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## GEORGINA GRATRİX'S EXHİBİTİON *SUNDAY PAİNTİNG* AT DİRİMART PERA

### *Sunday Painting*

Georgina Gratrix

**Opening:** 6 November 2025

**Venue:** Dirimart Pera

**The exhibition can be visited from 6 November to 14 December (except Mondays).**

**ISTANBUL, 23 OCTOBER 2025** – Dirimart is delighted to present *Sunday Painting*, Georgina Gratrix's first solo exhibition with the gallery.

The exhibition takes its title from the artist's most productive days in the studio: Sundays. The exhibition centres around still lifes, object studies and depictions of birds in her garden and glimpses of her life with her six dogs, all produced in the calm of her studio.

Born in Mexico and now based in South Africa, Georgina Gratrix offers an ironic and critical perspective on everyday life in her work. Focusing on still lifes and portraits, her paintings frequently depict friends and family, as well as occasionally well-known figures. The artist has developed a distinctive style characterised by a vibrant and striking colour palette, layered impasto techniques, and a playful, dynamic approach to capturing these everyday subjects that capture the viewer's attention.

The exhibition's title, *Sunday Painting*, derives from a term, 'Sunday painter', traditionally used to describe those who paint as a hobby rather than a professionally: amateurs who pursue other careers but dedicate their spare time, often on Sundays, to painting. While the term often carries an ironic connotation of non-serious or amateurish work, for Gratrix it evokes creations made independently of academic rules. Paintings approached with sincerity and for pleasure. In her practice, it becomes a positive expression of a freer, purer and more intimate relationship with art.

The exhibition features a new sense of form and perspective, introduced by the addition of materials such as brightly coloured beads, glitter, and jewellery. Colourful floral arrangements and birds, inspired by the artist's childhood in Durban on the east coast of South Africa, recur frequently in her work. The artist's exotic world is created within the gallery space by kitsch and theatrical compositions, revealing new layers of colour and material with every glance.

Many of Gratrix's paintings focus on interior studio scenes and objects, reflecting her relationships with people, things, and the act of painting. Through Gratrix's wild and liberating brushstrokes, birds, dogs, cats, flowers and vases shatter the disciplined structure of academic painting and challenge restrictive understandings.

The exhibition *Sunday Painting* will be displayed at Dirimart Pera from 6 November to 14 December 2025.



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**Georgina Gratrix** (b. 1982, Mexico City) graduated from the Michaelis School of Fine Art at the University of Cape Town in 2005. In 2018, she was awarded the Discovery Prize in honour of Art Brussels' 50th anniversary. Her solo exhibitions include *Love like a sunset, a summer playlist*, Stevenson, Cape Town (2025); *Notes from the Studio*, Monica De Cardenas Gallery, Milan (2025); *The Cult of Ugliness*, Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town (2022); *This Must Be The Place*, Kwa-Zulu Natal Society of Arts (KZNSA), Durban (2021); *The Pleasure is Mine*, Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles (2020); *On Repeat*, SMAC Gallery, Johannesburg (2017) and *Puppy Love*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town (2016). Her group exhibitions include *Some Dogs Go to Dallas*, The Green Family Art Foundation, Texas (2024); *You to Me, Me to You*, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town (2023); *Recent Acquisitions by the Homestead Collection*, Norval Foundation, Cape Town (2020); *Hollywood Babylon: A Re-inauguration of the Pleasure Dome*, Jeffrey Deitch, Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles (2020); *Everybody Loves the Sunshine*, Plus One Gallery, Antwerp (2018) and *Thinking, Feeling, Head, Heart*, New Church Museum, Cape Town (2016). Her works are held in prominent collections, such as the Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection, Miami; Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town; Nando's Arts Collection, and the Norval Foundation, Cape Town. Georgina Gratrix lives and works in Cape Town.