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# Sylvia Fernandez: 'Sembrando un Jardín'



**Oolong Gallery Presents *Sembrando un Jardín* - A Solo Exhibition by  
Peruvian Painter Sylvia Fernández: May 18 - June 9, 2024**

Encinitas, CA – May 14, 2024 – Oolong Gallery is thrilled to announce the upcoming solo exhibition "Sembrando un Jardín" by Peruvian painter Sylvia Fernández. This exhibition marks the final showcase in the gallery's current raw form before the warehouse undergoes significant construction and division. The show will be held from May 18 to June 9, 2024 with an **opening reception Saturday May 18 from 2-5pm** at Oolong Gallery, including an event to follow in celebration of the parallel exhibition in the foyer gallery by graphite artist Christina Hendershaw.

Sylvia Fernández, who relocated to Oceanside, CA in 2022, brings a deeply personal and visceral body of work to the former glass building. Her latest series, "Sembrando un Jardín" (Sowing a Garden), reflects a studio practice of rediscovering nature and establishing a sense of belonging in a new environment. Her oil paintings present lush scenes, femme lurking and a wild jungle of green splendor. The work has taken San Diego by storm in a matter of two years. This large scale solo includes an appropriate bigger installation of paintings for the first time in the US, and a fitting final treatment to this raw industrial space. It comes in a timely manner as her first inclusion in the LA art world recently commenced at the allied gallery La Loma Projects, Highland Park in a group show.

"Moving and relocating comes with a load of unexpected emotions. Leaving your habitat and relying on memories every day to not feel lost is a tough and pleasant constant mental exercise," says Fernández. "In a deep, calm, alert way, I've seen time pass by and let myself grow here. 'Sembrando un Jardín' is the awareness of the beginning of a new path, the poetic exercise where intimate emotions transfer to universal ideas of belonging."

The exhibition explores the symbiotic relationships between humans and nature, illustrating how new connections can foster growth and hope. Fernández's work brilliantly captures the delicate interplay of light, color, and form, inviting viewers to contemplate their own relationships with the natural world.

### **About Sylvia Fernández**

Born in Lima, Perú in 1978, Sylvia Fernández graduated with a gold medal from Escuela Superior de Arte Corriente Alterna in 2002. Her work has been exhibited locally and internationally, including recent shows such as "Dream Syndication" at La Loma Projects in Los Angeles, CA (2024), "Shape Shifting" at Two Rooms in San Diego, CA (2023), and "New Islands" at Tyger Tyger Gallery in Asheville, NC (2023). Since moving to San Diego in 2022, Fernández continues to explore the abstract boundaries of the mind and body in relation to nature. **CV**

## **About Oolong Gallery**

Oolong Gallery is a contemporary art space dedicated to showcasing innovative and thought-provoking works by emerging and established artists. Located in North County San Diego, CA, the gallery provides a platform for artists to engage with the community, speak to next generations and inspire better art collecting.

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