

JOHANNES VOGT

“Mi Casa, Tu Casa”

Jack Chiles, Mario Navarro, Amber Renaye

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Summer Hours: Monday to Friday 11-6pm

Johannes Vogt Gallery is pleased to present “Mi Casa, Tu Casa”, a group show featuring works by Jack Chiles, Mario Navarro, Amber Renaye, David B. Smith, Sophie Stone and Nicole Wittenberg. The exhibition brings together a diverse assortment of artworks that occupy the gallery space in sundry ways: flat on the floor, leaning against or protruding from the wall, stacked or intertwined. The show follows the objective to investigate concepts of feeling “at-home” under the grace of someone else’s hospitality. For the duration of “Mi Casa, Tu Casa” the gallery itself will serve as a hosting space for performative and/or interactive events organized by the participating artists.

Home is the “place where one lives permanently, especially as a member of a family or household.” The space you call home is a safe zone, contained, and comfortable, it is charged with feelings of belonging. Since the 1950's the use of the word home has steadily increased. From the early 2000's onwards, it has even diversified to something more than our physical dwellings but to the home-pages of websites; implying that whenever you want to return to the “origin” you go back home.

The works in the exhibition relate to the domestic but play with our understanding of the original practicality of certain objects. Sophie Stone dismembers and rejoins vintage carpets in order to maintain their purpose. Mario Navarro directs our attention to the architectural space of the gallery whilst also deconstructing one of the most basic offerings within the etiquette of hospitality: the chair. Amber Renaye creates a series of mirrors framed by legs that populate the gallery space so that we don't feel alone. David B. Smith offers fabric sculptures from found images that are reminiscent of the comfort of cushions and old family photos. Jack Chiles contributes a table inspired by everyday objects found in the interior of any home while Nicole Wittenberg invites us to witness a moment of domestic intimacy that is in fact based on images from pornography.

For further information please contact the gallery at info@johannesvogt.nyc or 212-226-6966.