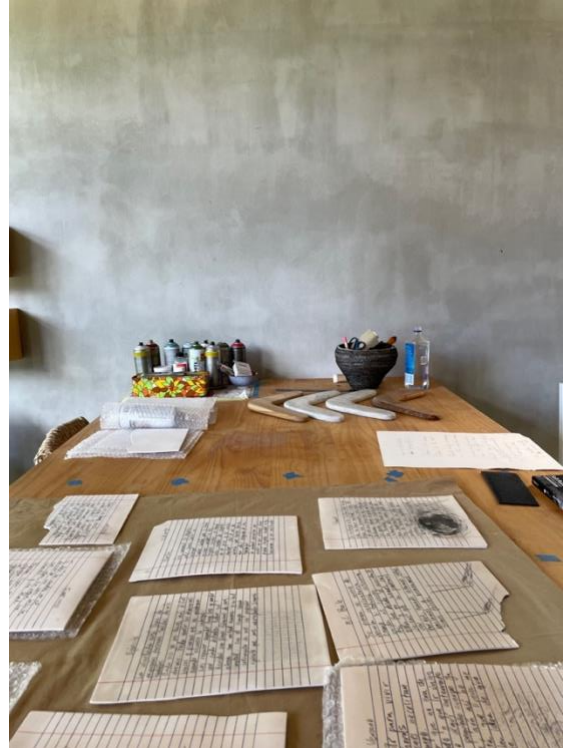


Priscilla Monge: *The Archived Body*

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Hutchinson Modern & Contemporary is pleased to announce Priscilla Monge: *The Archived Body*. For Monge's first solo exhibition in New York, the artist continues her exploration of the "unspeakable." The exhibition presents works from the 1990s to today and is a representation of Monge's ability to thoughtfully represent and record violence and death.

Born in San José, Costa Rica in 1968 and graduating from the University of Costa Rica in 1995, Priscilla Monge is one of the foremost conceptual artists from Central America. Her work explores the violence and brutality that exist in the everyday, often tackling these themes with humor and cynicism. To explore the "unspeakable" she often turns to materials in the domestic and scholastic sphere. She employs items such as fabric, chalkboards, soap, and fine china to weave delicate yet arresting narratives of cruelty and innocence, blurring the lines between love and aggression, pleasure and oppression. For her, these quotidian materials hold "the possibility of being familiar and unfamiliar at the same time," allowing her to explore the small atrocities that can permeate our daily lives.



Priscilla Monge studio, Costa Rica

With *The Archived Body*, Monge posits that an archive cannot exist without death; without "a physical presence of that which no longer exists." Informed by her research into Costa Rica's involvement in the wars and violence that took place in Central America, she asks who has the right to bear witness to the pain of others, and whether it is possible for artists to act as archivists, creating "more sensible, more sensual, more vulnerable and more accessible" records of that pain and loss.

Monge lives and works in San Jose. She has exhibited widely, participating in the Venice and Liverpool Biennials, with works shown in institutions such as the Museo Rufino Tamayo, the Tate Modern, Centro de Arte Contemporaneo in Sevilla and the Museo de Arty y Diseno Contemporaneo in Costa Rica among others.

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