



## **Blister in the Sun**

Julie Moon

Daniel Rios Rodriguez

July 17 - August 30, 2025

Opening reception: Thursday July 17, 6-8pm.

**COOPER COLE** is pleased to present *Blister in the Sun*, a two-person exhibition featuring works by Julie Moon and Daniel Rios Rodriguez. Borrowing its title from the 1980s track by Violent Femmes, the show embraces heat, intensity, and a refusal to go quietly... a vivid response to the weight of the world.

Daniel Rios Rodriguez presents a series of sun-shaped earthenware paintings, these raw, sculptural works feel both grounded and otherworldly. Fired in clay, these astral creations blur the line between painting and sculpture. They are textured, intimate, and loaded with symbolic charge. These are not passive suns. They radiate emotion, memory, and energy, like personal constellations drawn out of dirt and fire that radiate optimism for a future inevitably bright.

Julie Moon's ceramic flower sculptures twist and sprawl beyond traditional form. Her blooms feel almost sentient - colourful, expressive, and unapologetically psychedelic. They're ornamental but unruly, soft but defiant. In her hands, the flower becomes a kind of emotional amplifier, alive with joy, anxiety, and desire.

Together, Moon and Rodriguez build a space that pulses with colour, texture, and feeling that offers a visual and emotional counterpoint to the exhaustion of the current moment. Not only as an escape, but as a reminder that joy, play, and beauty are still tools for staying human.