Ken Taylor Mountains and Roses 03/06 → 04/10

Simchowitz is pleased to present an exhibition of new oil paintings and ceramics by Los Angeles based artist Ken Taylor, on view from March 6 - April 10, 2021. This is Taylor's first solo exhibition at the gallery, and the gallery's inaugural exhibition.

Mountains and Roses

And so, we fall into the Form of our landscape And function under the Shade of our minds

In *Mountains and Roses*, Taylor leads viewers on a journey through epic landscapes and a garden of hypnotic roses. On this journey, Taylor imparts the viewer with a dynamic sensation of movement due in part to the highly physical painting process he undergoes as he applies his dense, flowing brushstrokes to the canvas.



The trapezoidal-shaped canvases of Taylor's rose paintings and the expansive scale of the mountains subsume the viewer's focus, an exercise in diminishing the ego and allowing intuitive sensations to guide the experience. Punctuated throughout the landscapes of the paintings and the space of the gallery are Taylor's iconic sombreros, which harken to Taylor's experience growing up in Bakersfield, California.

Ken Taylor (b. 1990 in Bakersfield, CA; lives and works in Pasadena, CA) received his BA in 2014 from California State University. Taylor's work has been presented in solo exhibitions at The Mistake Room, Guadalajara; The Newsstand Project, Los Angeles; Capital Gallery, San Francisco. His works have been included in group exhibitions at Fort Gansevoort, New York; The Pit, Los Angeles; Ever Gold [Projects], San Francisco; Steve Turner, Los Angeles; Penske Projects, Montecito.



El valle at dusk 2020 Oil on canvas 96 x 112 inches 243.84 x 284.48 cm



Hableme Montes y Valles 2020 Oil on canvas 84 x 72 inches 213.36 x 182.88 cm



Roses and red 2020 Oil on linen 70 x 50 inches 177.8 x 127 cm



Roses at dusk 2020 Oil on linen 70 x 50 inches 177.8 x 127 cm



Sombrero and red mountain 2021 Oil on canvas 84 x 72 inches 213.36 x 182.88 cm



Orange poppi 2020 Oil on paper 44 x 20.25 inches 111.76 x 76.84 cm



Sombrero Ceramic Blue 2021 Glazed Ceramic 9.50 x 22.50 x 15.50 inches 24.13 x 57.15 x 39.37 cm



Sombrero Ceramic Green 2021 Glazed Ceramic 8.25 x 21.75 x 18 inches 20.96 x 55.25 x 45.72 cm



Sombrero Ceramic Aqua 2021 Glazed Ceramic 8.50 x 18.75 x 19.25 inches 21.59 x 47.63 x 48.90 cm



Sombrero Ceramic Pink 2021 Glazed Ceramic 11 x 24.25 x 16 inches 27.94 x 61.60 x 40.64 cm



Sombrero Ceramic Brown 2021 Glazed Ceramic 10.25 x 20.50 x 14.25 inches 26.04 x 52.07 x 36.20 cm



My Oddyssey 2019 Oil on canvas 16 x 20 inches 40.64 x 50.80 cm



Sombreros and Red Mountains I 2021 Oil on canvas 82.50 x 72.50 inches 209.55 x 184.15 cm



Roses with bright yellow 2020 Oil on canvas 70 x 50 inches 177.8 x 127 cm



Night chile and roses 2020 Oil on linen 70 x 50 inches 177.8 x 127 cm



Odessey roses 2020 Oil on linen 70 x 50 inches 177.8 x 127 cm



Real barrow 2020 Oil on canvas 98 x 86 inches 248.92 x 218.44 cm



Neon mushrooms and roses 2020 Oil on linen 70 x 50 inches 177.8 x 127 cm



Sombreros and Mountain 2021 Oil on canvas 84 x 72 inches 213.36 x 182.88 cm



Los caminos de la vida 2019 Oil on canvas 80 x 60 inches 203.20 x 152.40 cm



Ice cold roses 2020 Oil on linen 35 x 24 inches 88.90 x 60.96 cm