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Dream Symptoms II

Individual exhibit and performance of American artist:

George Rodez.

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At the Barradas Cultural Center, Cita en Rambla de Sant Just Oliveras Nº 56.
L'Hospitalet de Llobregat.

Presents the artwork of George Rodez (Manhattan, New York, 1957) in Barcelona. A body of work that permits us to inhabit, to share or at least to reflect on that world of crossroads, encounters and divergences that surround us. His canvases constitute a (re)-inventory of foreign and personal circumstances, of wakefulness and dreams, of images and realities juxtaposed inside a setting that reaches and exceeds (enriches) the limits of the known and the lived. Through his own experience, of an existence marked by displacements -physical, emotional, psychological-, his creative eagerness explores, renews, and also infringes on the margins of his own pictorial experience, and the surrealist exercise. From there the interesting re-interpretations that his artwork signifies of the pictorial procedures, movements, or influences: "from his processing of color, to his use of tachism to the trans-vanguardism of Clemente or Basquiat, to the post-expressionism, pop art," Max Ernst, the unconscious one, the "psychic automatism," among others. A continuous exercise of the esthetic-subversive displacing that reality which is presented to us as unique and true, establishing eloquent clarifications.

The work of George Rodez conveys the "objective chance" of appropriations and encounters, like part of a constant play between man and his environment, in a gesture that reminds us of the desires of surrealism historically: "to continuously place in radical prohibition what up to now has been considered immutable by society, like a desperate attempt of finding the way out. Not necessarily in search of salvation but of true life". His images, like dreams, are "confirmations; mysterious and disconcerting symptoms of a certainty." Behind each stroke, splash of color, plane or figure, there is a challenge that makes us participants of the routine and most significant avatars of man, Dream Symptoms as a mirror of a reality as strange as quotidian that we share daily.

We hope you can join us.