

Spatial Manifestation A conversation between Olivier Mosset and SoiL Thornton

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Different spaces merge as the works of Olivier Mosset and SoiL Thornton enter in dialogue. Their encounter is that of two distinct systems, different in form but similar in their holistic rigor, both permeated by their own experience of a chosen American habitat.

The two new monochromes, titled Lily II and Lily III, seem reminiscent of the space in which Olivier Mosset creates, and from which he draws his recent palettes: the orange, dust pink soil of Arizona, the artist's adopted home after years of living and working in Paris.

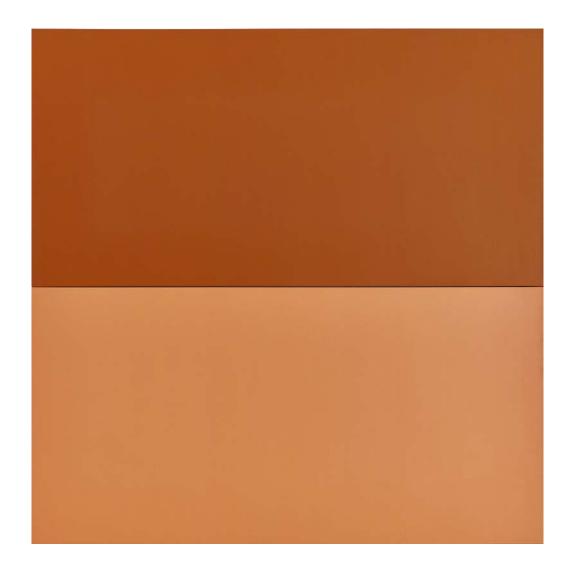
Part of a series of horizontally or vertically-assembled canvases, the works are witnesses of the painter's return to what seems like a standardized, constructivist format; a perpetual subtraction of the subjective to come closer, by the same occasion, to the limits of painting itself.

The free, self-fictive work of SoiL Thornton revolves around, but never quite touches, the quest of identity.

Alongside Olivier Mosset, the artist presents pieces with a particular geographical significance, assembling panels painted at symbolic landmarks of the two twinning cities of their hometown New York and host-town Paris. Proclaimed or projected, moving or static, the ever-questioned identity in SoiL Thornton's work is multiple: through a game of equivocal titles, the artist deciphers the fetishization of it, while re-establishing at each new exhibition a renewed artist manifesto.

It is perhaps a manifestation, in its contemporary sense of making real, that SoiL Thornton presents here. Found objects are assembled in compelling compositions, where fragments of urban detritus meet natural elements like soil. A permanent relation between biomorphic forms and geometrical forms creates abstract and hidden constellations between the works that they exhibit today alongside the monochromes of Olivier Mosset.

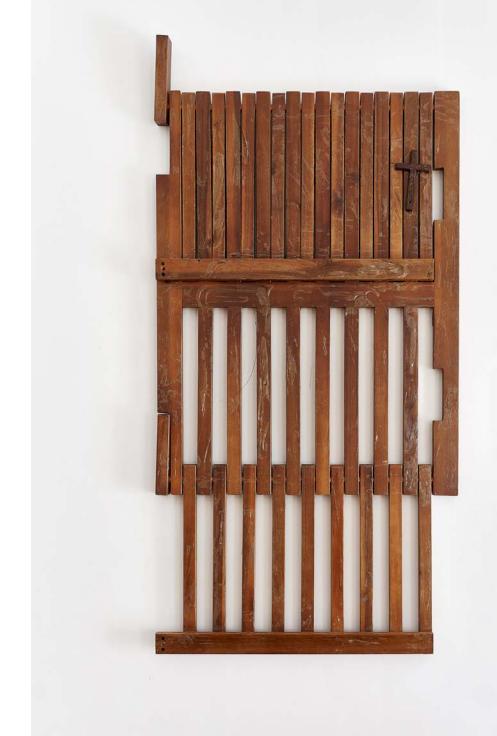
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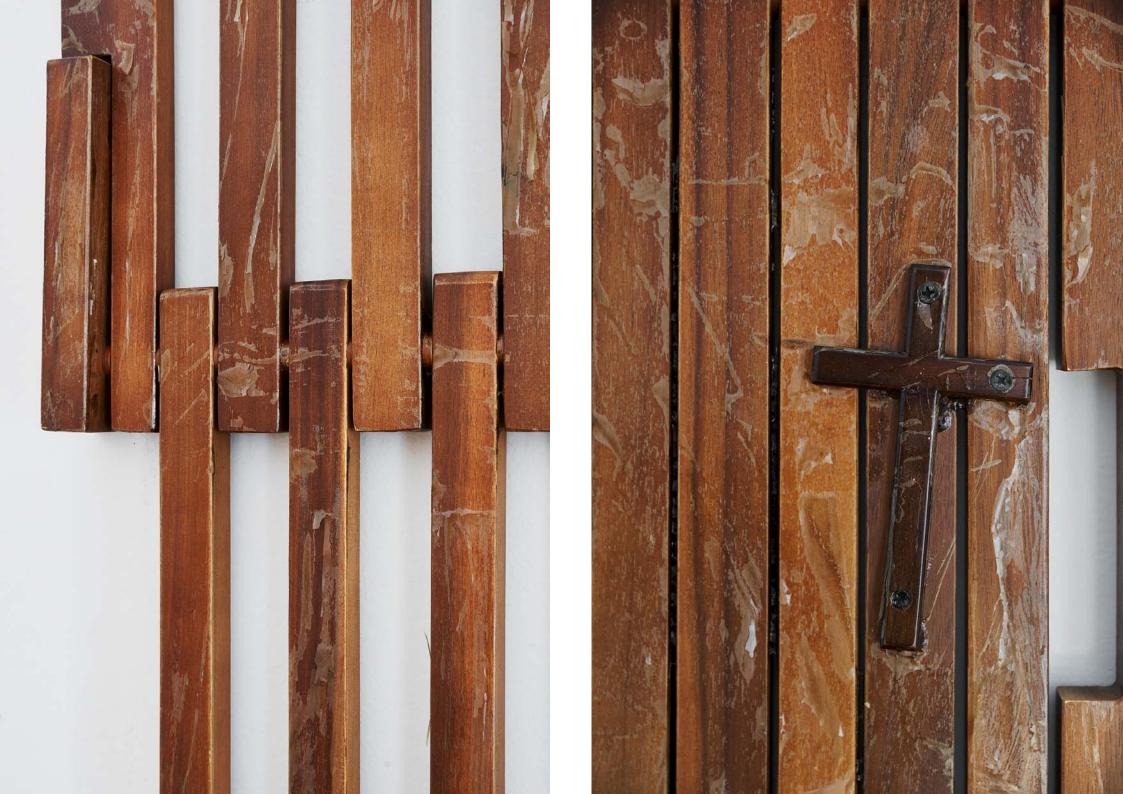
Olivier Mosset
Lily II, 2021
Acrylic on canvas
Overall 244 x 244 cm / 96 x 96 in
Two pannels of 122 x 244 cm / 48 x 96 in each

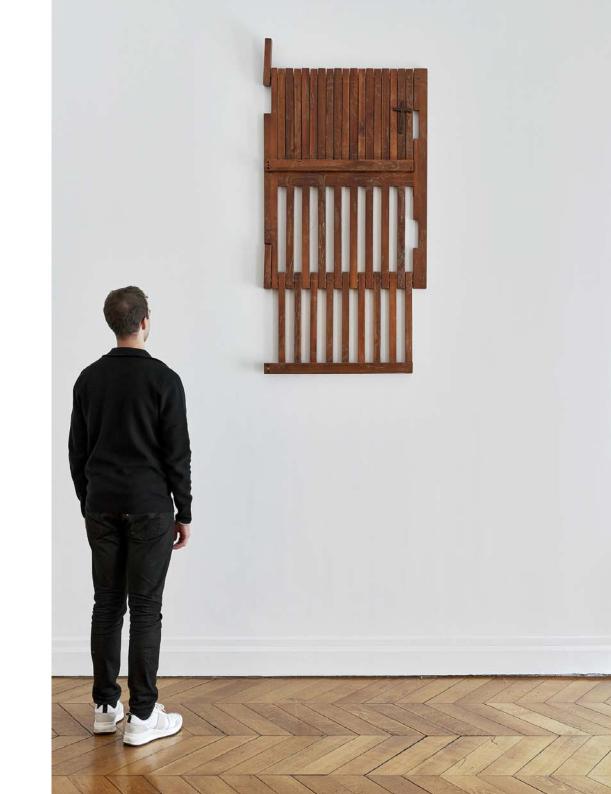


Olivier Mosset, Lily II, 2021



Soil Thornton
A paws with container mediations, 2022
Energizing mix of grass-fed collagen, coffee and
high-quality adaptogens, with less caffeine than a standard cup of
coffee, and Good Clean Love 95% organic water based with aloe
doctor recommended personal lubricant, and solid mahogany wood
wall cross on Acacia wood Fold-Up Dog Gate
153,4 x 75,6 x 6 cm
60 7/16 x 29 3/4 x 2 3/8 in

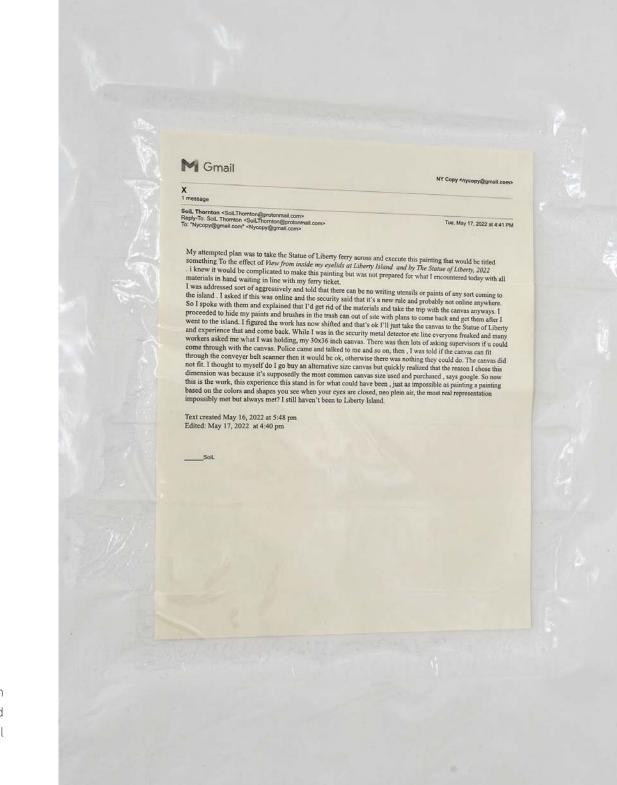




Soil Thornton A paws with container mediations, 2022



Soil Thornton
An attempted view from inside my eyelids at Liberty Island
and by The Statue of Liberty, 2022
Supporting paper documents taped to store bought prefab
canvas in its plastic wrap
91,44 x 76,2 cm
36 x 30 in



Soil Thornton An attempted view from inside my eyelids at Liberty Island and by The Statue of Liberty, 2022, detail



Soil Thornton

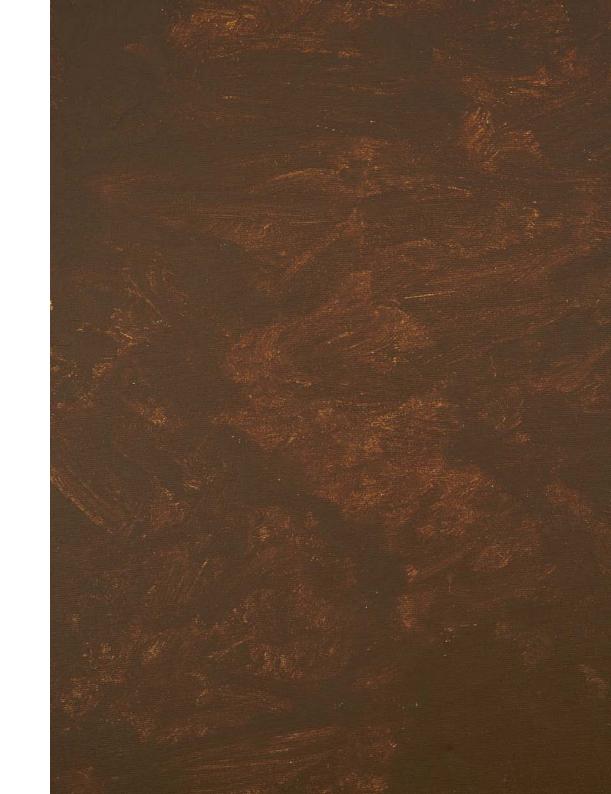
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Soil Thornton
View from inside my eyelids at/by the Eiffel Tower, 2022
Acrylic paint on store bought prefab canvas $91,44\times76,2\text{ cm}$ $36\times30\text{ in}$



SoiL Thornton View from inside my eyelids at/by the Eiffel Tower, 2022, detail





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SoiL Thornton

Swatched Class Act, (ceramic's mirroring of dirt), 2022
Soil taken from 91.530 Le Marais, a destination for art and agriculture, rooted in situ in the surrounding rural environment of the Essonne, 45 kilometers from Paris gifted to me by Victoire De Pourtalès, caviar gifted from Patricia Marshall, on CNC routed MDF coated with FR polyuria, sanded, primed and sprayed white 120 x 120 x 10 cm 47 1/4 x 47 1/4 x 4 in



Soil Thornton
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Soil Thornton
Whose Authorship In Living Denied Expression over Resting Halt (naked) 2019, 2022
Non drying anti-climb paint, Acrylic medium and galvanized steel mending plates on wooden butcher block $142 \times 142.3 \times 5.7$ cm $55 \times 15/16 \times 56 \times 2 \times 1/4$ in





Soil Thornton Whose Authorship In Living Denied Expression over Resting Halt (naked) 2019, 2022



Torey Thornton

Dime A Dozen Fluidity Culture, As Bacteria, Versus Taste Culture (PP1 of 13 FPS), 2019

Gouache plastic pallet inside white gold leafed wood panel

135 x 218.5 x 5 cm

53 1/8 x 86 1/8 x 2 in





Soil Thornton: Courtesy of the artist, Modern Art, London

Olivier Mosset: Courtesy of the artist

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