### Press Release

Curated by Engel Leonardo

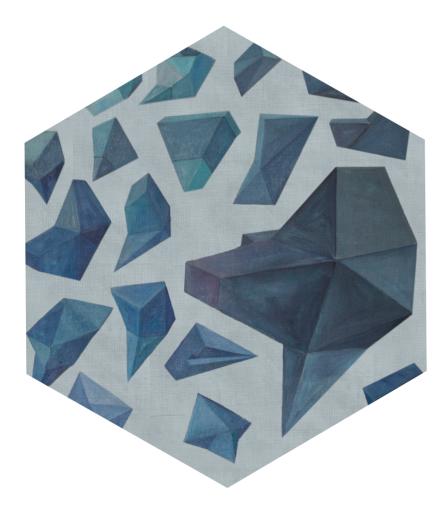
### On view

June 19 - July 5, 2013 Monday - Friday 10 am - 5 pm

# William Road Gallery John McAslan and Partners

7-9 William Road London, NW1 3ER

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Gustavo Peña. Flying Shapes 2012. Oil in canvas.

# **Under Construction**

# New Perspectives on the Dominican Identity

The Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the British Chamber of Commerce for the Dominican Republic, in collaboration with John McAslan and Partners, have the honour to present the exhibition "Under Construction: New Perspectives on the Dominican Identity" at the William Road Gallery from June 19 to July 5, 2013. The exhibition will feature artwork by established and emerging artists, all actively participating in defining a new Dominican perspective.

The concept of the exhibition, curated by Engel Leonardo, arises from understanding the Dominican identity as a project under construction and in constant motion, affected by social, cultural and physical phenomena currently happening in the Dominican Republic.

Among these phenomena, the one resulting from the accelerated growth of the construction industry is perhaps the most relevant. It causes dramatic changes in the rural and urban landscape of the country and produces a series of new physical and emotional sceneries that transform the relationship between individuals and their environment, their behavior and personality, generating new ways of being and understanding Dominicanness.

Through their work, these artists reveal a multiplicity of new processes and ways of approaching their context, construing new perspectives and ways of expressing the Dominican identity.

Under Construction: New Perspectives on the Dominican Identity does not intend to be an exhaustive exhibition but to illustrate a current process of Dominican society and artistic production, evoking questions such as: What is next? What will be the next phenomenon that will shape our identity? And, how will it affect our understanding of Dominicanness?

#### Artists:

Tony Capellan
Laura Castro
Hulda Guzmán
Quisqueya Henríquez
Engel Leonardo
Natalia Ortega
Gustavo Peña





