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Press Release

Ilana Savdie

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White Cube Paris

White Cube Paris is pleased to present Ilana Savdie's (b. 1986, raised in Barranquilla, Colombia and Miami, Florida) first solo exhibition in France, featuring new paintings and works on paper.

Based in Brooklyn, New York, Savdie's work has been deeply influenced by the Colombian tradition of Carnival. She sees the queer potential in the Carnavalesque idea that figures and characters can change at any moment.

The artist draws from a range of subjects and environments as source material, creating finely detailed, vibrant paintings in acrylic, oil and beeswax, which meditate on corporeal and metaphysical excess. The concept of performance as a transformative process, and themes of transgression, identity and power also often appear in her work.

Ilana Savdie's exhibition at White Cube Paris follows her solo exhibition 'Radical Contractions' at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York in 2023, and 'In jest' at White Cube Bermondsey in 2022. Her work is held in museum collections around the world including Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington DC; The Jewish Museum, New York; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; National Gallery of Victoria, Australia; Pond Society, Shanghai; and Whitney Museum of American Art, New York.

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Notes to Editors:

- Ilana Savdie (b. 1986, raised in Barranquilla, Colombia) lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. In 2008 she received her BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, and in 2018 she received her MFA from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. In 2023 she presented a solo exhibition titled 'Radical Contractions' at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. Her work has been exhibited in numerous international exhibitions, including at the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, California (2021); Kunstraum Potsdam, Germany (2021); Museum aan de Stroom, Antwerp, Belgium (2019); and the B3 Biennial, Frankfurt, Germany (2017). In 2022 she became one of the inaugural Artists-in-Residence at Horizon Art Foundation, Los Angeles, California.
- White Cube's exhibition programme extends across locations in London, Hong Kong, Paris, New York, Seoul and online. Since its inception in 1993, the gallery has exhibited the work of many of the world's most highly acclaimed contemporary artists.
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