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In 2018 I created a series of paintings that were based on the simple act of getting dressed; an act that is seemingly unimportant but holds a lot of weight and meaning in our lives, in history and in society.

When I was working on the paintings of this series, I wrote this paragraph in my notebook:

'There is this little moment before going out into the world that gives me a vague feeling of sadness, right when I am getting dressed. In the midst of this everyday act, where I prepare myself to be accepted, I pause'.

I think this little note pretty much sums up the moment when this series came to life.

Repetition is a double edge sword, it can exult the importance of something or it can devalue it. Like getting dressed for example, we do it daily throughout our whole lives. It was done for us by our caregivers when we were infants, we do it ourselves now, and maybe later by caregivers again when we become unable to once more. I would dare to say that this repetition is so constant that most of us just get dressed in the morning without much thought about it. However, clothing plays a relevant role in human history. It can suppose a social status, a quest of identity, an aesthetic or protective function, etc. Clothing can affect the judgments on how others see you and can influence people's insertion in society.

I find these paintings to be reflective, quiet and with different layers of meaning, which allows for a slow "reading" of the work. Mainly because there isn't a straight narrative, but perhaps parallel discourses at the same time, just like the repetition of the same woman in one indoor space.

On one hand "This show we are in" evokes the idea of the construct of Self through the view of others. And, on the other hand, it exposes an interruption of a subtle intimacy through the relation between the viewer and the depiction of women in the middle of the ritual of getting dressed. This interruption of intimacy relates, at the same time, with the common and yearned process by the artist of exhibiting his/her works of art, which usually have been created in seclusion.

I am a Chilean in the United States, and I made this series when I was residing here. The previous paintings I was doing in Chile were occupied with landscapes, but here, since I paint things the way I experience them, I only depicted women in interior spaces, alluding to the lack of belonging to anything else but a room.

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Christina, 2018
Oil on Canvas, 152 x 122 cm
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Varnishing process | Model: Christina | Art & Photo © Daniela Kovačić



Basia I, II, III, 2018
Oil on Canvas, 152 x 91 cm each
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Basia I, 2019

Oil on Canvas, 152 x 91 cm
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Basia I

Oil on Canvas, 152 x 91 cm
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Basia II, 2019

Oil on Canvas, 152 x 91 cm
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Basia

III, 2019
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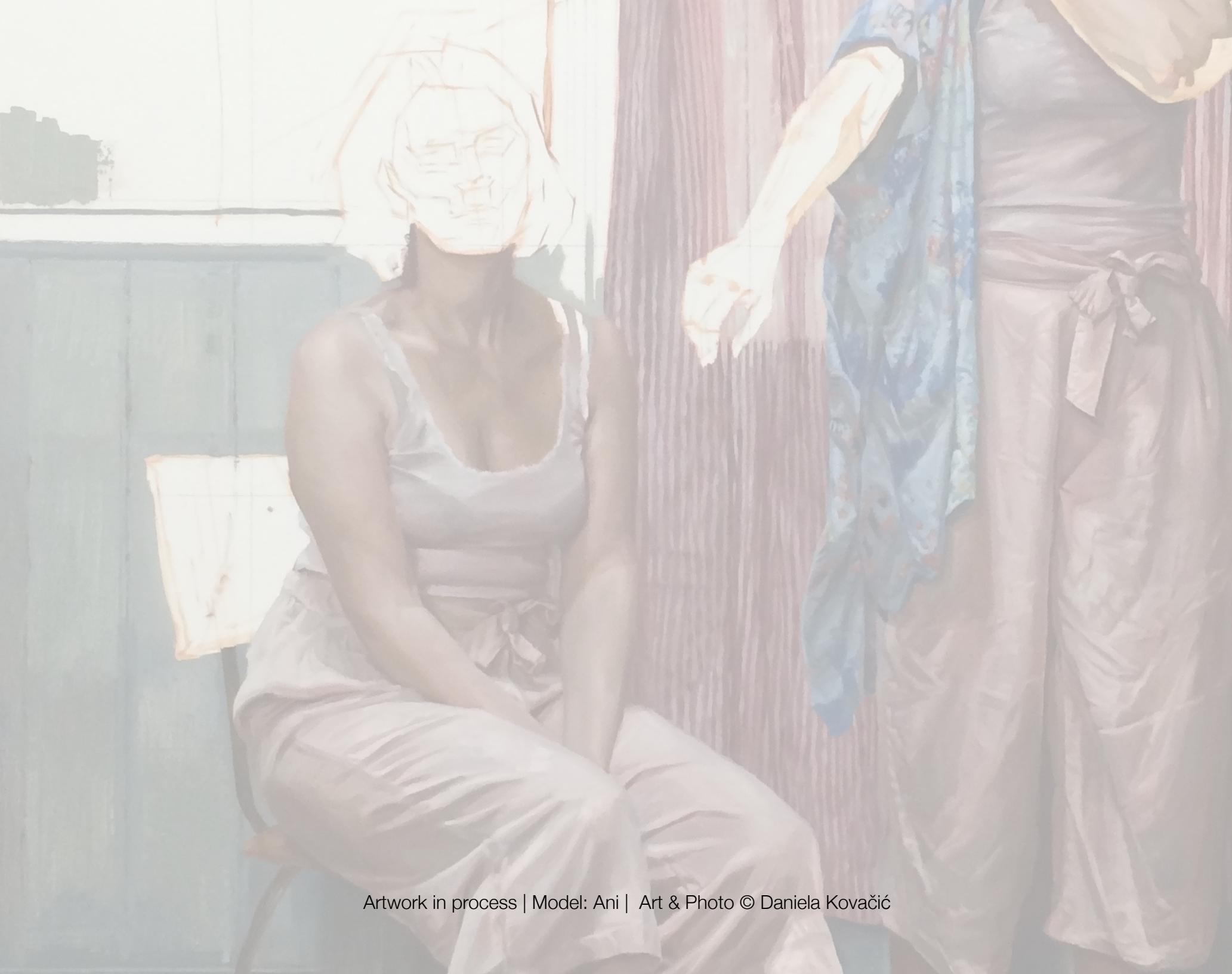


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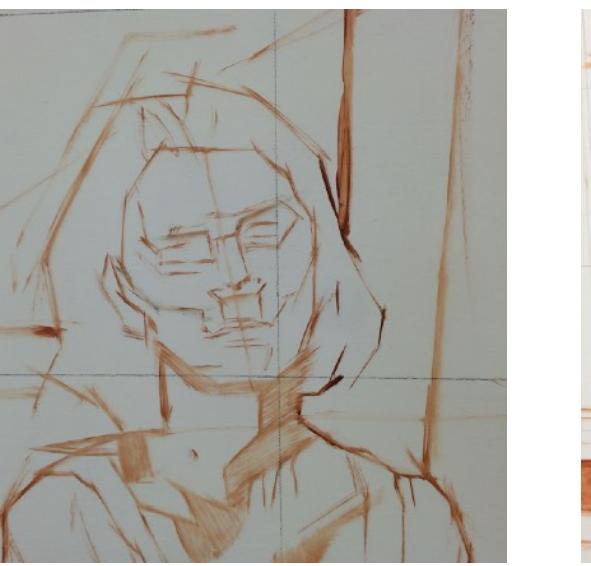


Ani, 2018

Oil on Canvas, 152 x 122 cm
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Daniela I, 2018

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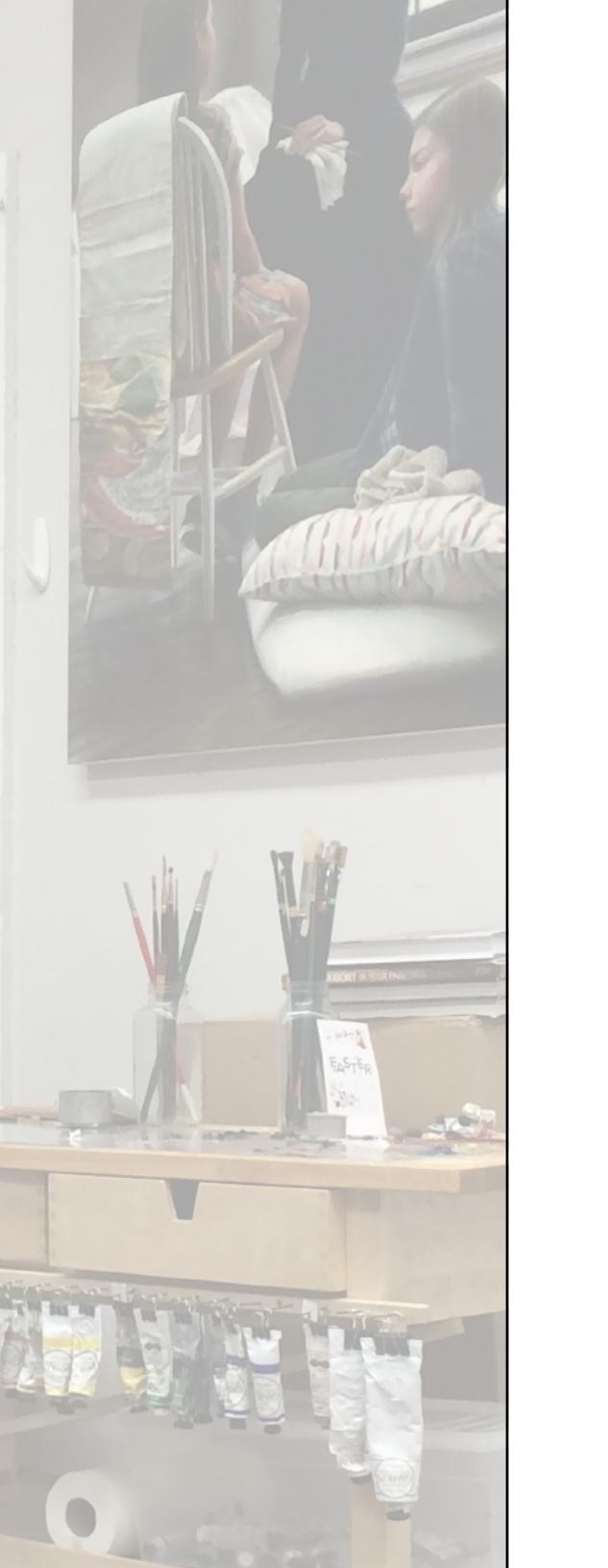
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Daniela III, 2018
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Sojourner I, 2018
Oil on Canvas, 152 x 122 cm
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Sojourner II, 2018
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Daniela Miljana Kovačić Muzio

B. September 24, 1983 - Punta Arenas, Magallanes, Chile.

Daniela Kovačić is a Chilean figurative painter whose preferred medium throughout her career has been oil over canvas or linen. She was born in 1983 in the southernmost area of Chile and lived there until she was 18 years old, in front of the Strait of Magellan.

The secluded place where she grew up is essential to the construction of her character and vision of the world. Her main exposure to art came through the ever present art books in her home, her father's paintings, her mother's embroideries, and her maternal grandmother's paintings. Her father was an architect by profession but a self-taught painter on the side. Therefore, her technical knowledge of oil painting started from a very early age, by her father's instruction.

To study her career Kovačić moved north to the capital of Chile, Santiago, to study Visual Arts at the Finis Terrae University, as that kind of education wasn't offered in her natal town. There she graduated with a major in painting with honors, even though her initial intention was to pursue printmaking.

Her passion and talent for art were noticed at a very early stage in her career. She started to exhibit her work professionally since 2005, mainly in the capital of Chile. Her work was shown at the Museum of Visual Arts (MAVI), the Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC) and at Animal Gallery. In Chile she stood out within the most important press being on the front page of the cultural section of the national newspaper "La Tercera", cover of the magazine "Arte al Límite", and an interview in CNN Chile. She continued this route until 2010 where she felt a strong portfolio was built to back her pursue to study abroad.

After obtaining the "Fulbright" scholarship together with the Chilean governmental through "Becas Chile", she was able to travel abroad to the United States to study a Masters in Fine Arts at the New York Academy of Art. Her main attraction to this program was the association that Jenny Saville had with that school and therefore would be able to study under this artist; she only got to attend one master class with Saville, which was cut short because of Hurricane Sandy. During this period Daniela's work got several recognitions from the Academy, including the Channel Scholarship, the Robert Gamblin Painting Award, and the Artist Residency in Giverny, France.

After graduating from the MFA in New York she went back to Chile, as a requisite of the scholarship she previously obtained in her country. She went back to her homeland from 2013 to 2016, where she was the Project Lead and Creative Director of the Visitors Center "Parque del Estrecho de Magallanes". When that project finished, Daniela moved to the United States again where she is currently living and working in the Chicago area.

During her last period in the United States, Daniela's work has been exhibited in the Museu Europeu d'Art Modern (MEAM), in Barcelona, as part of the prestigious Contest "Figurativas 2023", in The Musekon Museum of Art, in The Reading Public Museum, and the Scarfone Hartley Gallery of the University of Tampa, as part of the Bennett Prize 2019. She won the Eben Demarest Award in 2021.

Daniela approaches her work as an ongoing organic story; she doesn't set in one subject specifically but chooses to work through series to explore different themes, usually through the depiction of women and children. In a way, she makes sense of her internal and external world through painting.

Education:

- 2011–2013 Masters in Fine Arts, New York Academy of Art, New York, United States.
 2002–2006 Bachelors in Visual Art, Universidad Finis Terrae, Santiago, Chile.

Museum Exhibitions:

- 2023 *Figurativas*, Museu Europeu d'Art Modern, Barcelona, Spain.
 2020 *Rising voices*; The Bennett Prize, Reading Public Museum, Pennsylvania, United States.
 2019 *Rising voices*; The Bennett Prize, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, United States.
 2014 *MAM Summer Exhibition*, Museum of Modern Art, Chiloé, Chile.
 2014 *Sub 30*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Santiago, Chile.
 2007 *Marco Bontá Contest*, Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC), Santiago, Chile.
 2007 *2nd Contest of Young Art*, Museum of Visual Art (MAVI), Santiago, Chile.
 2006 *1st Contest of Visual*, Museum of Visual Art (MAVI), Santiago, Chile.

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2018 *This show we are in*, 100 Florence Gallery, Evanston, Illinois, United States.
 2018 *Day by day*, Dorothea Thiel Gallery, South Suburban College, Chicago, United States.
 2016 *Eterno retorno*, Sala Tierra del Fuego Gallery, Sandy Point, Chile.
 2010 *Versus*, Animal Gallery, Santiago, Chile.

Group Exhibitions:

- 2023 *Almenara Art prize*, Online Exhibition.
 2023 *Mother earth*, Stone Sparrow, New York, United States.
 2022 *Liberating the flesh*, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, United States.
 2020 *Rising voices*; The Bennett Prize, Scarfone Hartley Gallery, Tampa, United States.
 2020 *The unseen*, Stone Sparrow, New York, United States.
 2019 *Inside out*, RJD Gallery, New York, United States.
 2019 *A taste of sparrow*, Stone Sparrow Gallery, New York, United States.
 2019 *IRL; Investigating Reality*, Untitled Space Gallery, New York, United States.
 2018 *Figurative Realism*, Zhou B Art Center, Online Exhibition.
 2018 *Visions of Venus*, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, Online Exhibition.
 2017 *Colección al límite sin límites*, Fundación Telefónica, Santiago, Chile.
 2017 *Woman as warrior*, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, United States.
 2015 *Map of the new art*, Imago Mundi Project, Venice, Italy.
 2014 *La Porfía*, Casa La Porfía, Sandy Point, Chile.
 2014 *Löwenpalais Summer Exhibition* in collaboration with Stark Foundation, Berlin, Germany.
 2014 *Giverny Residency Show*, New York Academy of Art, New York, United States.
 2013 *Woeske Gallery*, NYAA Show, Berlin, Germany.
 2013 *MFA Thesis Show*, New York Academy of Art, New York, United States.
 2010 *Réplica lead Azerty*, Paris, France.
 2010 *Presencias Femeninas*, Trazos Gallery, Santiago, Chile.
 2010 *Nuevo Realismo*, Trazos Gallery, Santiago, Chile.
 2009 *Annual Fair Sala Cero*, Animal Gallery, Santiago, Chile.
 2009 *Lecciones de Ego II*, Centro Cultural las Condes, Santiago, Chile.
 2009 *Realismo y no tanto*, Salón Tudor Gallery, Santiago, Chile.
 2009 *Permanent Collection Exhibition*, Animal Gallery, Santiago, Chile.
 2009 *TRANS: Nueve miradas en torno al retrato*, Finis Terrae Gallery, Santiago, Chile.
 2007 *Laberintos de amor y erotismo*, Casona Nemesio Antúnez, Santiago, Chile.
 2005 *IV Salón del Alumno Universidad Finis Terrae*, Monte Carmelo Exhibition Center, Santiago, Chile.

Art Fairs:

- 2016 *FAXXI*, Santiago, Chile.
2014 *FAXXI*, Santiago, Chile.
2009 *Ch.ACO*, Santiago, Chile.
2008 *Art Bo*, Bogotá, Colombia.

Awards:

- 2023 Sustainable Arts Foundation Finalist.
2021 Eben Demarest Award.
2019 The Bennett Prize Finalist.
2012 Robert Gamblin Painting Award.
2012 Channel Scholarship.
2011 CONYCIT Scholarship.
2022 New York Academy of Art Scholarship.
2010 Fulbright Scholarship for post graduate programs in the USA.
2005 First Place Painting Award Salón de Alumnos.

Residencies:

- 2014 Terra Foundation for American Art-Europe, Giverny, France.

Projects:

- 2014–2016 Project Lead and Creative Director of Parque del Estrecho de Magallanes Visitors Center, Sandy Point, Chile.

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"ESPERO ALGÚN DÍA PINTAR EL AIRE QUE HAY ENTRE LAS COSAS..."

Busca transmitir humanidad a través del arte

POR HÉCTOR DÍAZ *

Quizá lo más difícil para una galería no es vender arte, sino pedirle que te expongan.

El principal error de muchos artistas, es trabajar con pasión, no basta! se requiere observar, y comprender que es lo que se está creando, el artista debe tener un grado de obsesión importante", dice Daniela.

"Presto preguntas, porque quería saber más"

El arte espectacular o de cinturón, el artista hace un compromiso honesto consigo mismo para adorar en lo que proclama de sus creaciones, y su humildad, compartir su obra al mundo.

Daniela es una gran artista,

"El realismo para mí era un arte que de realidad no decía nada; sin embargo, abracé el término cuando lo entendí como uno dentro de la pintura en donde representas algo que es reconocible".

Soy una artista chilena, me dedico a la pintura figurativa. Es originaria de Punta Arenas, desde el 2017 vivo en el área de Chicago, Estados Unidos.

Observo la y comprendo. Se basa en la amplitud de la reflexión. Su obra trasciende por la belleza pictórica y las temáticas aparentemente conocidas pero definitivamente seductoras.

¿Qué es Daniela Kovacic?

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Uma infancia de pueblo, donde las casas de los vecinos no te-



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