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Fear of Idleness, 2022
oil & enamel on linen

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RITCHARD RODRIGUEZ, *RETICENCE & TRANSPARENCY (DES NUAGES)*

SOLO EXHIBITION IN NORTH WYNWOOD MIAMI

May 6th through June 6th, 2023

April 24, 2023 – **THE HOUSE OF ARTS Miami** is pleased to present, ***Reticence & Transparency (Des Nuages)***, a solo exhibition of artwork by Ritchard Rodriguez, formerly from New York and now permanently working in Miami Florida. The exhibition opening on Saturday, May 6th, will display 24 oil paintings bridging three bodies of work from pre, during the lockdown and post COVID, touching on themes of Hope.

When admitted to the High School of Art & Design, NY's most prestigious for all talented students, Rodriguez aspired at being a fine comic-book penciler during that industry's renaissance. Ironically, he graduated an oil painter, and that was 49 years ago. Next year marks his 50th year celebration and that is the story of the current show at the innovative House of Arts Miami, curated by Jade Matarazzo.

As well articulated by APERO Fine Art's E.E. Jacks: *“Gestural, painterly, dauntless and vivid are just a few words to describe the dynamic paintings by artist Ritchard Rodriguez. His liberate narrative speaks of the untamed. With controlled abandon Rodriguez creates work with temperamental movement and a balanced atmosphere. There is much to be admired in these evocative pieces.”*

“I was a realist for a good fifteen years, trained within the ways of the old masters by my late mentor, Gilbert Stone, primarily seduced by the Dutch. During an eight-year residency in Europe, I discovered the later works of American abstract expressionist Joan Mitchell. Mitchell among a few others eventually fed my emancipation from the restrictions of academic realism, in time jumping off the cliff of a comfort zone with a hand glider of my own invention, without regrets.”

Rodriguez enjoys Miami, his home of the last four years, one "saturated with art, nature and inspiration". He continues being featured within international institutions, commissioned, and has had his paintings collected throughout four continents. *“Ritchard has a very particular and unique approach toward the canvas while painting. Each of his work is an emotional story that belongs to his heart and echoes ours.”*
— Marie-Laetitia Lesaffre (curator of Princess Stephanie's Maison de Vie FAM, Monaco).

Opening Reception, Saturday, May 6th | 6 – 9pm.

LISTING INFORMATION:

WHAT: Ritchard Rodriguez Solo Exhibition: *Reticence & Transparency (Des Nuages)*
WHERE: The House of Arts (in North Wynwood): 100 NW 36th Street, Miami, FL 33127
HOURS: Mon–Fri: 10am–6pm, Sat: 12–6pm | show runs through June 6th, 2023
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