



Standing Near

"The Filipino is a person of here and now. He knows history not as a process but as a presence—a tangible, solid object like a rock or tree or stone—forever existing, forever revealing itself."

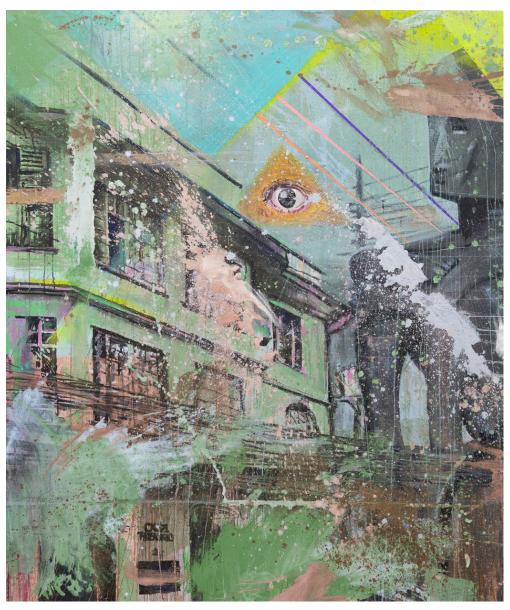
- Nick Joaquin (From "Culture and History")

Limestones form through an accumulation of calcium matter carried by water, oftentimes produced from bodies of ancient life throughout vast spans of geologic history. What we see as a calcified shape is an accumulation of bodies born from the depths of oceans and lagoons exposed by the movements of earth's dynamic surface. For Paredes, the mercurial origins of limestone through which he articulates the surface and the subjects of his paintings echoes the fantasy of the petrified present that conceals the fact that it is constitutive of an ongoing flow of the shaping of our social condition.

Excerpt written by Isola Tong.



Tropical Exoticism (detail), limestone, acrylic on canvas, 183 x 152.4 cm, 2024.



(On the cover) Limestone, acrylic on canvas 183 x 152.4 cm 2024





Limestone, acrylic on canvas 122 x 122 cm 2024

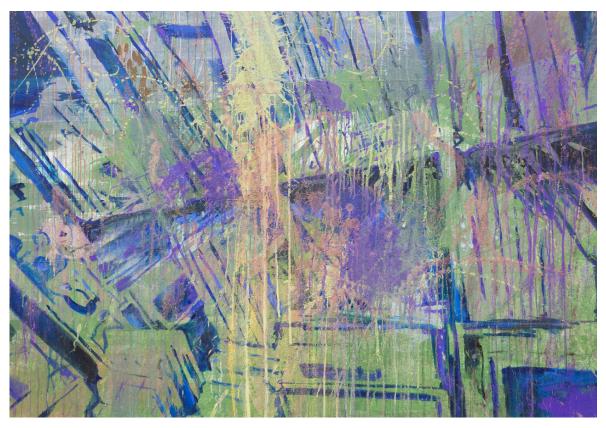




Limestone, acrylic on canvas 244 x 183 cm 2024

WELCOME Indy Paredes





Limestone, acrylic on canvas 122 x 183 cm 2024



Limestone, acrylic on canvas 122 x 183 cm 2024





Limestone, acrylic on wooden panel 183 x 122 cm 2024





Limestone, acrylic on wooden panel 188 x 290 cm 2024



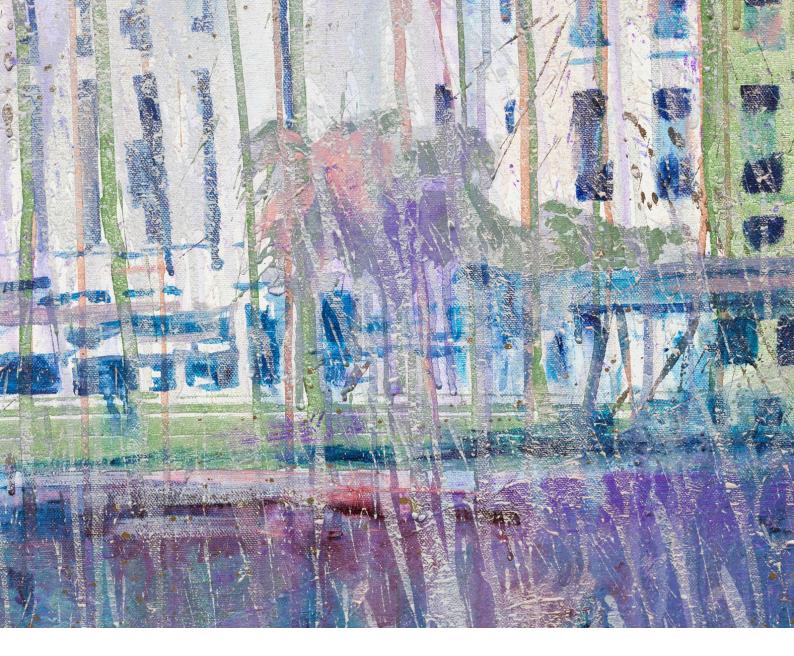


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INDY PAREDES

Born in 1988, Paredes' art practice examines Filipino urban culture, especially the dynamics of living in congested residential spaces in the metropolis. One of the Philippines' foremost contemporary artists, he has participated in many exhibitions in galleries within the Philippines and abroad. In 2021, he co-founded Gravity Art Space in Quezon City, giving emerging Filipino artists a platform.



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