Inside/Outside

New Contemporary Gallery June 2023—ongoing

A member of the "in" crowd probably is not inside an actual room, while someone "on the outs" with others probably is not literally outside in the elements. When I speak of my "innermost thoughts," there isn't a little room inside my brain next to where my "deepest feelings" are kept. Spatial metaphors in language help us to describe the constant efforts we make to know ourselves and others. We toggle between our inner experience and the external world as we negotiating jobs, family, driving, and, well, life.

When visual artists make a portrait, they have to bring the inside outside by giving fears, dreams, and life stories visible forms. Each of these recently acquired artworks by contemporary artists, many of whom live in California, has a story to tell—some real, others fictional, and some even bout the artists themselves. As you look at the artworks, ask yourself how the artist brings the interior, the hidden parts of a person's story, to the outside for us to see? Also ask yourself how the landscape, clothing, or what's partially hidden communicates a message about the person/s in the artwork.

Through a Mirror, Darkly



Jesse Mockrin Ritual, 2018 Oil on linen Gift of Peter Remes Family Collection 2021.37



Kon Trubkovich, Russian, b. 1979 Untitled, 2010 Oil on canvas Gift of Dan Aloni and Sarah Brown, 2022.52.2

At Home and on the Inside



Ilana Savdie, Colombian, b. 1986 Lágrimas y mocos (exploiting a suitable host), 2021

Oil, acrylic, and beeswax on canvas stretched on canvas

Museum purchase with funds provided by the Luria/Budgor Family Foundation and The Museum Contemporaries, 2021.19



Shizu Saldamando Daniel y Uriel, 2009 Mixed media, colored pencil on paper Museum purchase with funds provided by the General Art Acquisition Fund, 2020.12.1



Rose Salane
Nesting Tables, 2016
Wooden tables, plaster cast, ink on newsprint, glass
Museum purchase with support from the Luria/Budgor Family Foundation, 2022.39

Outside



Keith Mayerson (American, b. 1966), *Someday we'll find it, the Rainbow Connection, the lovers, the dreamers and me*, 2023. Oil on linen, 55 1/8 x 88 in. SBMA, Museum purchase with funds provided by the Luria/Budgor Family Foundation.



Narsiso Martinez
Self-Portrait En La Cherry (with
Strawberry Fields Forever
in the Background), 2020
Ink, charcoal, gouache and acrylic
matte gel on produce cardboard boxes
Museum purchase with funds provided
by The Basil Alkazzi Acquisition Fund,
2020.12.2



Whitney Bedford Veduta (Lacombe Red Pines), 2022 Ink and oil on linen on hybrid panel

Museum purchase with funds provided by the Luria/Budgor Family Foundation, 2023.2.2