

PRESS RELEASE

On view

1 - 6 June 2015

Mon - Fri 10:30am - 6pm

Sat 10:30am - 5pm

Private View Reception

3 June 2015

6:30pm - 9:30pm

By invitation Only

La Galleria Pall Mall

5B Pall Mall - 30 Royal Opera
Arcade - London, SW1Y 4UY

SIGNS OF A PRESENCE

Soraya Abu Naba'a

Curated by **Marianne de Tolentino**

Signs of a presence is a spectacular solo show by the exciting young Dominican artist Soraya Abu Naba'a, marking the occasion of the Dominican Week in the UK 2015. The exhibition is open to the public at London's La Galleria Pall Mall gallery from 1 to 6 June 2015.

Already an established talent on the international art scene, Soraya Abu Naba'a has consciously distanced herself from traditional figurations, although she has returned to registering lines, modulations and circles that represent or suggest areas of the human body, frequently evoking cellular tissues.

These paintings often refer to women and motherhood, to poverty – be it rural or urban – to domestic work in the Dominican Republic, including the border area near Haiti. Soraya's subject matter comes from the protagonists of Dominican society, be they anonymous or well known. Traditional "pellizas" – tapestry made from tiny pieces of cloth – are used to create unique representations of Dominican life as viewed by the artist, who tells us: "The canvas becomes a structured cacophony of interactions between painted elements that seem alive, moving across, merely floating and revealing the figure trapped in itself, fighting its past, present and future."

Soraya Abu Naba'a has participated in over forty exhibitions, including collective and solo exhibitions. Her artwork is found in private collections around the world in cities ranging from Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Santo Domingo, Istanbul, Amman, Geneva, and Toronto, among others. Additionally, she has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers both nationally and internationally.

Signs of a Presence has been brought to London by the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the British Chamber of Commerce for the Dominican Republic.



From within, 2014, Oil on canvas, 36 x 30 in (91.4 x 76.2 cm)

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