

Radamés "Juni" Figueroa

Rompiendo en Frío

Opening Reception
Friday | 20 November | 7-10p

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jumping the gate #1 (street pizza)
Mixed media, 64 x 48 x 3 inches

ltd los angeles is pleased to present Radamés "Juni" Figueroa's first solo exhibition with the gallery, *Rompiendo en Frío*. He has been featured in gallery group exhibitions: *Hit Pause: "Sometimes you just have to pee in the sink"* (2015) and *PARAÍSO* (2011).

In *Rompiendo en Frío*, Figueroa's presentation of new works further subverts traditional notions of the gallery space. Through his "casual" backwards placement of mixed media sculptures and paintings, the gallery space unfolds into an outside urban environment. Marking a departure from earlier exhibitions, *Rompiendo en Frío* debuts a transformation without the creation of a built structure.

His aesthetic investigations have focused on ideas of leisure, insurrection, and socioeconomics. Through the concept of tropical ready-mades (ie used Converse™ planters, painted rooftops, thrown beach clothing on shutters, never-ending flowing fountains of rum & coconut water, and built skydecks and tree houses) he contextualizes a Caribbean vernacular within contemporary artistic languages.

With this exhibition, Figueroa expands his investigations to include other aspects of San Juan's urbanity as reflected internationally in other cities, such as Los Angeles. His new urban ready-mades incorporate found objects collected during his time in Los Angeles. These works continue to be a mix of personal references, critical humor and architectural insight.

Figueroa has exhibited internationally including the 2015 Biennial of the Americas (CO), 2014 Whitney Biennial (NY), Sculpture Center (NY), MALBA (AR), Kuhnstalle Zurich (CH), and El NUMU (GU). In 2015, his solo gallery exhibitions include *Radamés "Juni" Figueroa* at Edel Essanti (London), *Current Times, Savage Times* at Taymour Grahne (NY), *No Fear, Dead, or Alive* at Walter Otero (San Juan). Pablo Leon de la Barre named Figueroa as a 2014 *Future Great* in *ArtReview*. He has been featured in *Art Cities of the 21st Century, ArtReview, ARTnews, Artspace, Forbes, Los Angeles Times, Modern Painters, New York Times*, and *Paper* amongst others.

Figueroa lives and works in San Juan, Puerto Rico.