

# Paloma Bosquê

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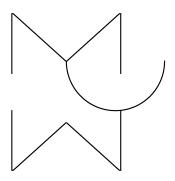
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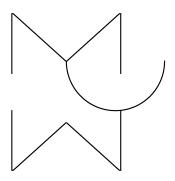
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Paloma Bosquê's research unfolds through an investigation of the materiality of bodies in constant transformation. Through a daily practice grounded in contact and intimacy with the materials that compose her sculptural vocabulary, Bosquê sees materiality as the result of the interaction between the many visible and invisible elements that consitute our surroundings.

Earth as body; geological processes as sculptural gestures.

Bosquê understands bodies as permeable matter in motion — continuously transforming one another, establishing and dismantling connections within and beyond the domain of the visible.

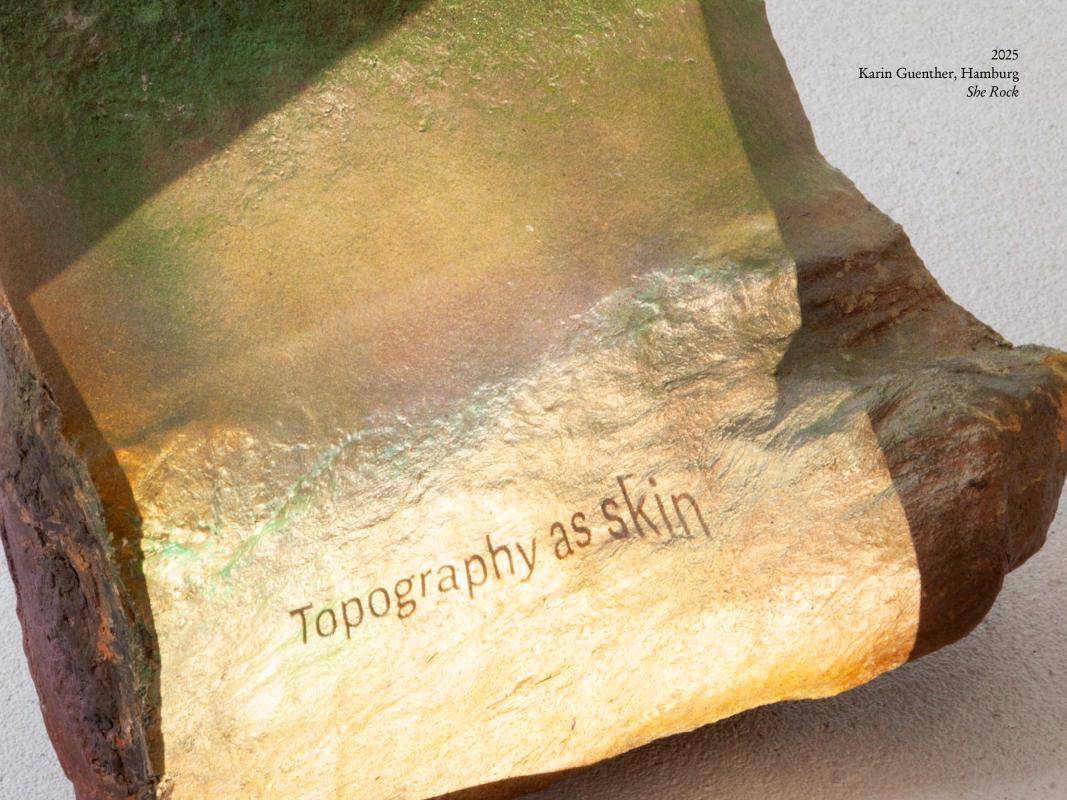
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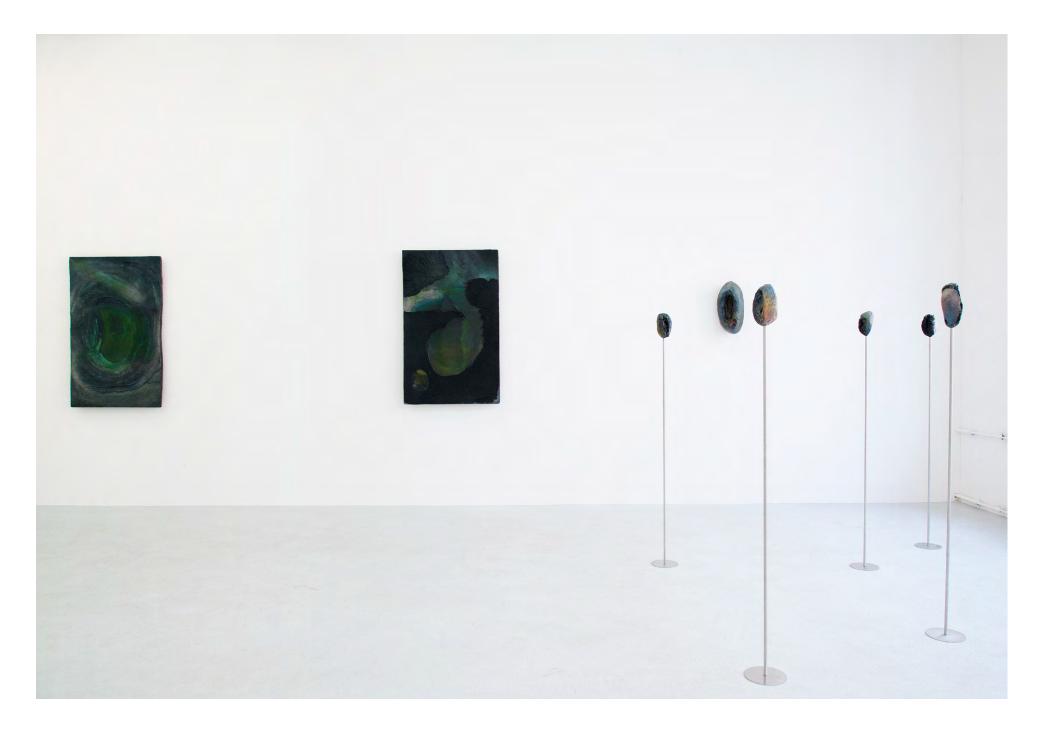
Recent solo exhibitions have been held at Karin Guenther, Hamburg (2025); Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo (2024); Mendes Wood DM, Brussels (2022); Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo (2020); Blum & Poe, Tokyo (2020); Mendes Wood DM, New York (2019); Mendes Wood DM, Brussels (2018); Museu da Cidade, Lisbon (2017); Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo (2016); Pivô, São Paulo (2015).

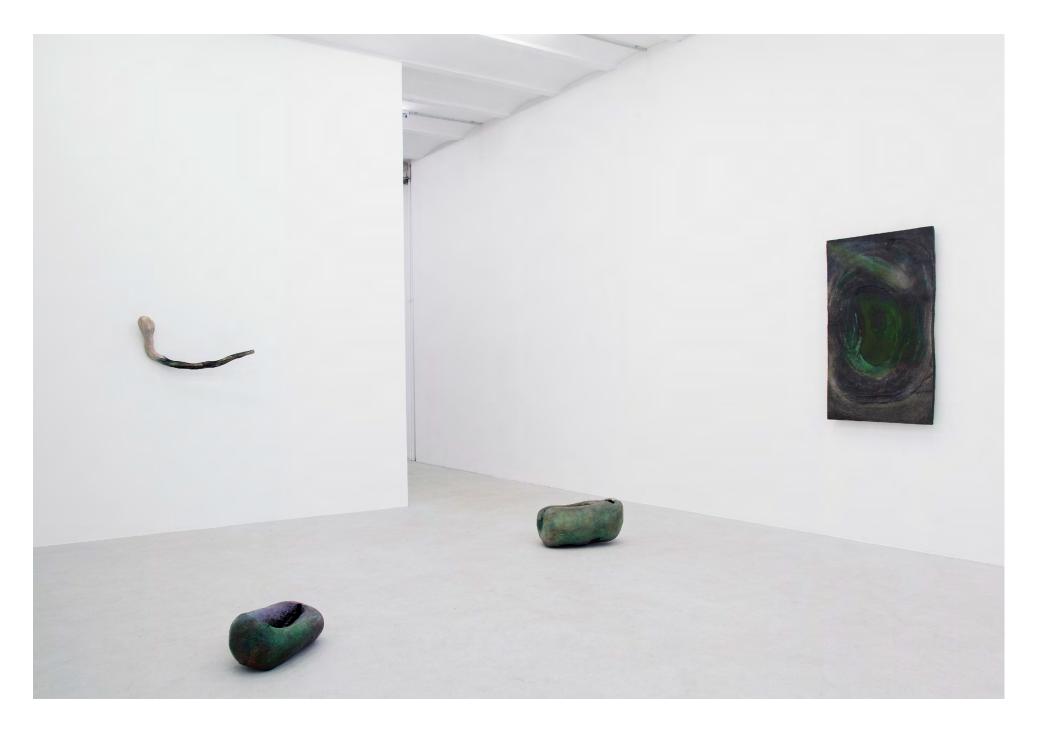
Additionally, her work has been included in institutional group exhibitions at Casa da Cultura da Comporta, Comporta (2025); Fondation Thalie, Brussels (2024); Hayward Gallery, London (2024); Kunsthaus Baselland, Basel (2023); Pivô, São Paulo (2021); PAC – Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, Milan (2018); Bienal de Arte Contemporânea de Coimbra, Coimbra (2017); Jewish Museum, New York (2016); Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit (2015).













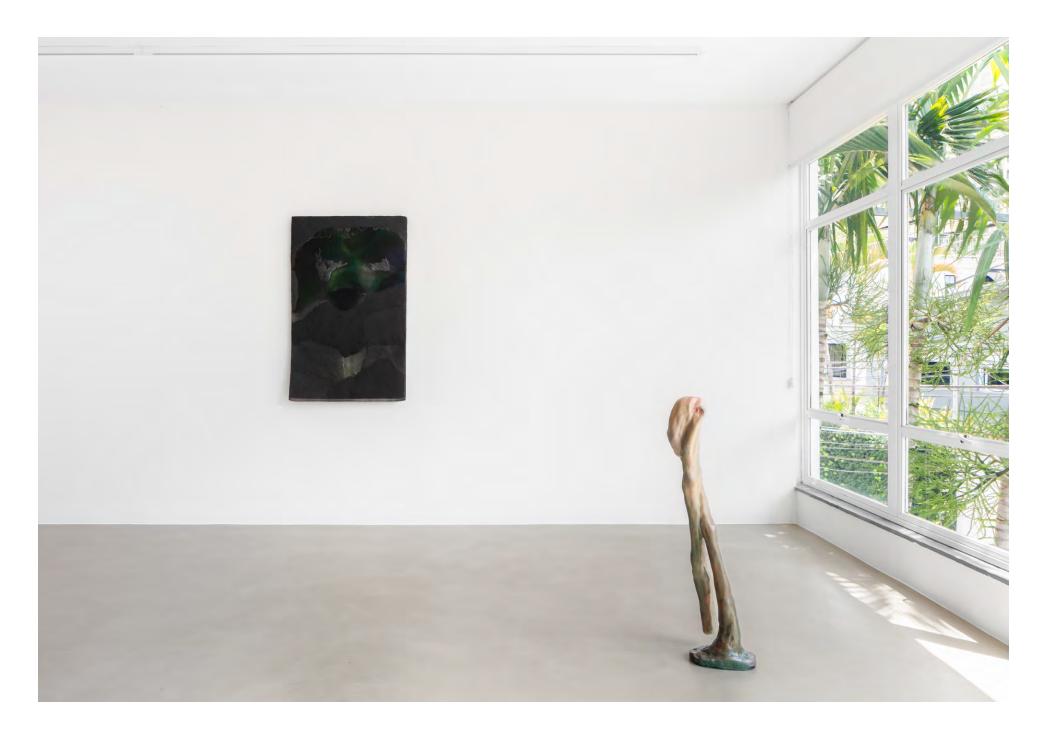


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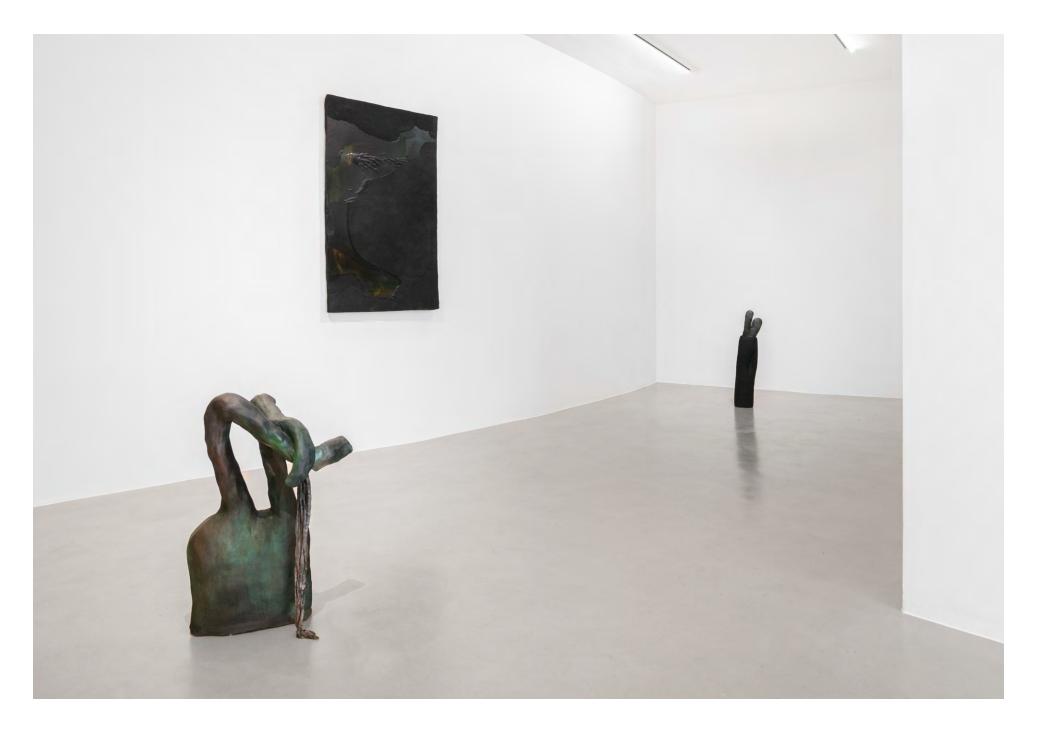


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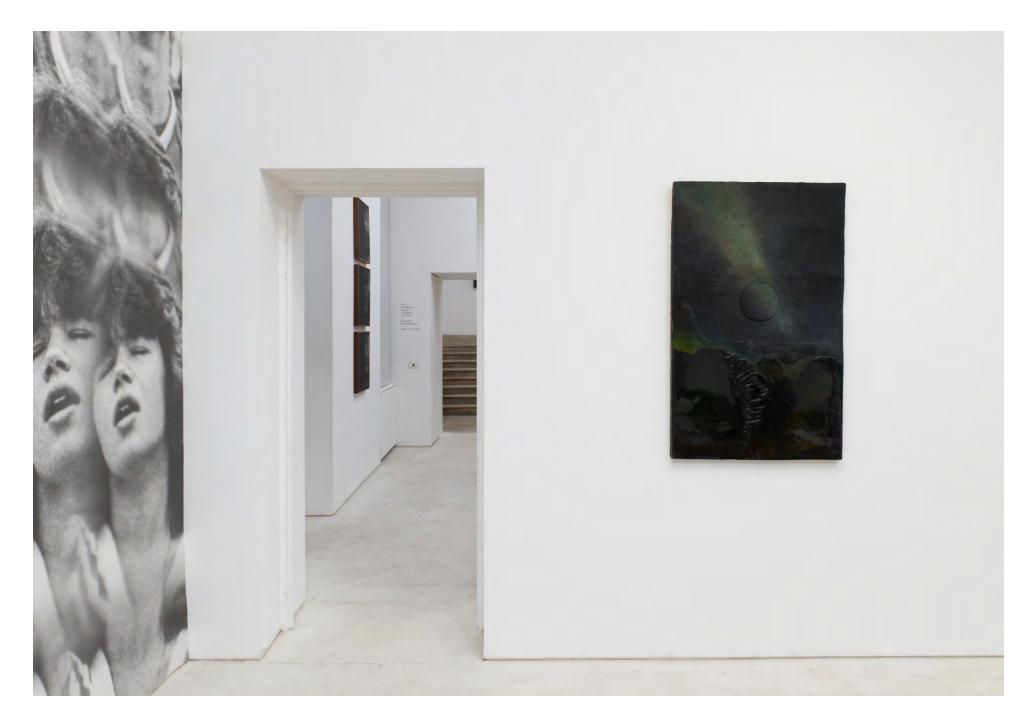


















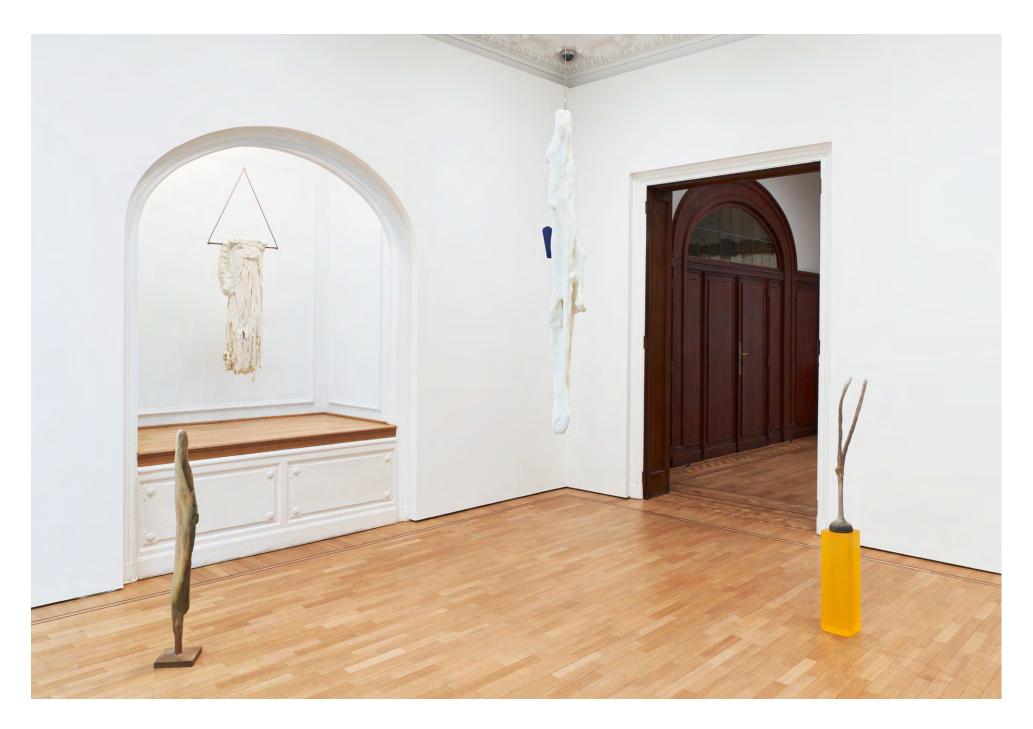


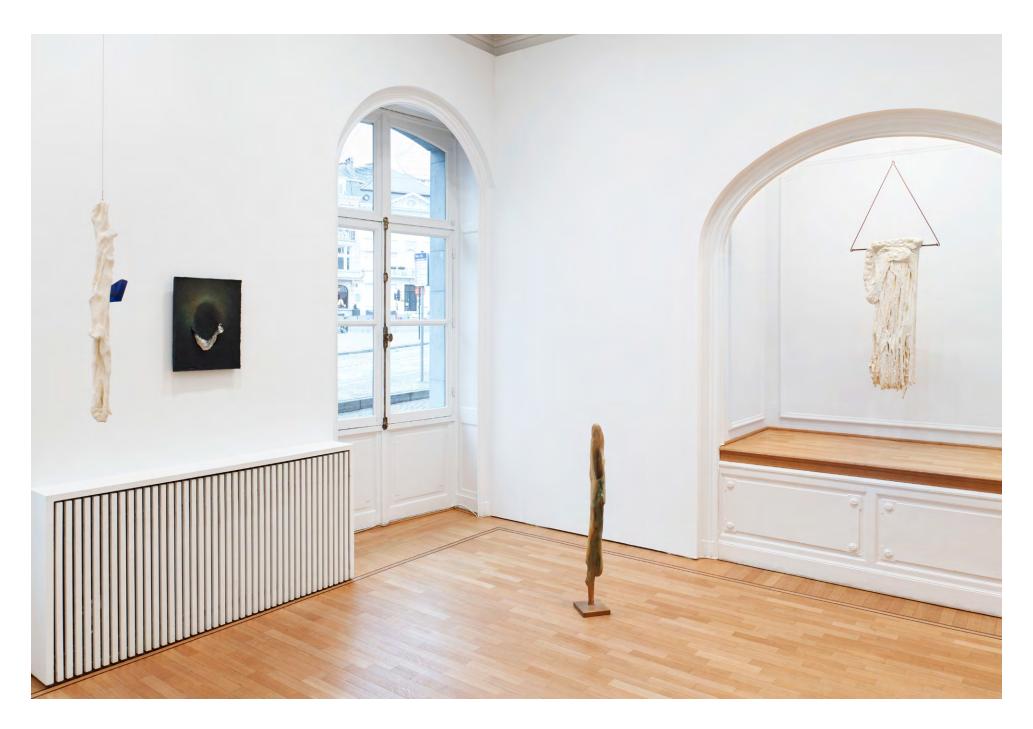


Bosquê's work invites touch, or perhaps a "tactile gaze", that has nothing to do with interactivity. Her sculptures have a haptic condition that is also the grounds to reflect on communality and togetherness from the perspective of what is boundless and impossible to attain. Togetherness is not a harmonious relation of self-enclosed things. Her work is a reminder that no being is intact. Our existence as bodies, human bodies, are merely occurrences, among other things in motion. Jacques Derrida states that the liminality of touch concerns the impossible or possible relations between objects. In other words, the concern with touch is equivalent to the concern with the limits of reality and the possibility of grasping it.

— Fernanda Brenner



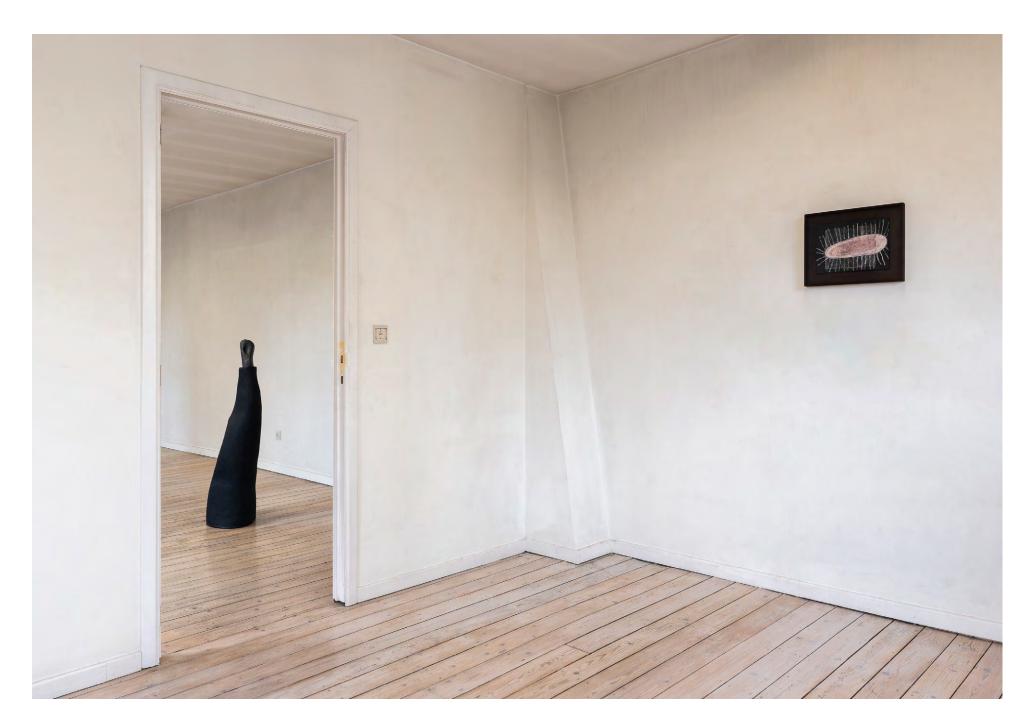






2022 Saint-Martin Bookshop, Brussels *Matéria* 

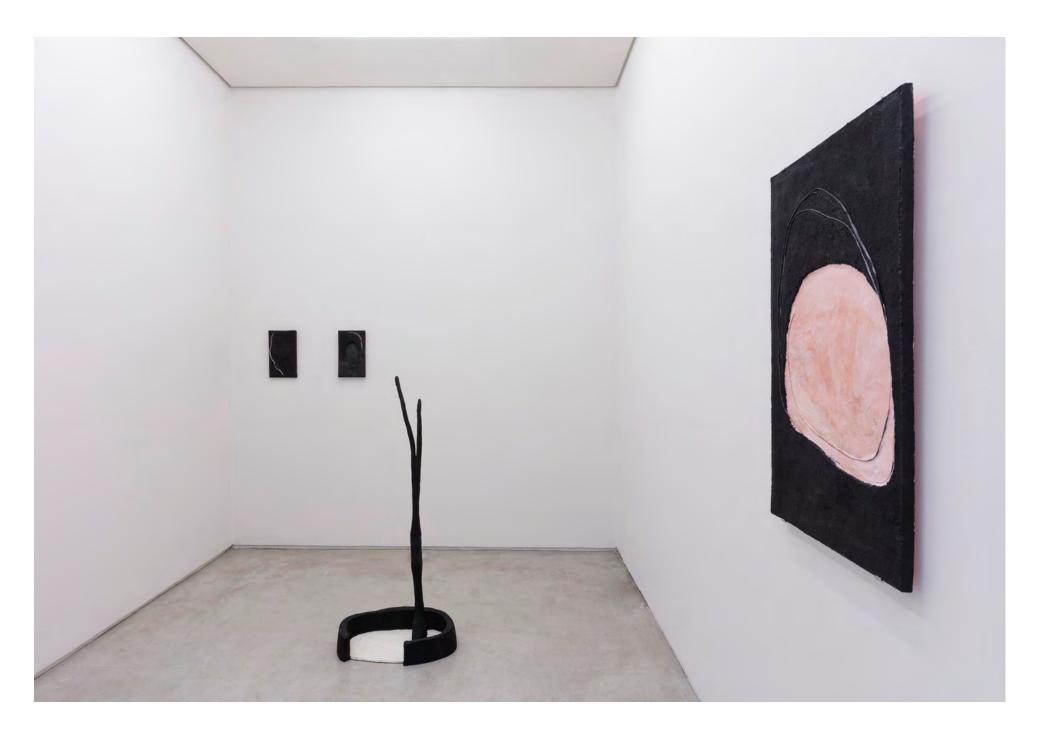












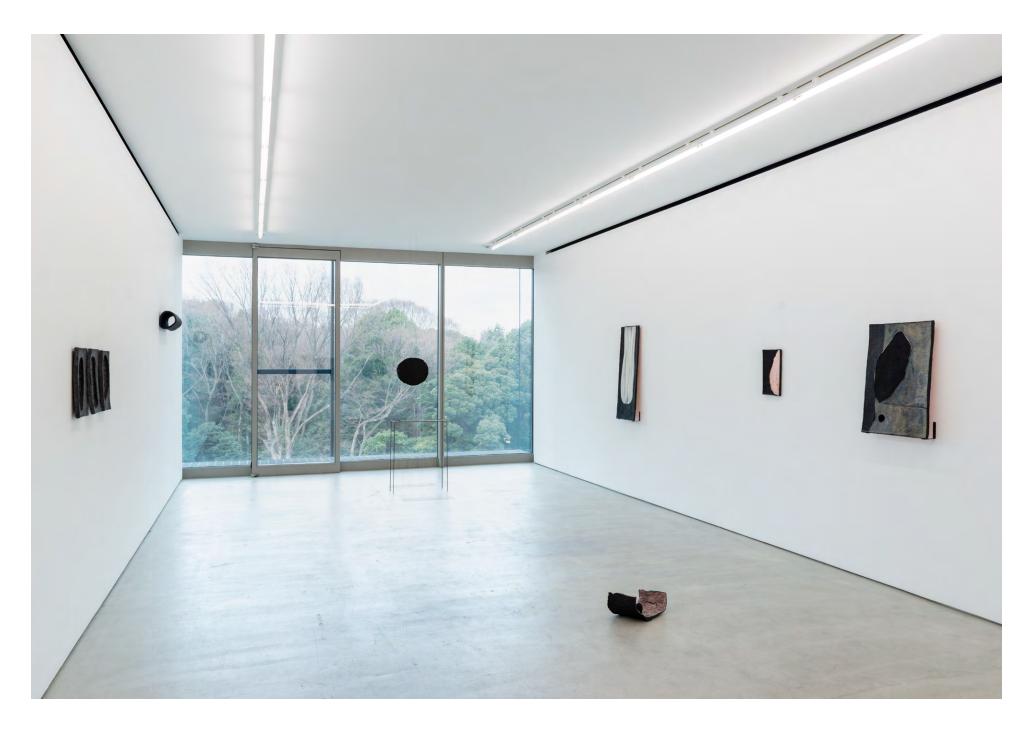


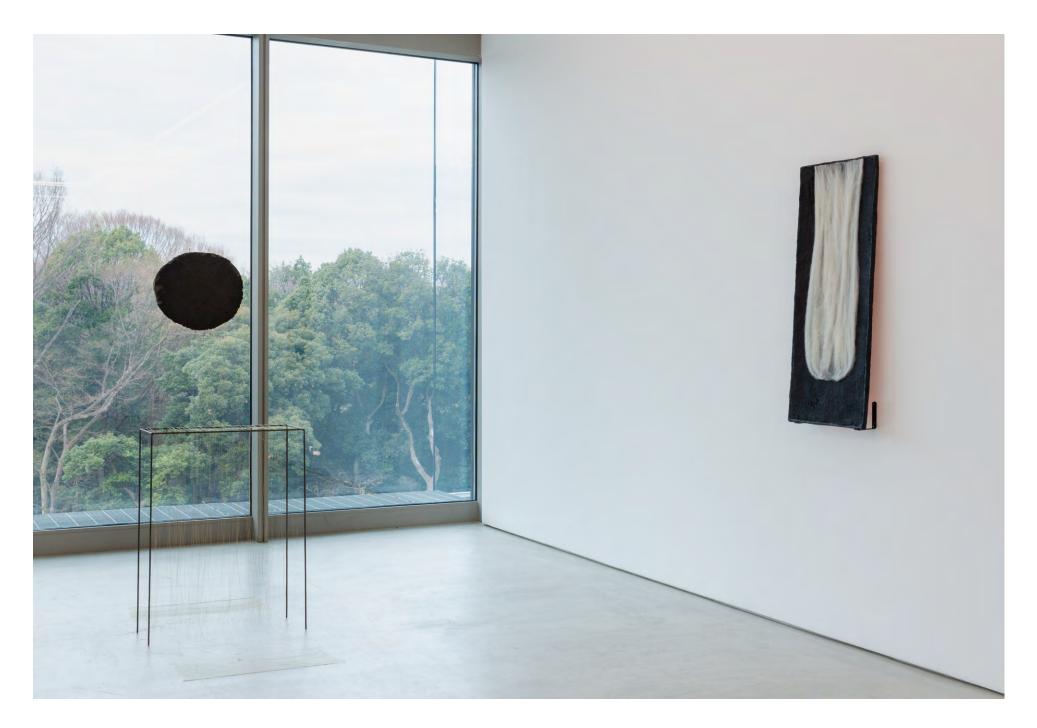


2020 Blum and Poe, Tokyo Dark Matter

Dark Matter refers to a form of matter whose existence has been hypothesized since the beginning of the twentieth century but has never been empirically proven. It is thought to consist of elementary particles that hardly ever interact with other known forms of matter and also do not emit light, which makes them exceedingly hard to detect. Although the standard Lambda-CDM model of cosmology calculates that these particles constitute twenty-seven percent of the universe, there is little agreement on how to characterize them.

Bosquê is interested in how the visible appearance of the world results from such immense, instantaneous and vibrant interactions among elements that are not readily perceptible—countless atoms in constant cycles of attraction, repulsion, fluctuation, and charge-shifting. Interactionsoccur in the empty spaces within atoms, in areas between one energy level and another. She has been searching for a horizontal approach towards matter as a means to connect this emptiness and enable a reciprocal relationship of transformation and exchange between herself and the material she forms into an artwork. Furthermore, Bosquê considers this approach to be a political position in terms of understanding the human being as a single actor negotiating and interacting with a myriad of other different, sometimes mysterious beings.

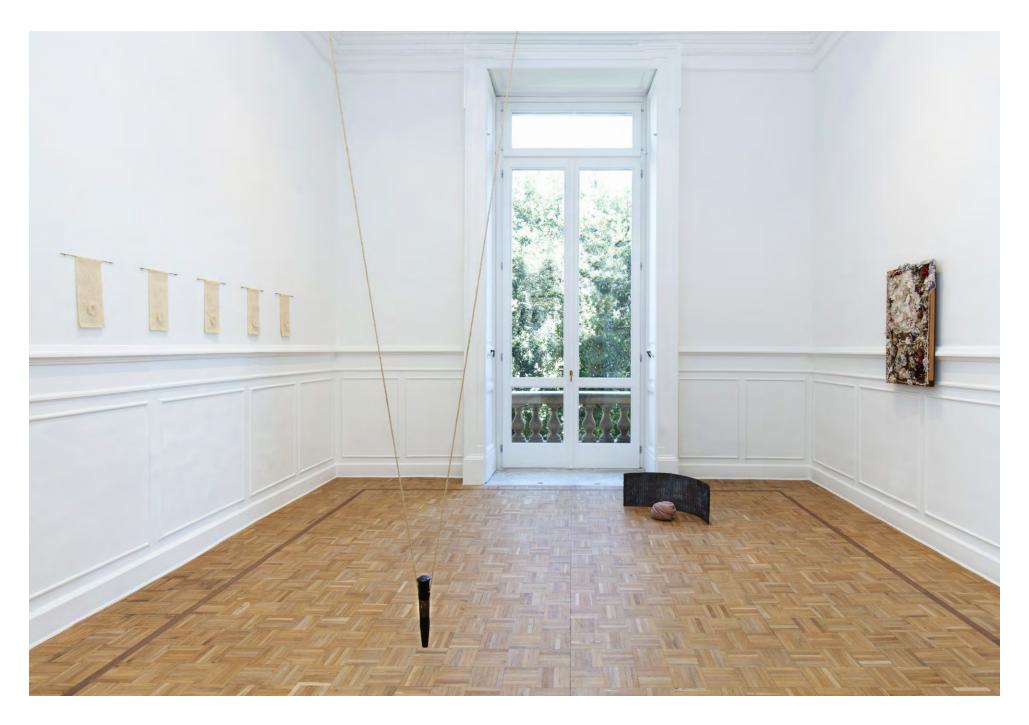


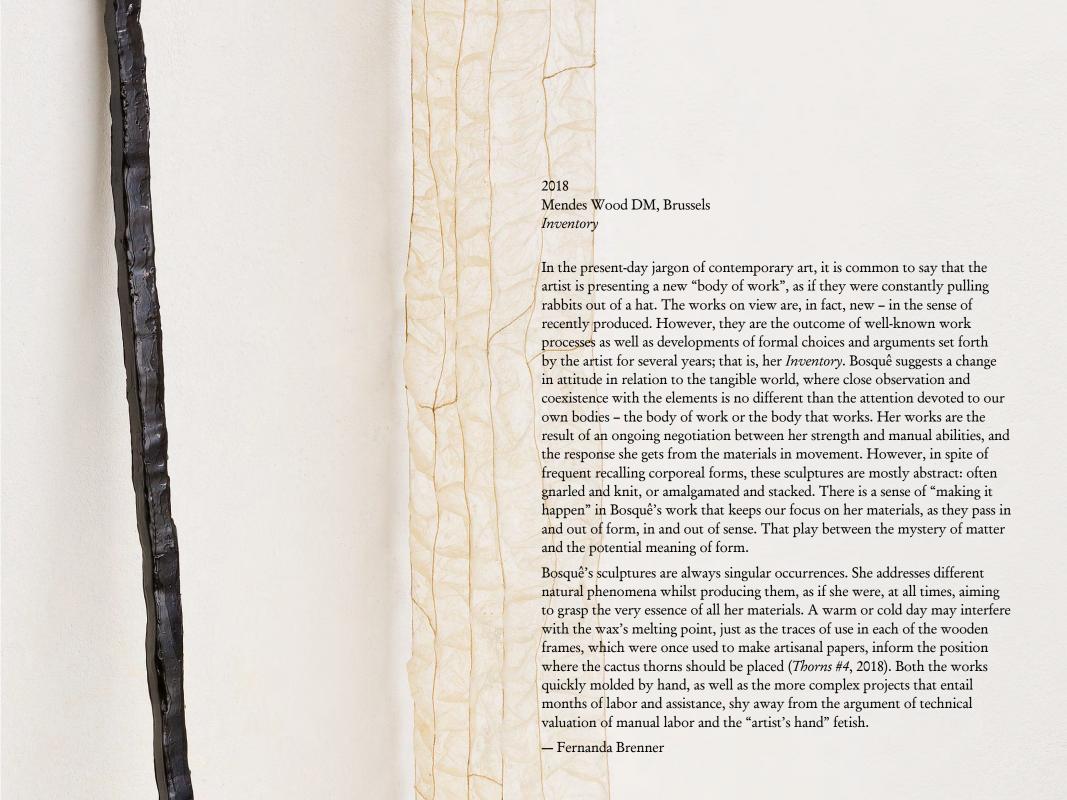




2019 Thomas Dane Gallery, Naples *Terra Trema* 



















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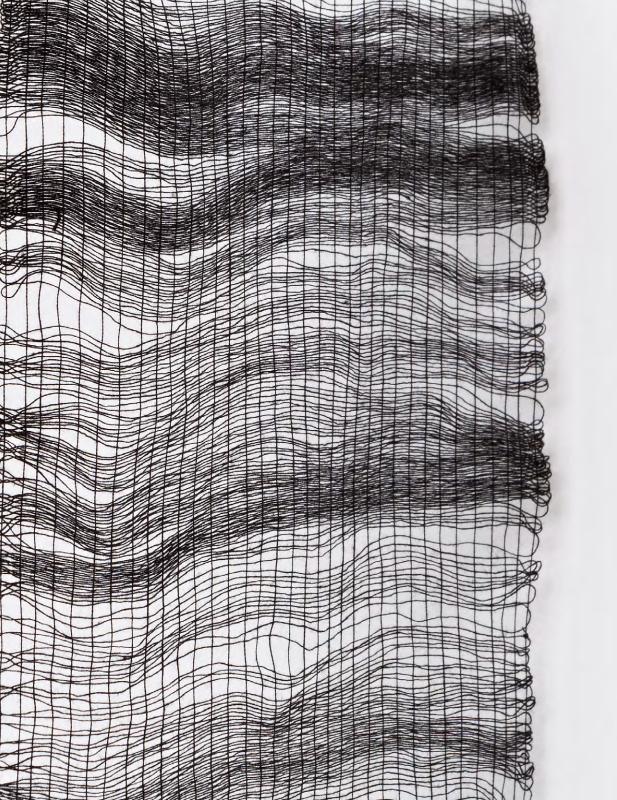


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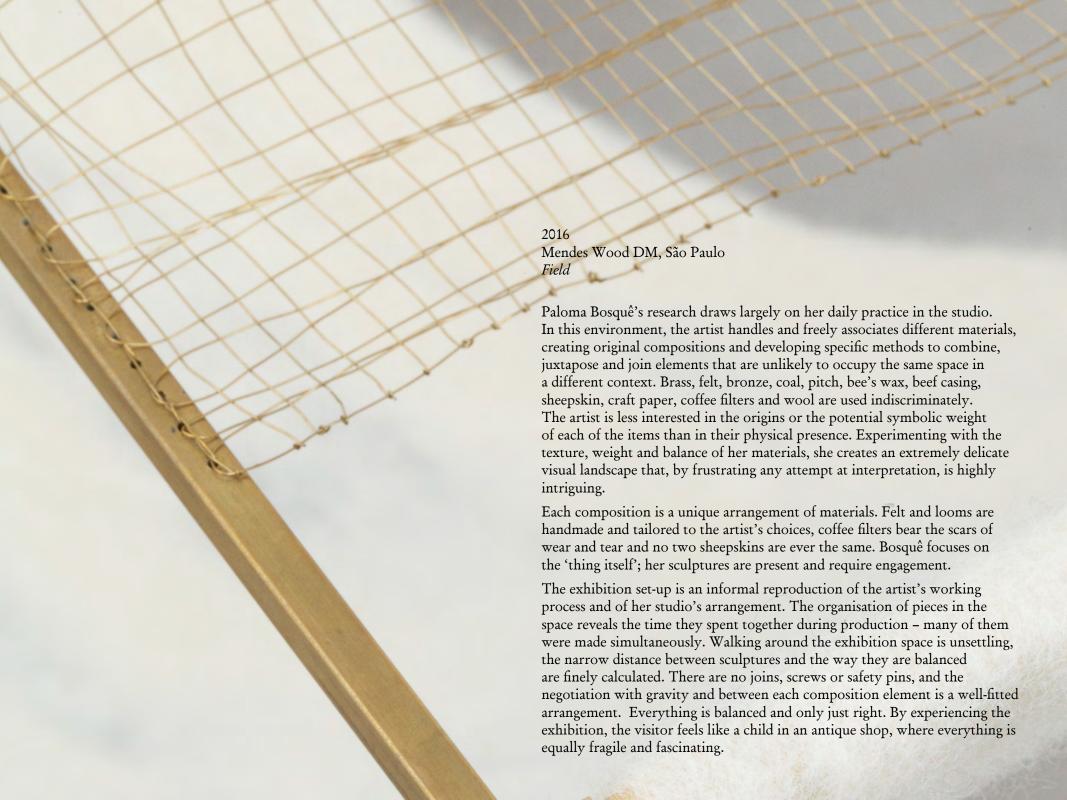
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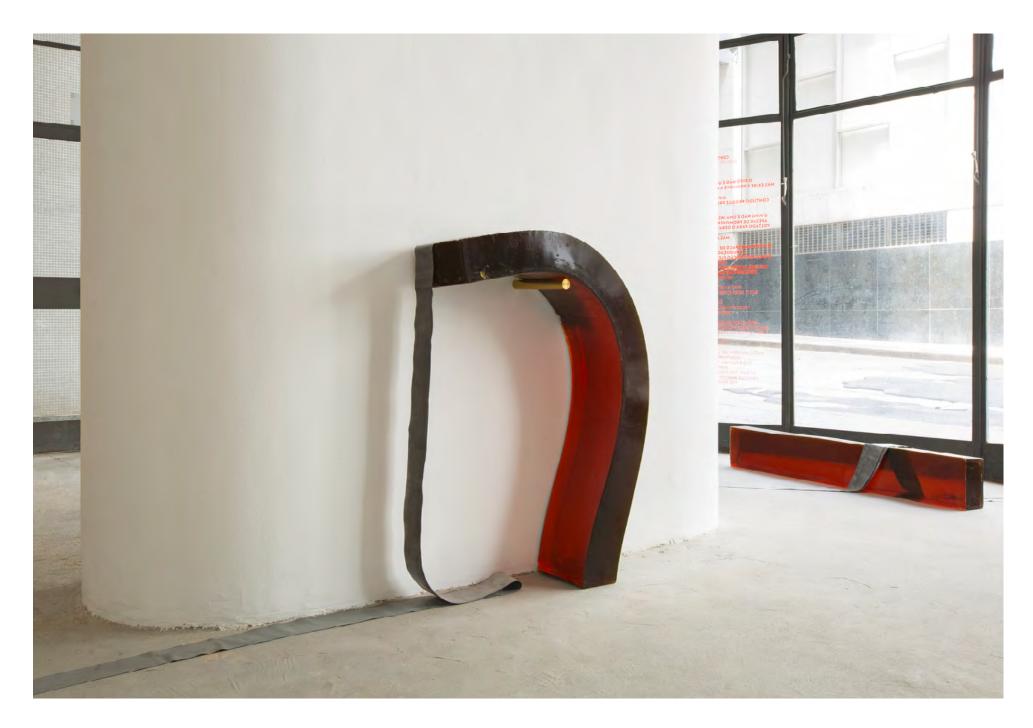








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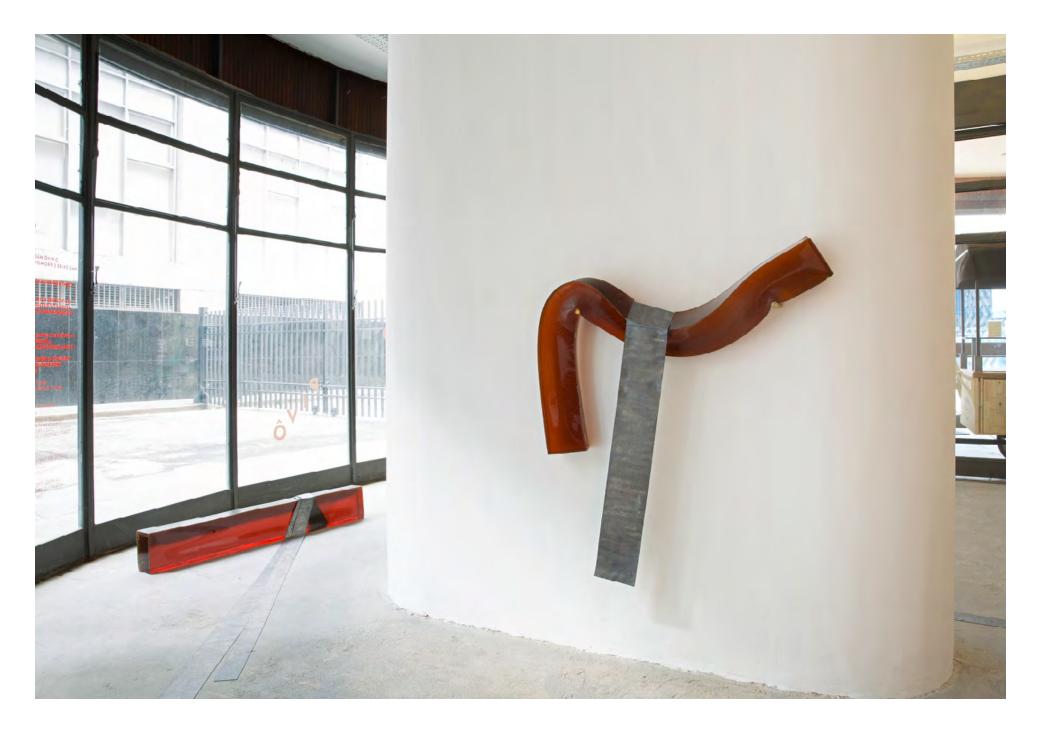


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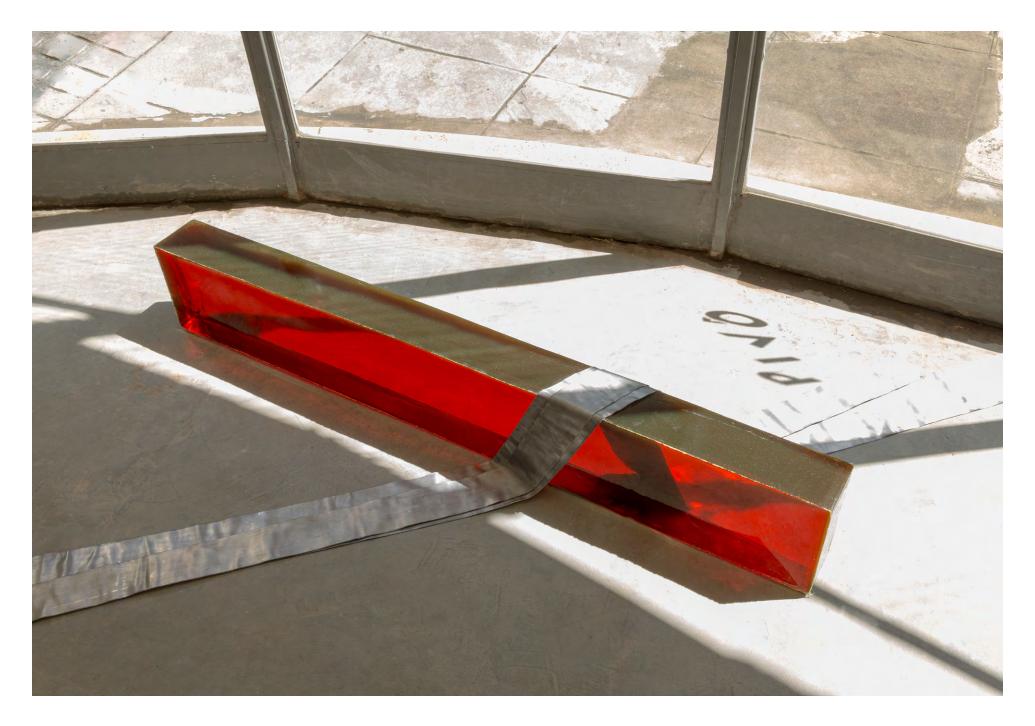


Heated rosin can be easily shaped so the artist experimented with different moulds, organising the material in rectangular blocks scattered around the space, supported by brass structures and under heavy lead sheets. These materials, with such distinct properties, continuously negotiate with each other and with the venue's architecture. Over time, the rosin blocks settle – or unsettle – onto their supports, reacting to their weight, taking on their contours and delicately shaping themselves, and – in due course – onto each situation proposed by the artist. The friction between the organisation of brass and lead, gravity and the rosin's instability places these sculptures exactly where stillness meets movement: in a silent restlessness that can only be observed through time.

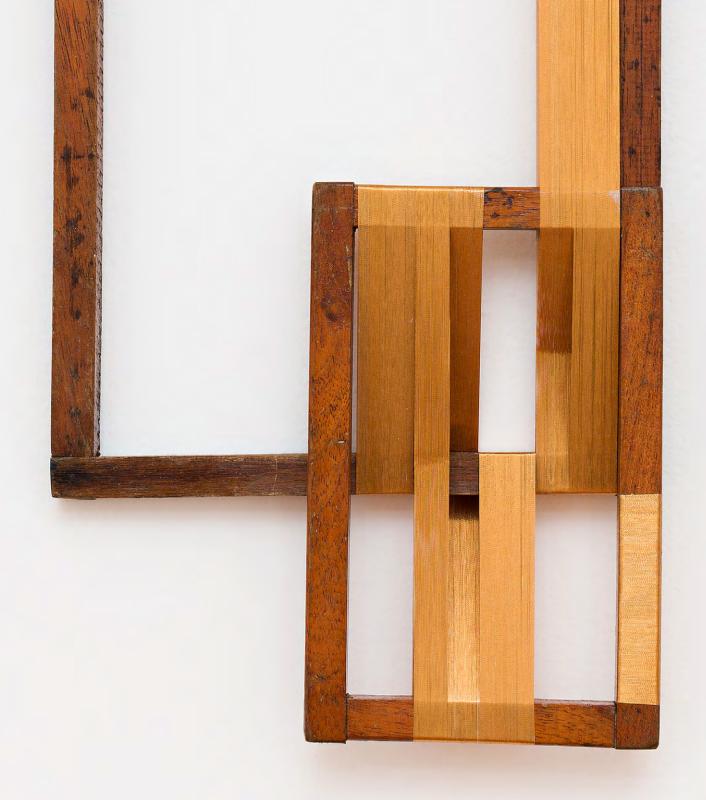
O Incômodo unfolds in its duration. The subtle movement of the rosin blocks challenges the dimensions of space and is only revealed to an attentive gaze, such as in Heraclitus' famous fragment: "changing, it rests"



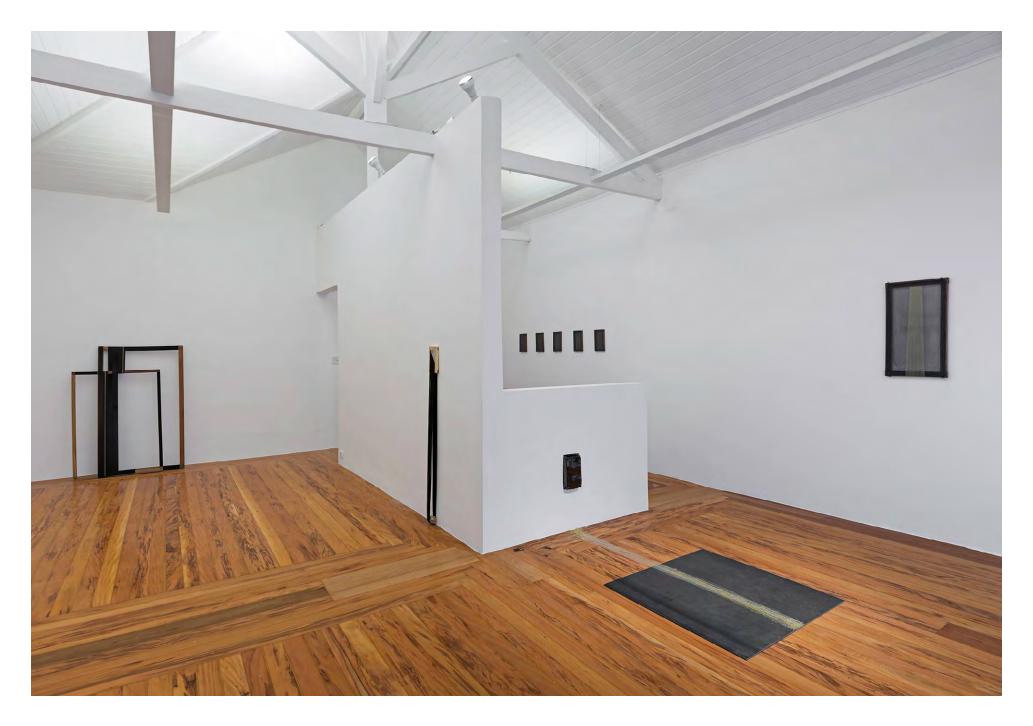
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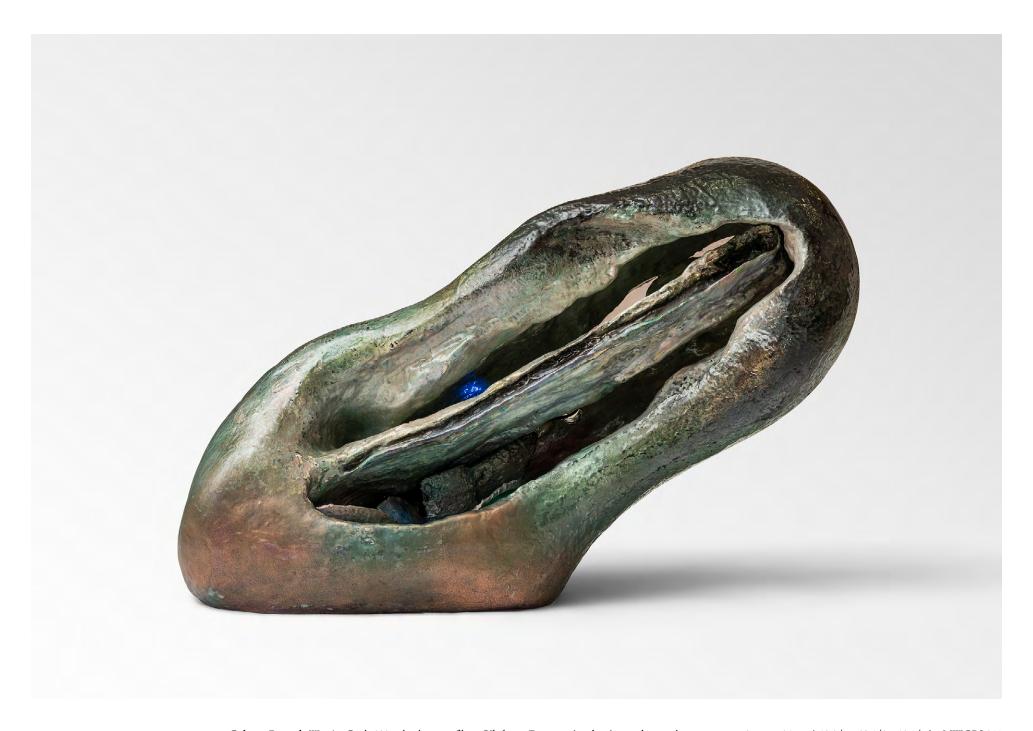
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2014 Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo *A Step Under* 







Paloma Bosquê, Weeping Rock, 2025, dyed cotton fiber, Giluform, Epoxy resin, aluminum plate, and water pump, 50 x 75 x 31 cm | 19 3/4 x 29 1/2 x 12 1/4 in, MW.PBS.366





Plate | Placa, 2025 dyed cotton mass, Giluform, epoxy resin and paint  $120 \times 75 \times 7$  cm  $47 \cdot 1/4 \times 29 \cdot 1/2 \times 2 \cdot 3/4$  in MW.PBS.362



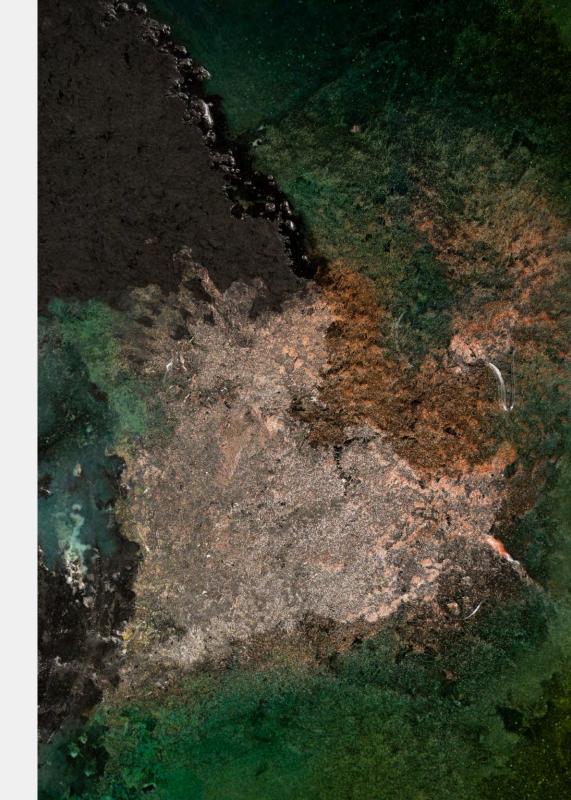
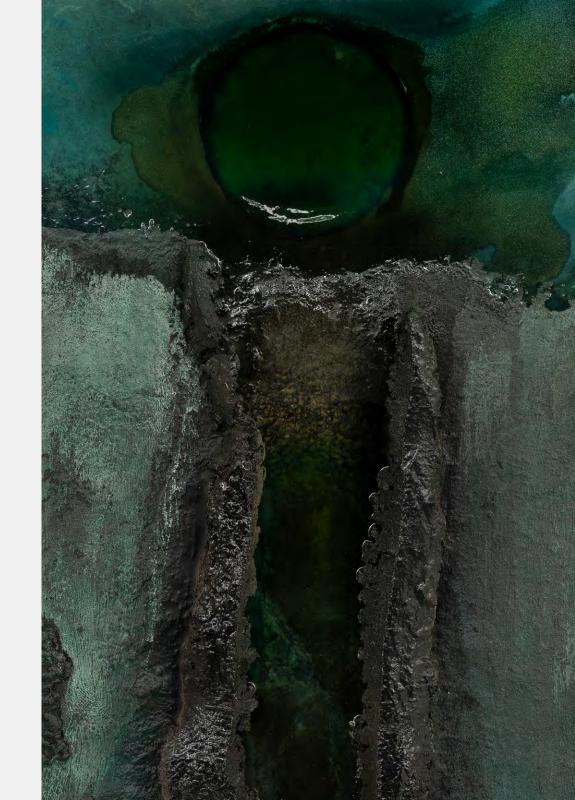
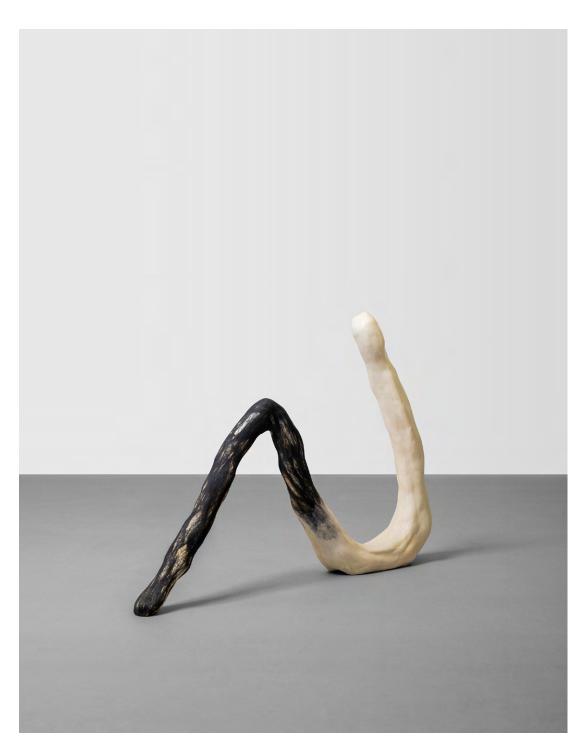




Plate | Placa, 2025 Giluform, dyed cotton fiber with PVA glue, epoxy resin and paint  $120 \times 76 \times 7$  cm  $47 \ 1/4 \times 29 \ 7/8 \times 2 \ 3/4$  in MW.PBS.312







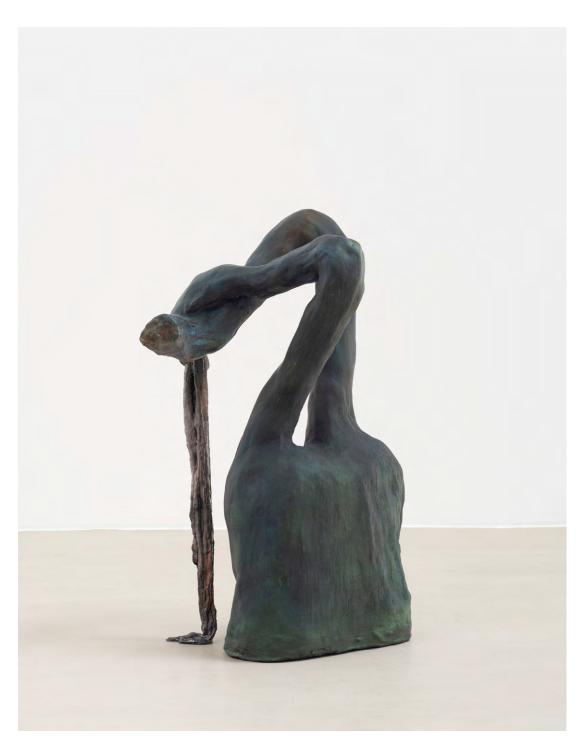
Fossile - From Three Suns, 2023 Wool, Giluform and acrylic paint  $61 \times 87 \times 14$  cm  $24 \times 34 \cdot 1/4 \times 5 \cdot 1/2$  in MW.PBS.348





Búzio (cosmic pussy), 2024 dyed cotton mass, resin and spray paint 15 x 10 x 7 cm 5 7/8 x 4 x 2 3/4 in MW.PBS.338



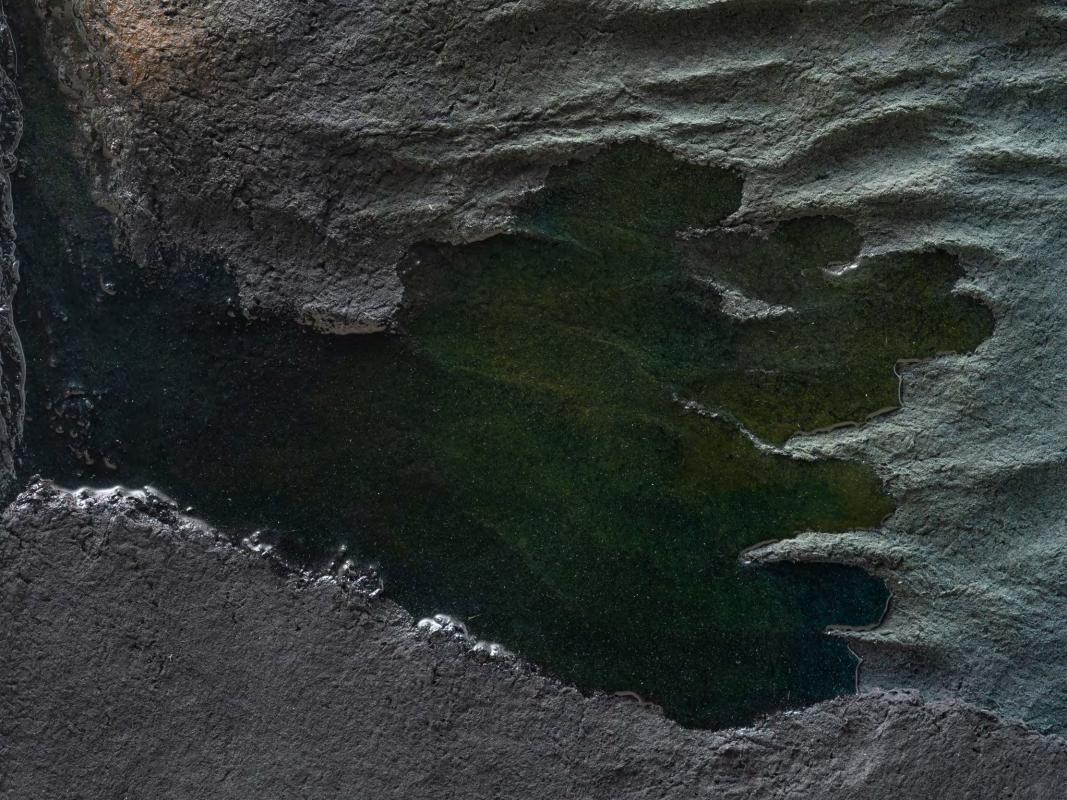


Fóssil (Cisne), 2024 cotton fiber, stone plaster, wool and acrylic paint  $69 \times 44 \times 35$  cm 27  $1/8 \times 17 \ 3/8 \times 13 \ 3/4$  in MW.PBS.327



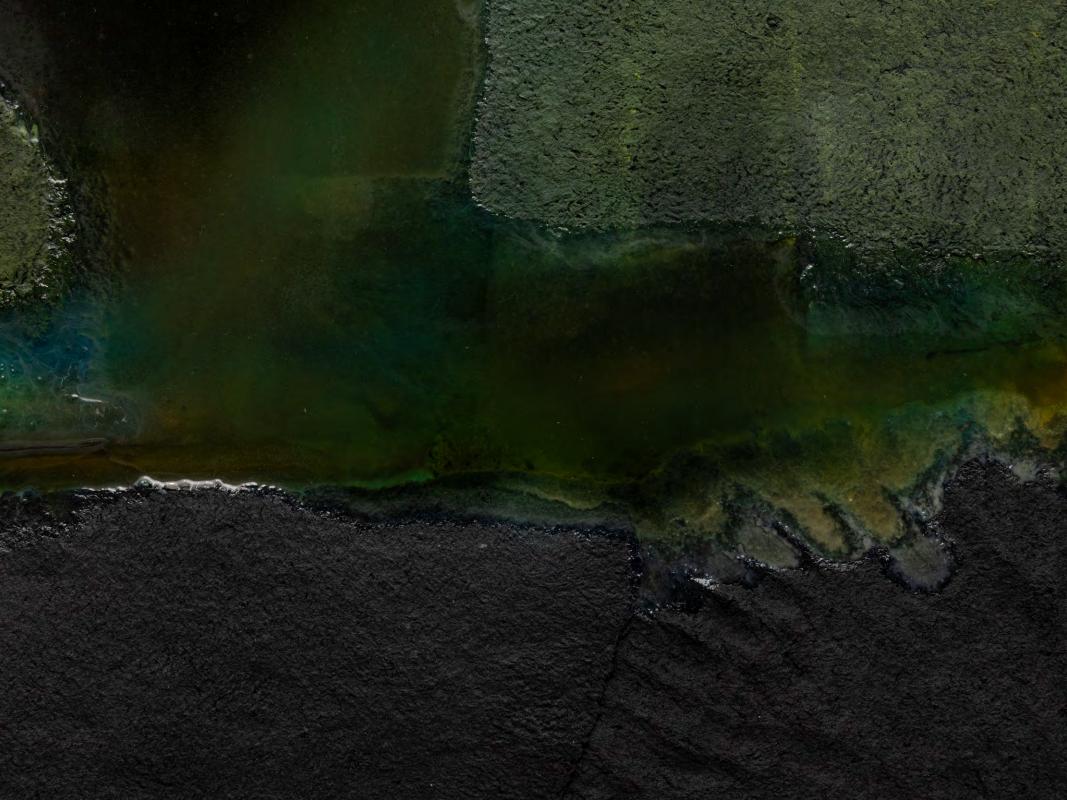


Plate, 2023 cotton fiber pigmented with pva glue, stone plaster, resin and acrylic paint  $120 \times 76 \times 7$  cm  $47 \cdot 1/4 \times 29 \cdot 7/8 \times 2 \cdot 3/4$  in MW.PBS.321





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God Bird, 2022

wool, Giluform and acrylic paint

101 x 15 x 15 cm

39 3/4 x 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in

MW.PBS.309





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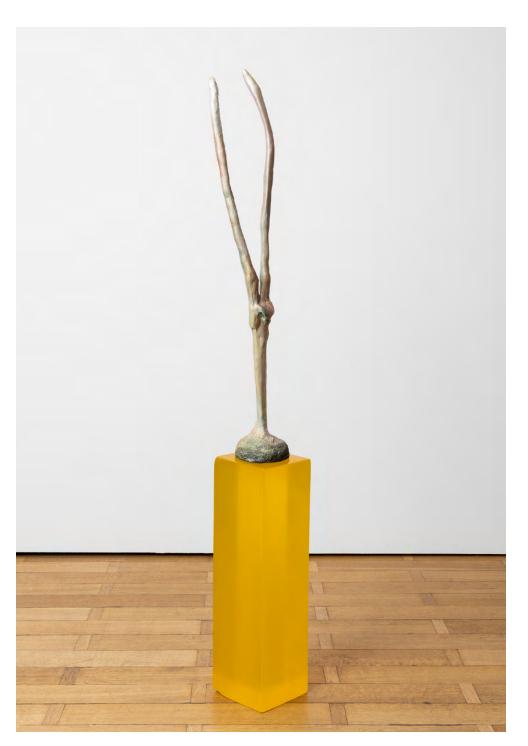
Plate, 2022 dyed cotton fiber, Giluform, wool and acrylic paint 48 x 37 x 6.5 cm 18 7/8 x 14 5/8 x 2 1/2 in MW.PBS.302





Fossil, 2022 wool, Giluform and glass 68 x 7 x 12 cm 26 3/4 x 2 3/4 x 4 3/4 in MW.PBS.295



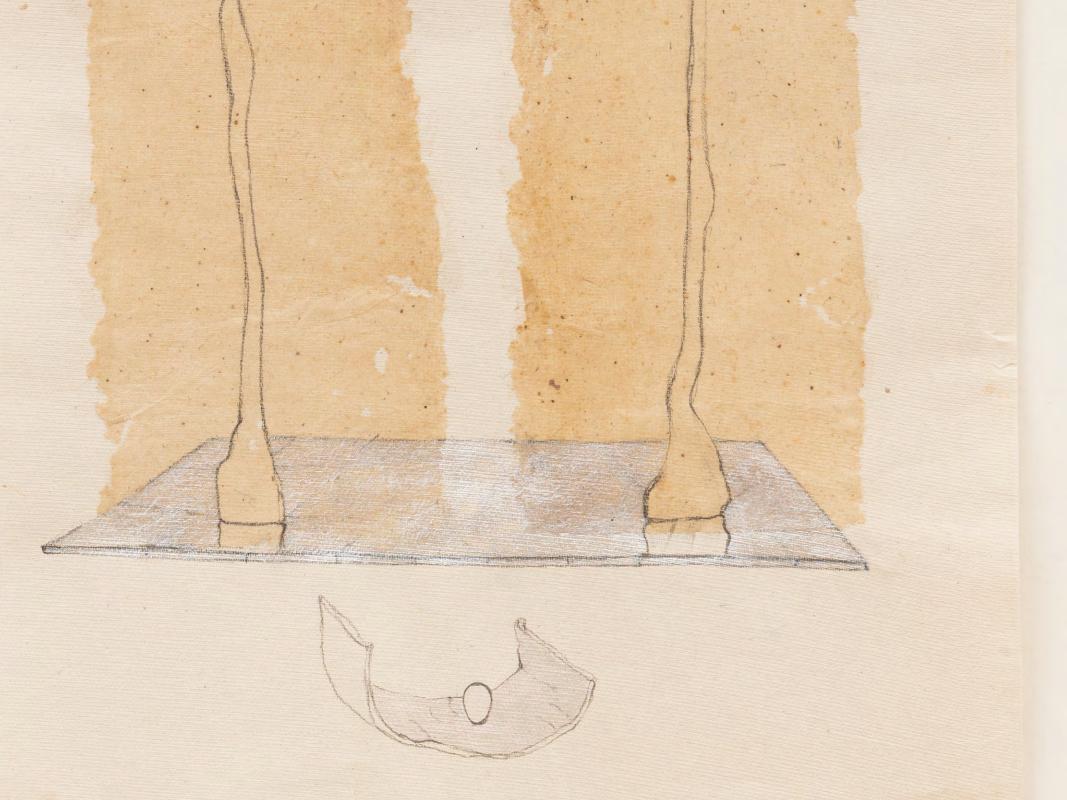


Two Headed Snake, 2022 dyed cotton fiber, PVA glue, wool, Acrystal, Giluform and Acrylic Paint with resin base  $125 \times 20 \times 13.5$  cm  $49 \ 1/4 \times 7 \ 7/8 \times 5 \ 1/4$  in MW.PBS.308



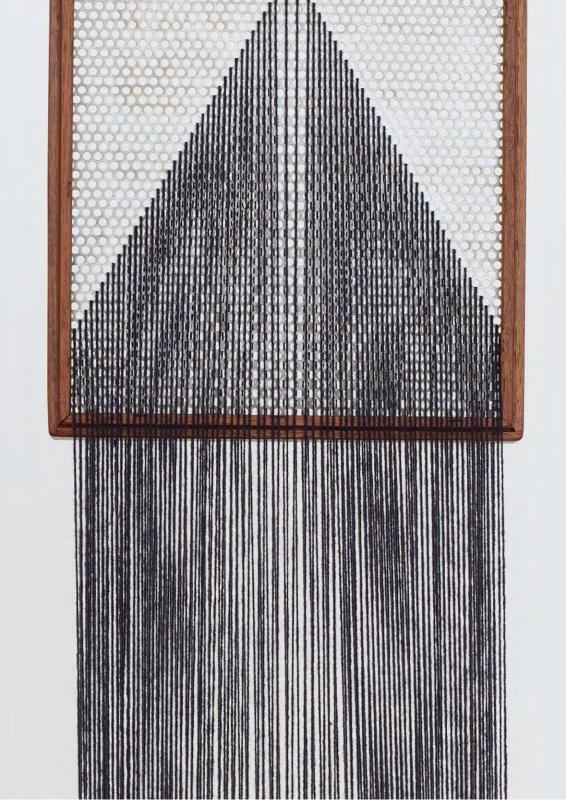


Drawing, 2022 collage, artisanal paper, acrylic paint, nankin and graphite 29.7 x 21 cm (unframed) 11 3/4 x 8 1/4 in MW.PBS.298





On provisory interaction, 2021 coffe sieve, wool and brass rods 95 x 30 x 4.5 cm 38 5/8 x 11 3/4 x 1 5/8 in MW.PBS.180



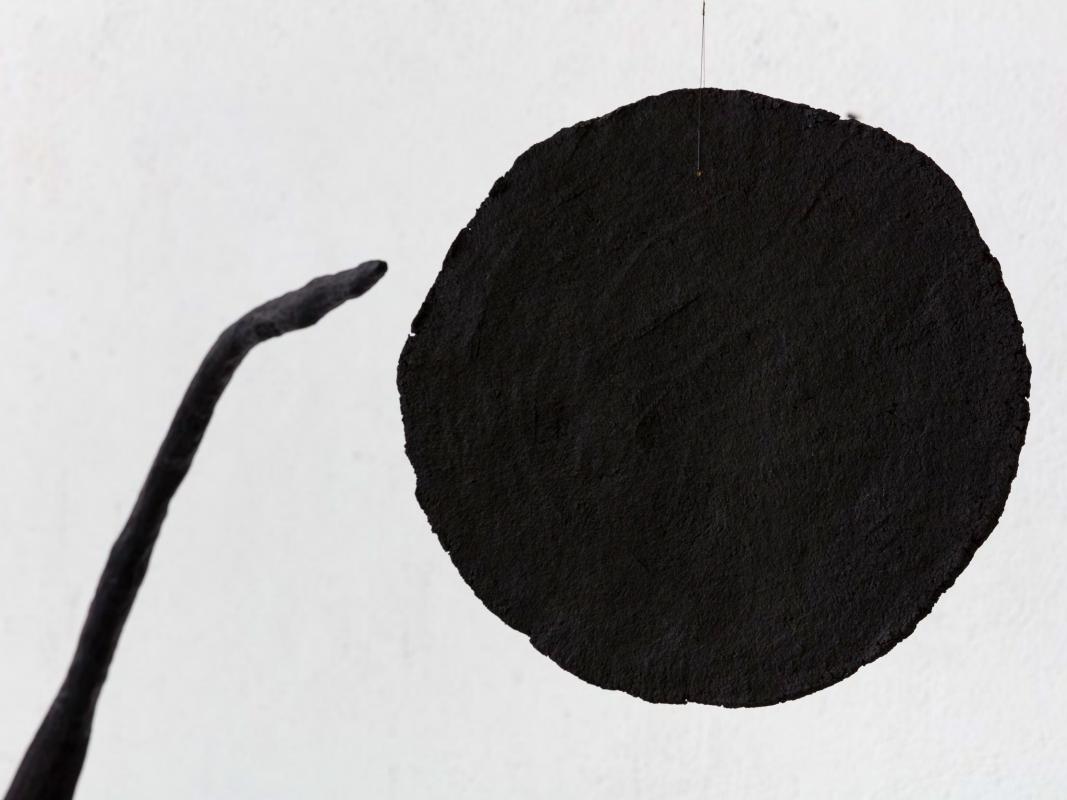


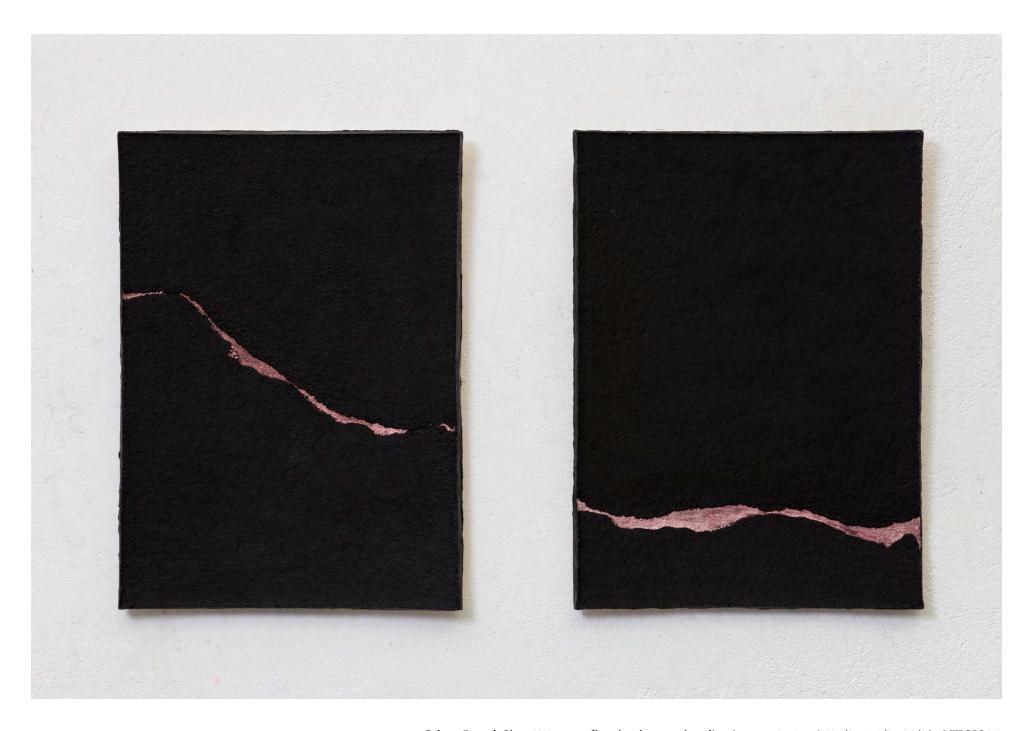
Plate, 2021 dyed cotton fiber, lead sheet and dental stone  $57 \times 43 \times 13$  cm  $22 \cdot 1/2 \times 16 \cdot 7/8 \times 5 \cdot 1/8$  in MW.PBS.302





**Paloma Bosquê,** One Other Night, 2020, cotton fibre, dental stone and indian shellac, 157 x 34 x 136 cm | 110 x 22 x 78 cm | 37 x 39 x 0.9 cm, 61 3/4 x 13 3/8 x 53 1/2 in | 43 1/4 x 8 5/8 x 30 3/4 in | 14 5/8 x 15 3/8 x 3/8 in, MW.PBS.252





Paloma Bosquê, Plates, 2020, cotton fibre, dental stone and acrylic paint, 57 x 42 x 6 cm | 22 1/2 x 16 1/2 x 2 3/8 in, MW.PBS.233





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In The Hot Sun of a Christmas Day, 2019

narima glass, dental stone and papier mâché

variable dimensions

MW.PBS.192





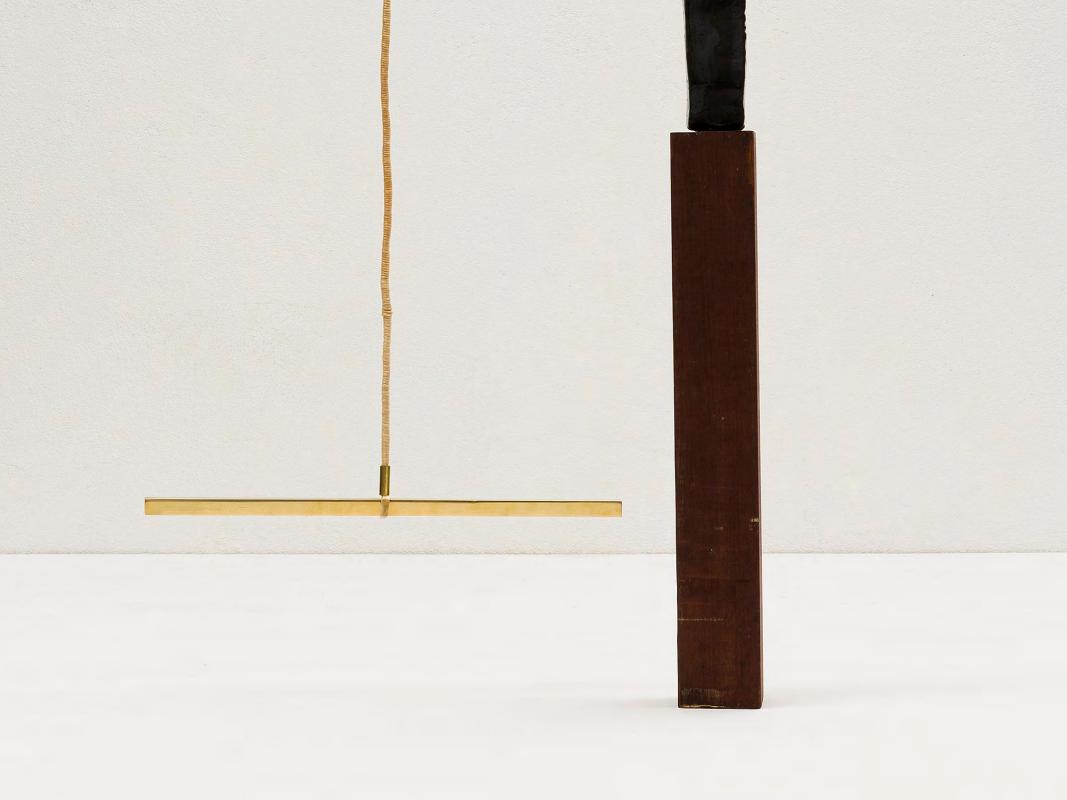
Paloma Bosquê, Cell Shell, 2019, cotton ber, dental stone and paint, 17 x 31 x 21 cm | 6 3/4 x 12 1/4 x 8 1/4 in, MW.PBS.208





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Blind Arrangement - Trapeze and pole, 2018 collagen tripe, brass rods, wood, beeswax with rosin  $300 \times 45 \times 1.5$  cm (trapeze)  $118 \times 1/8 \times 1/3 \times 1/4 \times 5/8$  in  $158 \times 8 \times 8$  cm (pole)  $62 \times 1/4 \times 3 \times 1/8 \times 3 \times 1/8$  in MW.PBS.178





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Being-nest, 2018
brass rods, hand felted wool
and eggs made of beeswax with rosin
176 x 77 x 10 cm
69 1/4 x 30 1/4 x 4 in
MW.PBS.185





Paloma Bosquê, Inventory (The Blind Leading The Blind), 2017-2018, 1 sewn ox tripes panels and 1 beeswax with rosin poles on steel structure, 215 x 240 x 450 cm | 84 5/8 x 94 1/2 x 177 1/8 in, MW.PBS.164





Paloma Bosquê, Two Stones, 2017, lead sheet, brass rods, hand felted wool and beeswax with rosin, 202 x 212 x 34 cm | 79 1/2 x 83 1/2 x 13 3/8 in, MW.PBS.I.135





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Lapso #5, 2017

wool and threads
250 x 35 cm
98 3/8 x 13 3/4 in

MW.PBS.I.136





Paloma Bosquê, Jirau, 2016, lead sheet, rods and fabric of brass, wool felted by hand and cast bronze, 90 x 132 x 31.5 cm | 35 3/8 x 52 x 12 1/4 in, MW.PBS.I.113





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