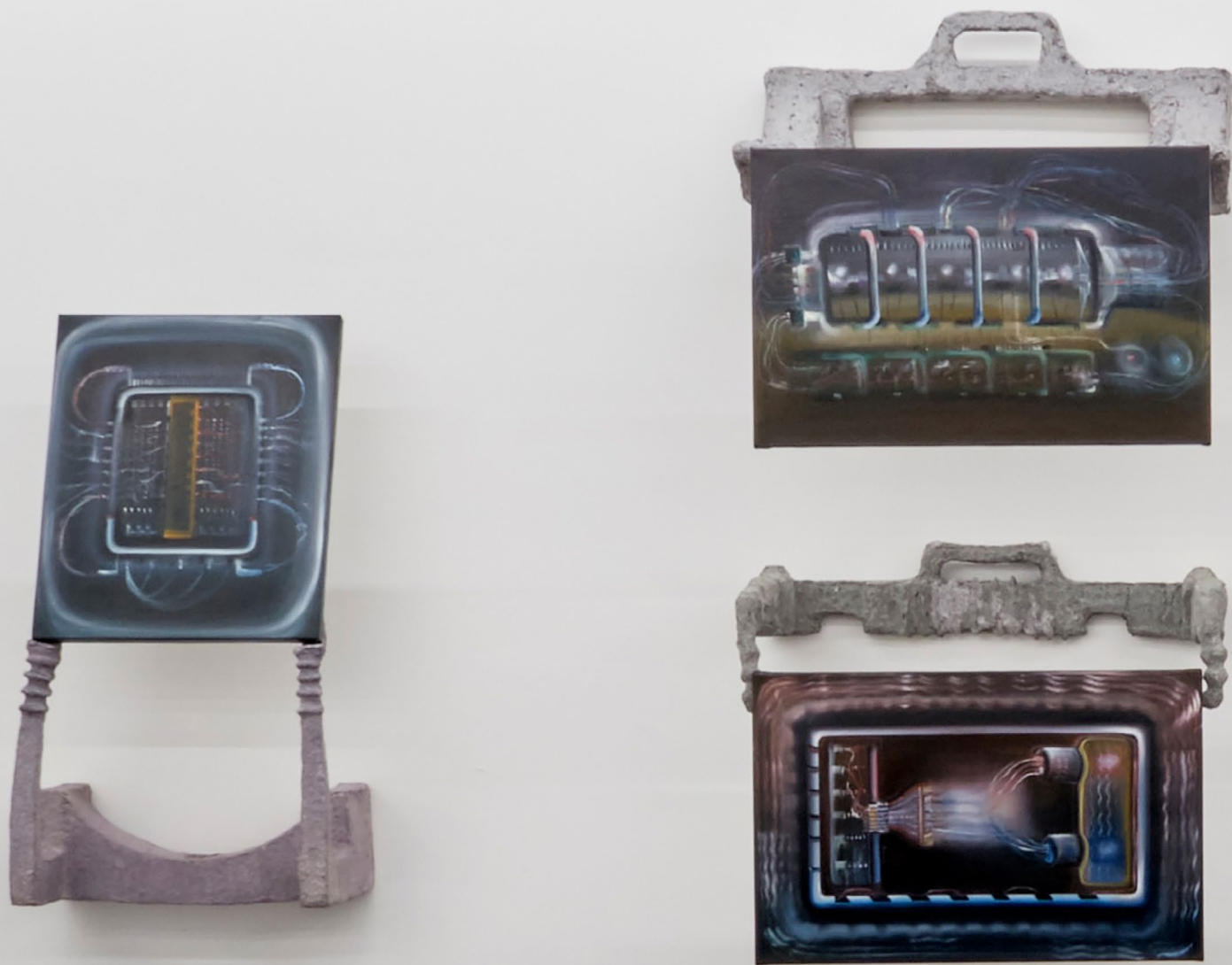
Trazos Cuánticos

Material Art Fair, PEANA; CDMX, MX. 2023

Trazos Cuánticos (Quantic traces) are Carolina Fusilier's new series of oil paintings, each supported by a papier maché structure. The works are based on the possibilities of navigating and understanding quantum systems through painting, with a non-scientific approach. These series build their own speculative systems of connections, understanding the materiality of painting as a way of technology. Traces that become wires, wires that go from red to blue circuits, colors and lines that transform into liquid, smoke or light, transmutations that are possible only by the physics of oil paint.

This series accompanies the new video project *Corrientes Mercuriales* (Mercurial Currents) that will be exhibited this April at the Museo Jumex (Mexico). The video installation is a hybrid and experimental documentary, depicting the memory of an economic crisis through intertwined perspectives that oscillate between personal narrative and science fiction, to reflect on the animism of technology and economy, family trauma and the failures of the global neoliberal promise.





Installation view
Trazos Cuanticos
Material Art Fair, PEANA; CDMX, MX. 2023



El Lado Quieto

Campeche Galeria; CDMX, MX. 2022

Written and directed by Miko Revereza and Carolina Fusilier. DCP, 70 min. Made with the support of ACC Cinemafund, Korea. Produced by Arquitectura Parlante: Mexico, Argentina, Philippines. World Premiere September 9, 2021, ICA, London, UK. Open City Film Festival. Somewhere in Mexico off the Pacific coast is the island of Capaluco. Once a popular spot for international tourism, it is now completely abandoned. A strange creature emerges from the water and arrives on the island via a strong current from the Philippines. The film navigates through the ruins of the architecture, interacting with the spectral sounds of Capaluco. A kind of science fiction mixed with documentary, El Lado Quieto speculates about future inhabitants in what is left of an abandoned empire.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/582989690>



Installation view
El Lado Quieto
Campeche Galeria; CDMX, MX. 2022

Clepsidra

Daniela Elbahara; CDMX, MX. 2022

Carolina Fusilier's work has previously concerned itself with the metaphysics of the nonhuman, even the inorganic: To what gods do machines pray? In her latest exhibition, Fusilier expanded on that inquiry to ponder whether anything can exist outside of time. The show's title, "Clepsidra," refers, like its English cognate clepsydra, to a water clock, one of the most ancient kinds of time piece. The first room of the gallery held three paintings. Sunday 7:25 pm (all works 2021) depicts a mostly red bedroom with a wide rectangular window that itself recursively opens onto a kind of portal, a white vortex of matter spinning in a red sky above a black mass: the ocean or the endless expanse of space. The bed is not quite empty. Spread across it in a way that brings to mind a reclining human figure are several machines, their white lights of activity glowing in a violet semidarkness. One is a hybrid of a Kindle and a paper book; another an illuminated screen under the sheets; and the third, enigmatically, a vacuum cleaner sucking a row of Post-its from the wall, making the book's pages flutter. Thursday 8:27 pm portrays a blue, dimly lit kitchen-like interior. Over a table hovers a robotic hand spilling a bottle of shimmery liquid onto a table, upon which lies another mechanical hand, one that appears out of order. The arm extending from the first hand is diaphanous; it comes from nowhere. Has it been collecting our leftovers? A molcajete (mortar and pestle) and a mamey sapote (a fruit) also sit on the table. Through an open window, we see that unknowable black expanse again, but this time a few stick figures with glowy ends are in it. Are they playing? Working? A black cat observes us from a chair in the corner.

These mystifying interiors evoke the prophecy of alt-right accelerationist philosopher Nick Land: "Nothing human makes it out of the near-future." But what if the end of the human was not the end of consciousness? Of joy, laziness, or curiosity? What would a nonhuman self-awareness, perhaps belonging to one of our beloved material and nonhuman companions, make of our Earth? Are their experiences, too, shaped by time?







The second room of the exhibition dealt with such questions more explicitly. Our senses were welcomed by waves of sound. In *Ubiquitous Feeling*, an eerily distorted recording of the repetitive sounds of the ocean emanated from skeletal speakers resting on glass vessels. The speakers themselves were agents here: Atop them rested beach debris, rocks, seashells, and dry corals; sand was spread on the floor. The vibration, the physical performance of sound, toyed with the objects, slowly wearing them down into sandy dust. On the walls hung “*Clepsidra*,” a series of small hybrid painting/sculpture timepieces. Each one depicted a glass vase holding water and a plant, with a single functioning clock hand at its center adding a layer of cyclical accounting to the rhythm of the audio waves. Every vase evoked a distinct personality, a mood. One of them, improbably C-shaped, contained a peacock feather; another slumped down, some sad leaves flopping over its lips. A gorgeous one, blue and curvy—shaped like an Instagram model—proudly held a stylish orchid. There were twelve of these works—the random number we use to divide our days—and they displayed plants in different stages of their life cycles: *memento mori* of sorts.

It’s funny how, obsessed with the ruthless rule of time over our existence, we humans project its authority onto objects such as the sun, or onto the movement of sand and water. I kept thinking about the relationship between the show’s two rooms: the first a speculative space with Fusilier’s paintings opening windows and doors to the outside of another time, a humanless future or past; the second oddly claustrophobic, as if inside a dimension consecrated to the consciousness of time, an endless accounting of hours and entropy.

- Gaby Cepeda

Selected press

Querida Carolina. Una Correspondencia Alrededor de Clepsidra by Sandra Sánchez from ONDA MX. <https://www.ondamx.art/escrito/querida-carolina-una-correspondencia-alrededor-de-clepsidra--PfzyeLZv7ugTNEQBWray>

Clepsidra, de Carolina Fusilier by Gustavo Cruz from Post-Filia. <https://postfilia.com/2022/01/30/clepsidra-de-carolina-fusilier/>



Kitchen with a View

Locust Projects; Miami, US. 2019

Locust Projects is proud to present Kitchen with a View, a site-specific video installation by Argentinian-born, Mexico City-based artist Carolina Fusilier. This newly commissioned installation for the Project Room is Fusilier's first solo exhibition in Miami. The video was filmed during a month-long residency at Locust Projects.

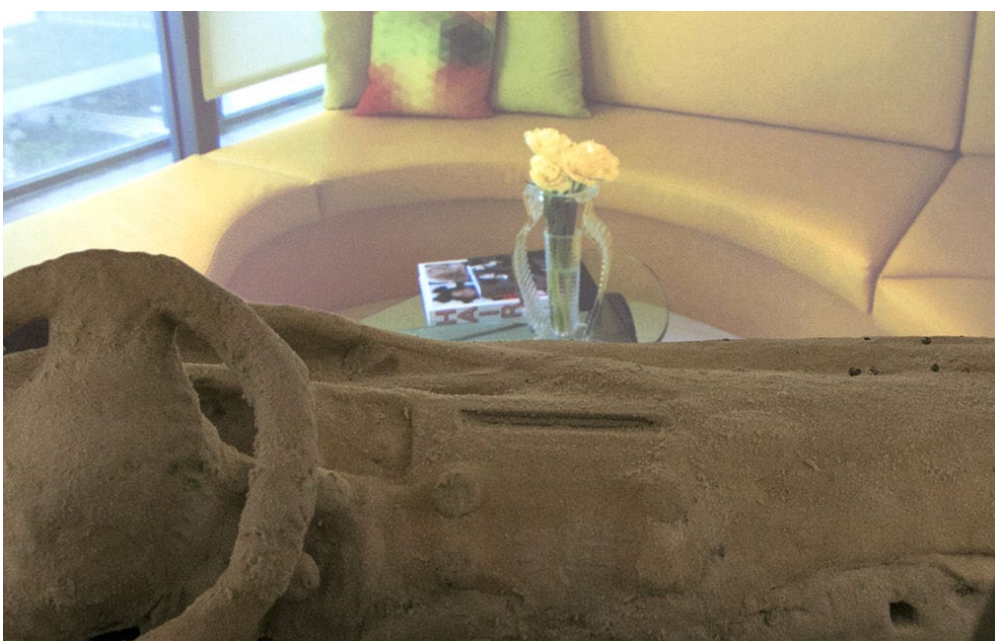
The project reflects on the dystopic possibility of a Miami where the human presence has disappeared overtaken by the proliferation of luxury real estate development.

These rooms with their brand new furniture become hyper-realistic digital renders for the camera. There is no human trace, no passage of time or anything that indicates that these places are, or were inhabited.

The room at Locust Projects becomes the scene of a ruin: the skull of a vehicle with no doors or windows is parked in this garage space and is the evidence of some kind of natural catastrophe. The video at the centerpiece of the exhibition is a filmic meditation on Miami as a site of a dystopic desolation with no human activity. Even the signs of a hand behind the camera and the reflection of the artist filming the shiny surfaces has been erased.

Video: <https://vimeo.com/332692658>







Installation view
Kitchen with a View
Locust Projects; Miami, US. 2019

Angel Engines

Natalia Hug Gallery; Cologne, DE, 2018

What if our privatized nature, our dear machines, our complex urban systems, not only were not inert but had interior lives, a whole cosmogony? Would Carolina Fusilier's landscapes be their paradise? Their hell? Do they dream of us like we dream of owning them? If the longrunning ambition of science has been to disenchant the world and to organize everything that is knowable into objective and rational categories, then Fusilier's Angel Engines is resolved on doing the opposite. It is not that this group of works are anti-science or irrational but they are open and willing to speculate.

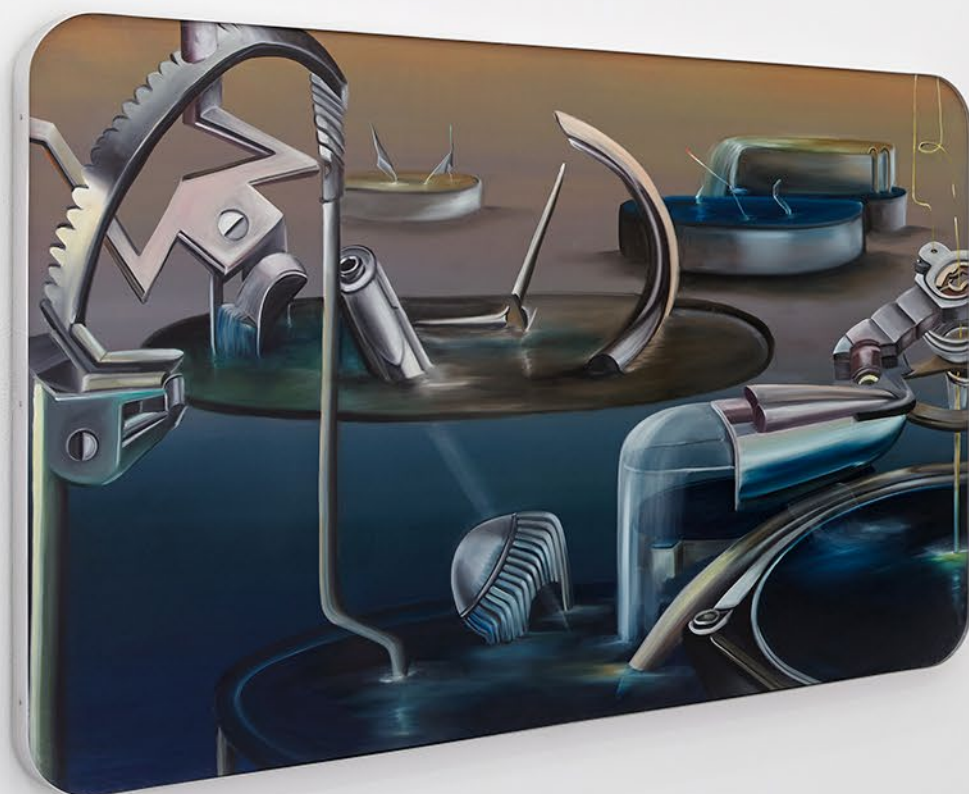
The artworks re-enchant the world, they overlap a poetic, non-linear narrative on our reality to reveal an agency that could very well be there. The angel engines are in a world adjacent to ours and relayed by a sassy, primal, fluid deity, an ally and knower of the inner-lives of our belongings, a first cousin of electricity, a lost child of the sea. In Dreams of a Pipe Deity, a soundpiece streaming out of a chrome-tipped seashell, this divinity describes their own embodiment and omnipresence, their travels within our cotidianity and their wish to transform the banality of turning on the faucet into an encounter with mysticism. They are a curious presence, a voice that scolds us for our indifference and prods us into reassessing our place in the world. But that also sings songs and offers themselves up in a tap-water sculpture for visitors to ingest in a sort of communion rite, a reconciliation.

Fusilier's paintings depict no place, an undefinable moment in history, they could be either prehuman or post-human. They are portholes into the endless existence all around us, reconfiguring the gallery as a ship flying over the uncanny. A utopia of retired metal objects where ridden of mankind they get to do what they want: grow in spirals, melt into liquid,

flow in and out of pools. Fusilier speculates on the realities and futures available to us, but also on those accessible to our artifacts or what we generically call our resources: our waters, metals, oils. She follows Ursula K Le Guin's advice: "One way to stop seeing trees, or rivers, or hills, only as 'natural resources' is to class them as fellow beings—kinfolk."¹ And she de-objectifies, connects, spreads thick empathy all over a weird landscape.

- Gaby Cepeda

Carolina Fusilier (b. 1985) lives and works in Mexico City and Buenos Aires. Having completed postgraduate program at Soma, Mexico City in 2017, Fusilier participated in numerous exhibition including, most recently, "74 million million million tons", a group exhibition at the Sculpture Center, New York. She is currently part of Open Sessions 2018-2020, two-year program in Drawing Center, New York. This fall, Fusilier will be a guest student in Dusseldorf academy with Prof. Rita McBride.







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