



ARTEMIO

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September 13 – October 11, 2008
Reception for the artist: September 13th 6 – 9 pm

Y Gallery is pleased to present 13, the first solo exhibition in New York by Artemio curated by Cecilia Jurado.

For this exhibition Artemio has chosen to confront our massive industrial production of weapons, their intrusion into our daily lives and the subtle effects this has on our minds. He combines the aesthetic qualities of mosaics and mandalas with the easy, desirable shape of guns, creating attractive pieces that remind us how quickly we can digest anything if it is nicely presented.

War and violence are themes Artemio has addressed from early in his career. The concept for this particular exhibition was born as he flipped through a magazine devoted to guns and weapons. At the time Artemio was fascinated with fractals and mandalas and the spiritual aspect of their traditions. He decided to create his own using images of weapons. At first, they were intended as stencils for street graffiti though over time, they evolved into photographic impressions on canvas. In addition, Artemio presents carpet and flooring influenced by Spanish and Arabic geometric figures as well as spaces reflecting our seemingly appetite for destruction.

The presentation of this new series coincides with this moment in New York and the U.S. where people are considering what has happened in the past in order to decide the best way to go in the future.

Artemio was born in Mexico City in 1976. He has shown internationally in galleries and museums such Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Carrillo Gil, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Art San Francisco, MUSAC Museo de Castilla y Leon, CECCH Centre d'edition Contemporaine Geneve, Musee d Art Contemporain de Lyon, Hayward Gallery in London among others. He had participated in Sexta Bienal de Video y Nuevos Medios and in the 1st Torino Triennial. Artemio lives and works in Mexico City.

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We look forward to seeing you,
Cecilia Jurado, Tania Mattos, Barbara Maynard and Augusto Yayiko

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