



KENTLER INTERNATIONAL DRAWING SPACE

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Nancy Friedemann-Sanchez *Cornucopia*

March 4 – April 9, 2017
Artist's Talk & Opening Reception:
Saturday, March 4, 4 – 7pm

Kentler International Drawing Space is pleased to present *Cornucopia*, a solo exhibition of new drawings by artist Nancy Friedemann-Sánchez.

Nancy Friedemann-Sánchez was born in Colombia and migrated to the United States as a young adult. A rich cultural dialog runs through her work, mixing traditional Spanish and Native Colombian iconography with modern American sensibilities. Inspired also by Minimalism and the Pattern and Decoration movement, her large-scale drawings explore themes of cultural memory and identity alongside broader issues of colonialism, class-consciousness and gender politics. The artist is currently creating a visual novel comprised of paintings, drawings and mixed media works that weave a synchronicity of passages, punctuations and silences addressing hybridity and cultural ownership.

The works featured in *Cornucopia* are unexpectedly and intriguingly complex. Using luminous inks on black Tyvek, Friedemann-Sánchez creates highly detailed scenes on a monumental scale. Her compositions, including opulent floral arrangements and ghostly figures, recall familiar Spanish and indigenous subjects with subtle, quirky flourishes - tiny humans, animals, and domestic objects appear throughout. Heirloom combs and masks incorporated into the two-dimensional works emphasize their dual historical and political significance.

A brochure with an essay by Susan Silas accompanies the exhibition.

Kentler International Drawing Space is located at 353 Van Brunt Street (between Dikeman & Wolcott Streets) in Red Hook, Brooklyn. For more information, contact Executive Director Florence Neal, 718.875.2098 or visit www.kentlergallery.org.

Founded by two artists in 1990, Kentler International Drawing Space Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization presenting contemporary exhibitions of drawings and works on paper by emerging and under-recognized local, national and international artists as part of the cultural fabric of the community. Kentler's Programs: Exhibitions and Events, The Kentler Flatfiles and K.I.D.S. Art Education. The gallery is open free to the public Thursday - Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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