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The Last Arrangement

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We are thrilled to announce the opening of The Last Arrangement, a project by Gabriel Sierra organized by Diego Villalobos.

This exhibition operated as a sort of kaleidoscope, a source of inspiration, and a testimony to the strategies and experiments used to insert ideas of art into life by a group of artists and creators with dissimilar backgrounds, all related to the Hockto Furosaki Ikebana Club.

The Hockto Furosaki Ikebana Club operated in a small storefront on San Francisco's Market Street. Its main attraction lay not only in its eccentric and sometimes classic floral compositions but also in its radical forms of display, which often surprised customers and passersby. It was the only store in the neighborhood, and probably in the entire Bay Area, that displayed a single product from its inventory at a time—on a pedestal, on a table, or, if you were lucky, in front of the window. The display changed periodically according to the season, but there was always a single arrangement of flowers, branches, and leaves in an otherwise empty room.

On the occasion of the Horticultural & Flower Symposium that took place in San Francisco in 1975, the Hockto Furosaki Ikebana Club staged an exhibition on the thirteenth floor of 140 New Montgomery.

At House of Seiko, the artist Gabriel Sierra and curator Diego Villalobos stage a recreation of this obscure exhibition. Some of the artworks, display furniture, and layout are modified from their original presentation to accommodate the current site. All works are exhibited on specific days, hours, or moments during a particular period of time over the course of the exhibition.

The Last Arrangement features works by Bruno Burri, Ferdinando Cortina, Orri Forslund, Hockto Furosaki, Barry Harper, Pablo Marmol, Lucy Otter, Doroteo Parra, Primo Páramo, Haru Setsuko, Gabriel Sierra, Lucas Scandinavia, Olga Tamaribuchi.

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This exhibition is based on a passage from Gabriel Sierra's, yet to be published, novel Siete Cavernas (Seven Caverns).
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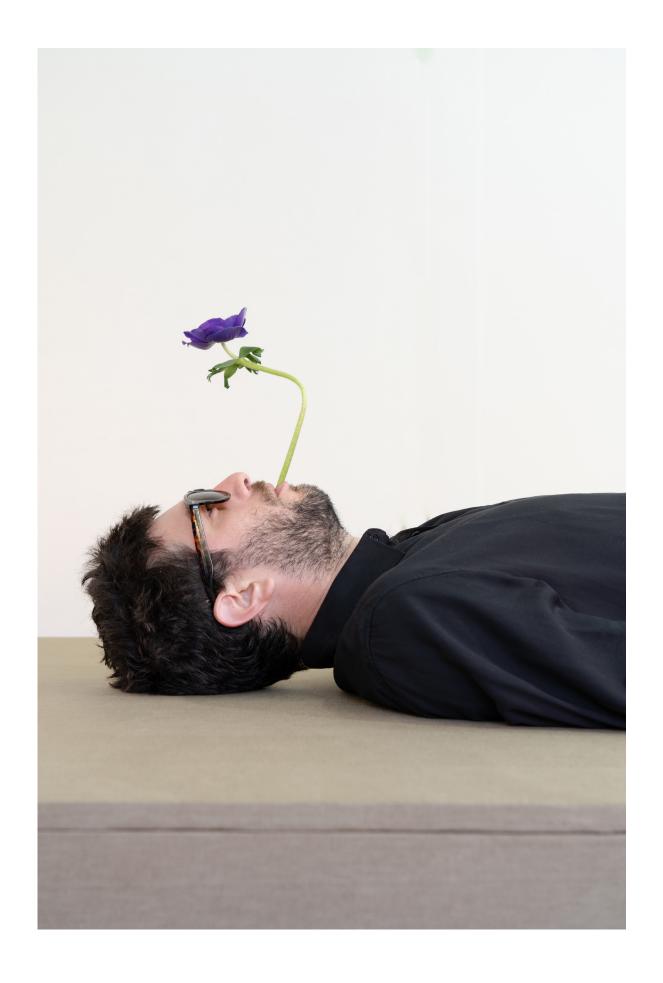
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