



Flores #1, 2023, óleo sobre papel, 38x28cm

LUIS PAULO COSTA
Flores e outras pinturas

Inauguração: sábado dia 11 de janeiro, 2025 16 H às 20H

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Terça a sábado | 10H-19H

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Flores e outras pinturas is the title of Luís Paulo Costa's first exhibition at Galeria 111.

The title, *Flores*, answers to a series of small-format oil paintings on paper, which began at the end of 2023, in November, and continued throughout 2024.

In the artist's words. "I don't know exactly how or why I started painting flowers. I was tired at the end of the year, but I needed to paint. I found myself painting flowers. After a while the flowers led me to paint bodies, alone or accompanied, of a very obvious sexual nature. It seemed very natural to me how one thing led to another. The flowers were already marked by this sexual charge. Now I look at these paintings, of flowers and bodies, crossed by a unifying sexual pulse, and I feel that they are part of the same matter, part of the same territory."

Paintings of flowers and bodies, showing their markedly sexual nature. Sex is the territory in which these works are inscribed, more explicitly or, on the contrary, with a more undefined construction. They are paintings marked by a pulse of desire, inviting us to enter and participate in the construction of a possible meaning for these works. They are paintings to see up close, eye-to-eye, body-to-body, places of intimacy for an experience of seeing and feeling.

There will also be four larger paintings on canvas united by the same subject. They are painted skies. Paintings of skies. "It's nice to wake up, have a coffee, look up and see the sky, see how the sky looks, something to share, look at the sky and move on. The day is just beginning ...".