



(Detail) Ester Hernandez, *La Virgen de las calles (Virgin of the Streets)*, 2001, pastel on paper, NMMA Permanent Collection 2015.671, Gift of Sandra Cisneros Collection. Photo: Michael Tropea



(Detail) Shizu Saldamando, *Downey Happy Birthday (Downey feliz cumpleaños)*, 2007, colored pencil, collage on washi, prism paper, Collection of Cheech Marin, LA

reframing **COMUNIDAD**

the art of
ESTER HERNANDEZ and SHIZU SALDAMANDO

September 10, 2021 – February 6, 2022, 6 – 8:30 PM
 in the Rubin & Paula Torres Gallery

Ester Hernandez and Shizu Saldamando share a deep commitment to creating portraits. Utilizing paper, canvas, wood panel and cloth, they create sensitive drawings and paintings of a cross-section of people. Some portraits are intimate tributes to family members and friends. Others serve as social statements that bring visibility to invisible community and neighborhood residents. The exhibition provides a survey of their art across decades and from different cities, including recent portraits of each other never before exhibited.

Ester Hernandez y Shizu Saldamando comparten un profundo compromiso con la creación de retratos. Mediante el uso de papel, lienzo, paneles de madera y tela, crean dibujos sensibles y pinturas de una muestra representativa de varias personas. Algunos retratos son tributos íntimos de familiares y amigos. Otros son declaraciones sociales que hacen visible a los residentes de vecindarios y comunidades invisibles. La exhibición presenta sus obras de arte a través de las décadas y desde diferentes ciudades, incluyendo retratos recientes de cada una, nunca antes exhibidos.

Curated by Terezita Romo

A Portrait Workshop - *Retratos de fotos*

Saturday September 25, 2021 and January 29, 2022. From 12pm-2pm.

Participants will paint a portrait on canvas using a photograph. Adults only.

\$20 per person. Space is limited - registration required.

Call 312-433-3941

Sábado, 25 de septiembre 2021 y 29 de enero, 2022. de 12pm-2pm

Los participantes pintaran un retrato de una fotografía. Adultos solamente.

\$20 por persona. Cupo limitado, registraci3n requerida. Llamar al 312-433-3941

Shizu Saidamando, *La Ester with Agave*, 2021, oil paint, metal leaf, sign paint, spray paint, glitter, decals, washi paper on found folding screen, 36 x 61 x 3/4". Courtesy of the artist



Ester Hernandez, *La Shizu*, 2021, conte crayon on Japanese handmade paper, 36" x 24 1/2". Courtesy of the artist.



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