Fernando Marques Penteado ARDOR AND WRATH

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Mendes Wood DM is pleased to present ARDOR AND WRATH, a solo exhibition by artist Fernando Marques Penteado. Returning to the image of a home, Marques Penteado surveys a wide array of symbols that have been kept and cherished in domestic surroundings to cast protection on their inhabitants. Spanning different geographies and traditions, from Peruvian devotional figures to Afro-Brazilian gods, ARDOR AND WRATH traces a poetic exploration of humanity's enduring search for evocative and protective objects. Combining installations, sculptural work, drawings, and storyboards, Marques Penteado literally embroiders the untold histories embedded in such representations.

ARDOR AND WRATH

We perpetually oscillate between pacification and affront. Ardor regenerates and fosters prosperity. Wrath reaps, eliminates, and triggers rancor. In this vast world, there is no place more serene, esteemed, and sought after than a home. And for a house to be consecrated as a home, it requires protection. Evoking the protection of a home, of a family, is an ancestral gesture. Emblematic figures cast their effects and vitality, which the house then adopts as its guardians.

Some walls in the exhibition revive ancient forms that call for fertility, others seek health, and others devotion. The side walls, however, are dedicated to one of the guides of the current year, 2024, Exu_Bará, with his abilities as a tenacious messenger between the physical and the psychic, subterranean worlds.

Another large wall presents a continuum of stories about homes: when they are already owned, when they are still being sought, or when they are lost due to misfortune. Fictions, arrangements, ornaments, sculptures, and maps expand our terrestrial globe. The home, just like life, oscillates between solid and ephemeral, beautiful and in ruins, protected or at the mercy of the elements and curses.

Finally, the exhibition includes three fictional narrative lines, accompanied by satellite objects: 1. the saga of Lurdes as she retrieves the urn containing her sister's ashes; 2. the joyful journey of Konrad from Bratislava in the Czech Republic to Portland in the USA; and 3. a riddle describing the inconsiderate man—a character, unfortunately, still very much in vogue.

That's it. Come and enjoy.

— Fernando Marques Penteado



Fernando Marques Penteado OMULUM 2024 cotton, linings, PVC, dyed ribbons, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 87 x 58.5 cm 34 1/4 x 23 in MW.MLA.714







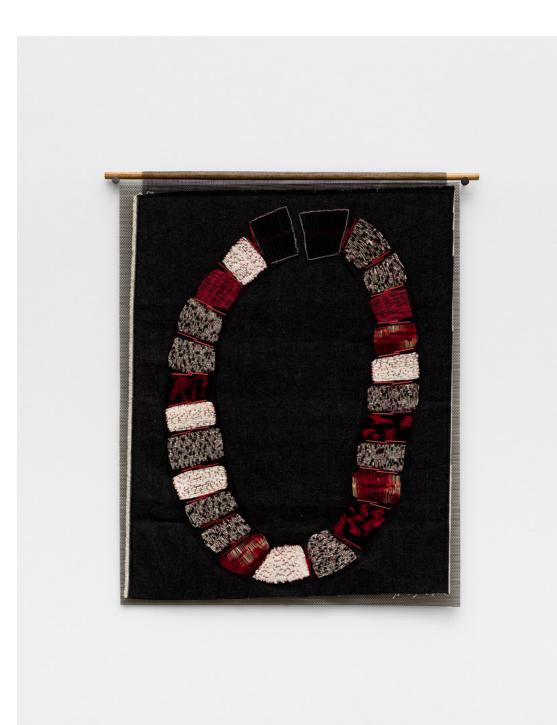
Fernando Marques Penteado FLORES PARA EXU 01 2024 denim, lining, PVCs, dyed ribbons, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 81 x 53 cm 31 7/8 x 20 7/8 in MW.FMP.729





Fernando Marques Penteado CAPA PARA EXU 2024 denim, PVCs, ribbons, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 83.3 x 47.7 cm 32 3/4 x 18 3/4 in MW.FMP.721





Fernando Marques Penteado COLAR PARA EXU 2024 denim, PVCs, ribbons, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 63 x 49 cm 24 3/4 x 19 1/4 in MW.FMP.722















Fernando Marques Penteado CHARUTOS PARA EXU 2024 cotton twill, PVCs, ribbons, raffia, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 67.5 x 54 cm 26 5/8 x 21 1/4 in MW.FMP.720





Fernando Marques Penteado FLORES PARA EXU 02

2024

denim, designed net for embroidery, PVCs, dyed ribbons, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered

76 x 50 cm 29 7/8 x 19 3/4 in MW.FMP.716



Fernando Marques Penteado Flores para a casa 01 2024 ribbons, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 85 x 61 cm 33 1/2 x 24 in MW.FMP.728





Fernando Marques Penteado Flores para a casa 02 2024 denim, lining, PVCs, dyed ribbons, beads, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 85 x 59.5 cm 33 1/2 x 23 3/8 in MW.FMP.724









Fernando Marques Penteado A URNA DE LUPE 2024 cotton twill, PVCs, ribbons, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 84 x 51.5 cm 33 1/8 x 20 1/4 in MW.FMP.715





Fernando Marques Penteado Anel Itifálico 2023 - 2024 cotton, PVCs, ribbons, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 61 x 40 cm 24 x 15 3/4 in MW.FMP.676





Fernando Marques Penteado Bisahalani [BI] 2018 racket, cotton and linen thread, ballpoint pen, PVC, hand embroidery 65 x 20 x 2.5 cm 25 5/8 x 7 7/8 x 1 in MW.FMP.503





Fernando Marques Penteado Guadalupe's solitaire 2017 parchment, dyed cottons, linen, crochet, iron rod, hand embroidery 54 x 32.5 cm 21 1/4 x 12 3/4 in MW.FMP.B.358





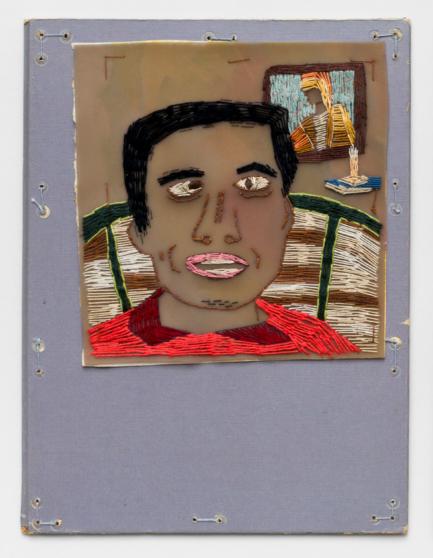


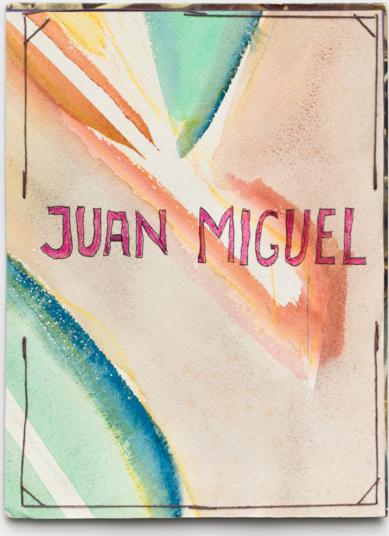










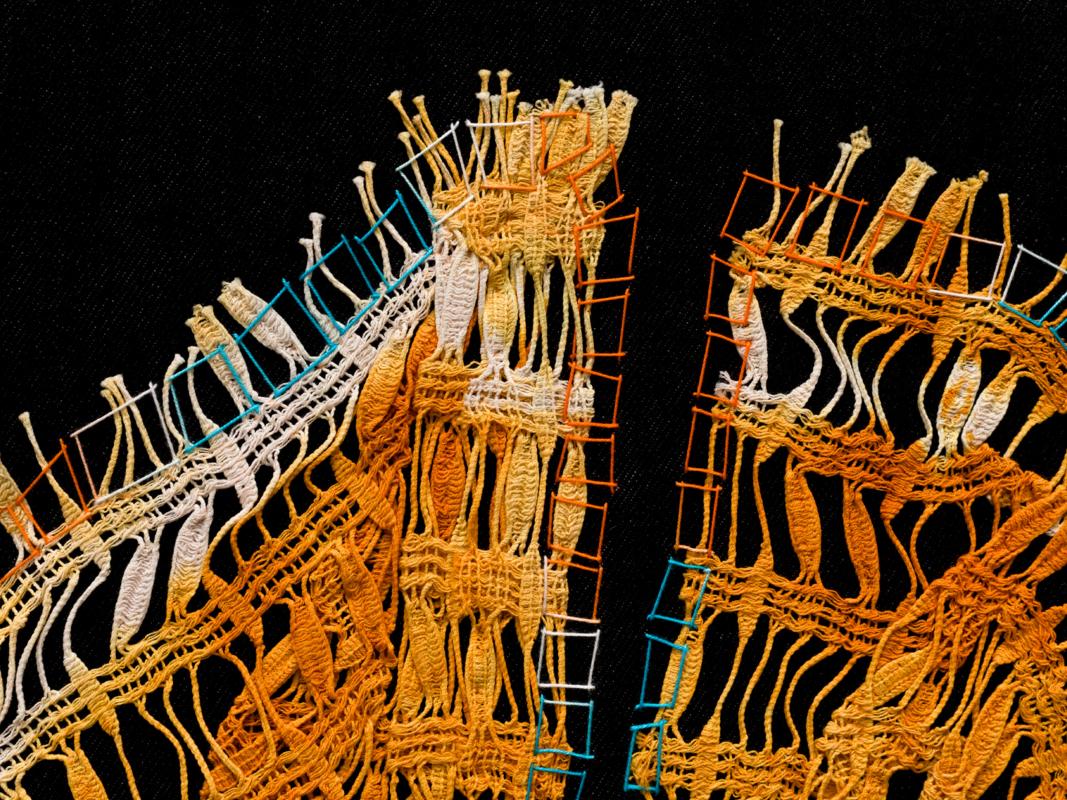


















Fernando Marques Penteado, *Bob, from the Genies in a Jar series*, 2021 - 2024, collage, hand embroidery on cotton, book cover, hand embroidered plastic, paper, fountain pen 48 x 39 cm (jar embroidery) and 28 x 21 (genie embroidery) | 18 7/8 x 15 3/8 in (jar embroidery) and 11 x 8 1/4 in (genie embroidery), MW.FMP.631

















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Figura Itifálica 01 2023 - 2024 hand embroidery 54.5 x 31.5 cm 21 1/2 x 12 3/8 in MW.FMP.672



Fernando Marques Penteado Figura Itifálica 02

2023 - 2024 hand embroidery 66.6 x 55.5 cm 26 1/4 x 21 7/8 in MW.FMP.674



Fernando Marques Penteado Figura Itifálica 05 2023 - 2024 cotton, wool, PVCs, ribbons, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 47.3 x 41.7 cm 18 5/8 x 16 3/8 in MW.FMP.675





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algodão, lã, PVCs, fitas, fios de linho e algodão, bordados à mã 2023 - 2024 cotton, wool, PVCs, ribbons, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered 58.2 x 36.5 cm 22 7/8 x 14 3/8 in MW.FMP.673







Fernando Marques Penteado EDU, from Boys series 2000 digital print on gauze, synthetic materials and cottons machine embroidery 65 x 39 cm 25 5/8 x 15 3/8 in MW.FMP.B.172



Fernando Marques Penteado Asad Khfouri [AK] 2018 racket, cotton and linen thread, ballpoint pen, PVC, hand embroidery 66 x 20 x 2.6 cm 26 x 7 7/8 x 1 in MW.FMP.527







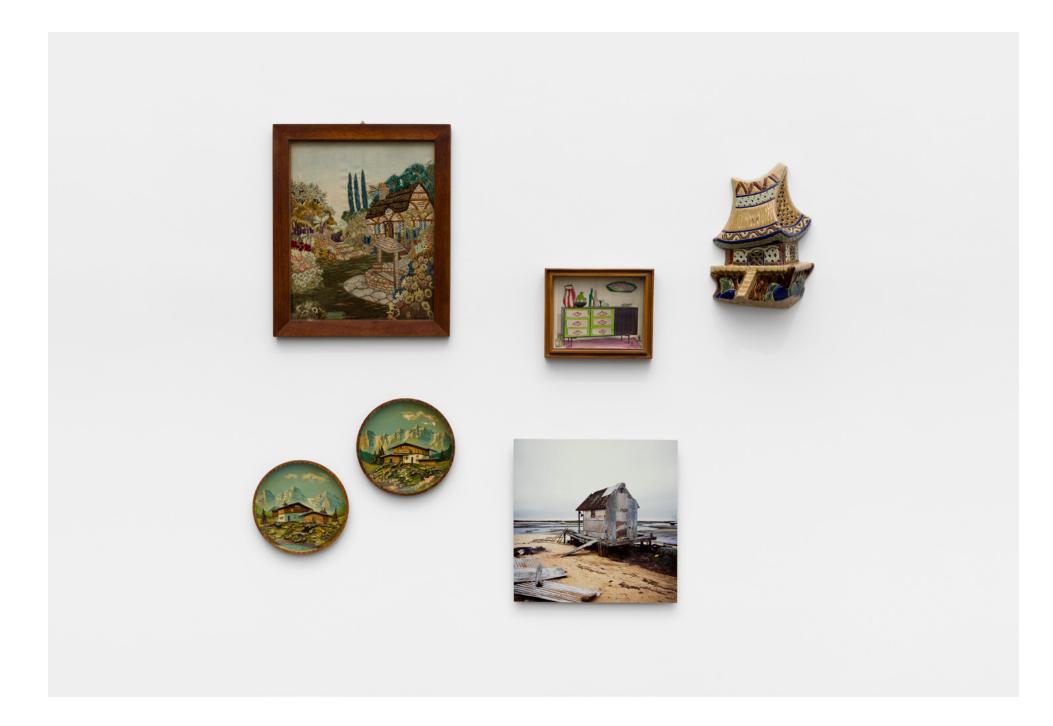
Fernando Marques Penteado, PILGRIMS INSIGNIAS 02, 2024, denim, lining, PVCs, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered, 52 x 64.5 cm | 20 1/2 x 25 3/8 in, MW.FMP.717





Fernando Marques Penteado, PILGRIMS INSIGNIAS 01, 2024, denim, lining, PVC, linen and cotton threads, hand embroidered, 53 x 64 cm | 20 7/8 x 25 1/4 in, MW.FMP.718













Fernando Marques Penteado (b. 1955, São Paulo, Brazil) lives and works in Brussels.

The practice of Fernando Marques Penteado (aka f.marquespenteado) is supported by a very well defined method that involves long processes and specific techniques that are tenaciously operated. The artist has a work trajectory specially marked by embroidery, which ends up linking clothing accessories, books and found objects. And for an aesthetic choice, it combines autobiographical and historical matter in the link of inventive literary creations.

Starting with in-depth research on the contribution of the textile universe to visual culture and the diffusion of knowledge, the artist elaborates narratives permeated by his own personal vocabulary, whose profoundness is articulated by playful undertones that constantly negotiate the meaning of things. In representations sewn by Fernando Marques Penteado, we are faced with common human relations and historical and semantic displacements. It is within these that topics such as sexuality, homoeroticism, gender and violence are considered from a perspective that articulates, in a very particular way, social critiques from domestic environments.

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