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For Immediate Release:

Nana Olivas

All Alone

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Opening Reception: Thursday March 29th, 6-8pm



SOHO20 Chelsea Gallery presents *All Alone*, an exhibition of new work by Nana Olivas. The exhibition features mixed media paintings and installations by the artist and will be on view from March 27th through April 20th.

Culled from personal experience, Olivas' work speaks of displacement, both geographically and culturally. Abstracted forms such as decorative ruffs and Spanish conquistador helmets, are a nod to the colonialism of Mexico by Spain, ca. 1500 which Olivas points to poetically recalling the beauty and the devastation of this iconography. The ominous feeling of the work is impeded by the presence of the artist, found in handwritten text and various painted gestures. In *Glow series* quirky white forms seems to smoothen the transparent surface. Oiled canvas gives sight to stretcher bars and hidden surfaces not often privy to the viewer.

The emotional weight found in Olivas' work is best described by the various materials used by the artist. Paint, oil, blood, varnish and lacquer are used to speak of the nuanced experience of shared histories. In the three-part series, *Verlangen* splatters of blood can be spied within the endless black lacquer, simultaneously reflecting the viewer. Olivas, who paints on unprimed canvas can be seen as a successor of Antoni Tapies, who was once described as "a painter who was to create mysteries in matter itself."

Nana Olivas was born in New York City. She attended Parsons School of Design, The Art Students League, and the A.I.M. program at the Bronx Museum. She has exhibited at The Woodstock guild, Lotus gallery, A.I.R. Gallery, Vibrant Gallery, William Poll Gallery, P.S. 122 Gallery, Cristineros Contemporary Art, and The Nuyoricans Poet Cafe. This is her first solo exhibition with SOHO20 Chelsea. Olivas has been featured for her art in, The Woodstock Times, Art Club CNN, Elle Decor, and New York Newsday.

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