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Enrique López Llamas  
*Painting and Pharma*

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A la memoria de Randy Walz, quien está tan presente en este proyecto.

*Con toda la gama de tratamientos disponibles para la depresión, podríamos preguntarnos,  
¿por qué carajos la discapacidad relacionada con la depresión está aumentando?*

Robert Whitaker

*What you see is what you see.*

Frank Stella

Tengo una pequeña colección de empaques de medicamentos que me recuerdan a la obra de algunos artistas estadounidenses del siglo pasado. Particularmente la de aquellos que son considerados parte del movimiento *Color Field Painting*. Mi colección inició un día en el que vi una caja de antidepresivos en el buró de mi papá y pensé: esa ilustración parece un Ellsworth Kelly. Desde ese momento surgió una pregunta con la que decidí especular para la realización de este proyecto: si la legitimación global de la industria psicofarmacológica ocurrió al mismo tiempo que el boom internacional de las prácticas artísticas en Estados Unidos, ¿sería entonces descabellado pensar que existe alguna relación entre el diseño gráfico empleado por las farmacéuticas y la obra de artistas como Agnes Martin, Josef Albers o Sol Lewitt?

*Painting and Pharma* es una serie de pinturas con medicamentos molidos (antidepresivos, ansiolíticos y antipsicóticos) en las que asocio fármacos generalmente recetados para tratar enfermedades de salud mental, con obras de artistas del movimiento estadounidense *Color Field Painting*. Cada obra aquí reproducida, utilizando mezclas de pintura acrílica y comprimidos triturados, fue originalmente realizada por su autor el mismo año en el que salió al mercado la marca del medicamento que he sobrepuerto en ella.

Indudablemente, el triunfo de la psicofarmacología en la sociedad contemporánea está íntimamente vinculado a una cultura de sobreproducción, hiperconsumo y anestesia. Vivimos bajo la premisa impuesta que dicta que un cuerpo sano es igual a un sujeto productivo, y que de no poder ceñirnos a ese estándar siempre habrá una píldora que podremos ingerir para solucionarlo. En este sentido, *Painting and Pharma*, mi primera muestra ines para mí un ejercicio especulativo que, partiendo de la curiosidad o incluso lo fortuito, explora la avasallante presencia de estos fármacos en nuestras vidas. Esta es una exposición de pinturas con medicamentos que no trata sobre pintura, pero tampoco sobre medicamentos. God bless Western culture.

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In memory of Randy Walz, who is so present in this project.

*With all the range of available treatments for depression, we could ask ourselves,  
why the fuck is depression-related disability on the rise?*

Robert Whitaker

*What you see is what you see.*

Frank Stella

I have a small collection of medicine packaging that reminds me of the work of some American artists from the last century. Particularly those who are considered part of the *Color Field Painting movement*. My collection began one day when I saw a box of antidepressants on my dad's nightstand and thought: that illustration looks like an Ellsworth Kelly. From that moment a question arose with which I decided to speculate for the realization of this project: if the global legitimization of the psychopharmacological industry occurred at the same time as the international boom of artistic practices in the United States, would it then be unreasonable to think that there is any relationship between the graphic design used by pharmaceutical companies and the work of artists such as Agnes Martin, Josef Albers or Sol Lewitt?

*Painting and Pharma* is a series of paintings with ground medications (antidepressants, anxiolytics and antipsychotics) in which I associate drugs usually prescribed to treat mental health illnesses with works by artists of the *Color Field Painting* movement. Each work reproduced here, using mixtures of acrylic paint and crushed tablets, was originally made by its author the same year that the brand of medicine that I have superimposed on it came onto the market.

Undoubtedly, the triumph of psychopharmacology in contemporary society is intimately linked to a culture of overproduction, hyperconsumption and anesthesia. We live under the imposed premise that dictates that a healthy body is equal to a productive subject, and that if we cannot adhere to that standard there will always be a pill that we can ingest to solve it. In this sense, to me, *Painting and Pharma*, my first solo exhibition in LLANO, is a speculative exercise which, based on curiosity or even the fortuitous, explores the overwhelming presence of these drugs in our lives. This is an exhibition of paintings with drugs that is not about painting, neither about drugs. God bless Western culture.

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*Valium - Jules Olitski,*  
de la serie *Painting and Pharma*, 2022  
Diazepam molido y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Diazepam and acrylic  
paint on canvas  
120 x 120 x 4.5 cm (47.24 x 47.24 x 1.77 in)

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*Librium - Morris Louis,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Alprazolam molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Alprazolam and acrylic  
paint on canvas

125 x 170 x 4.5 cm (49.21 x 66.93 x 1.77 in)

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*Xanax - Agnes Martin,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*  
Alprazolam molido y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Alprazolam and acrylic  
paint on canvas  
130 x 130 x 4.5 cm (51.18 x 51.18 x 1.77 in)

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*Thorazine - Mark Rothko,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Clorpromazina molida y pintura acrílica so-  
bre tela | Pulverized Chlorpromazine and  
acrylic paint on canvas

130 x 80 x 4.5 cm (51.18 x 31.5 x 1.77 in)

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*Tofranil - Frank Stella 2,  
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Imipramina molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Imipramine and acrylic  
paint on canvas

120 x 180 x 4.5 cm (47.24 x 70.87 x 1.77 in)

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*Paxil - Sol Lewitt,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Paroxetina molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Paroxetine and acrylic  
paint on canvas  
60 x 80 x 4.5 cm (23.62 x 31.5 x 1.77 in)

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*Rivotril - Josef Albers,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Clonazepam molido y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized and acrylic paint on can-  
vas

100 x 100 x 4.5 cm (39.37 x 39.37 x 1.77 in)

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*Prozac - Kenneth Noland,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Fluoxetina molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Fluoxetine and acrylic  
paint on canvas

150 x 170 x 4.5 cm (59.05 x 66.93 x 1.77 in)

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*Marslid - Ellsworth Kelly,  
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Citalopram molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Citalopram and acrylic  
paint on canvas

50 x 40 x 4.5 cm (19.68 x 15.75 x 1.77 in)

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*Rivotril - Clyfford Still,*  
*Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Clonazepam molido y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Clonazepam and acrylic  
paint on canvas

150 x 130 x 4.5 cm (59.05 x 51.18 x 1.77 in)

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*Valium - Ellsworth Kelly,  
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Diazepam molido y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Diazepam and acrylic  
paint on canvas  
80 x 130 x 4.5 cm (31.5 x 51.18 x 1.77 in)

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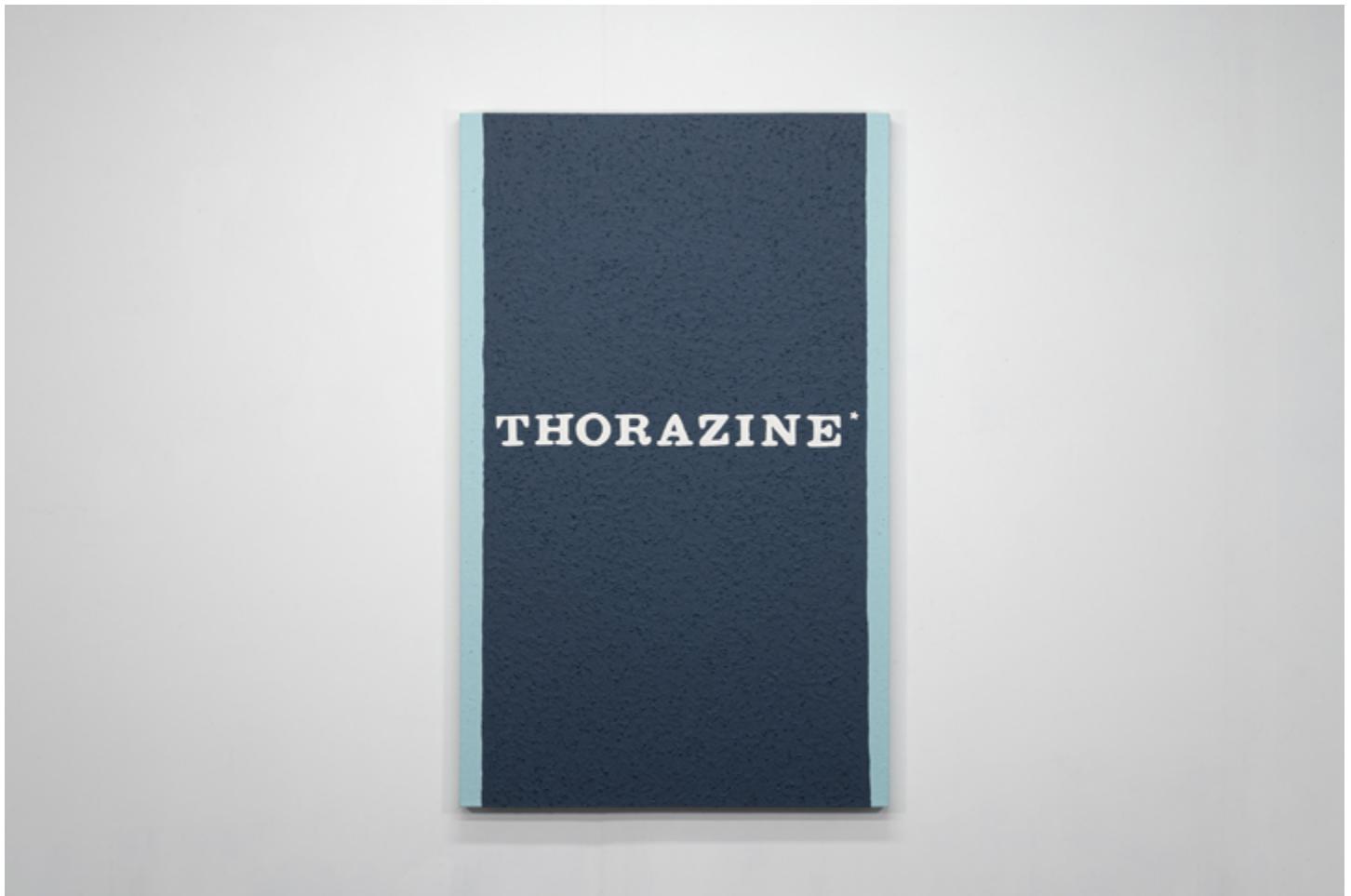
*Librium - Ellsworth Kelly,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Alprazolam molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Alprazolam and acrylic  
paint on canvas

160 x 115 x 4.5 cm (63 x 45.27 x 1.77 in)

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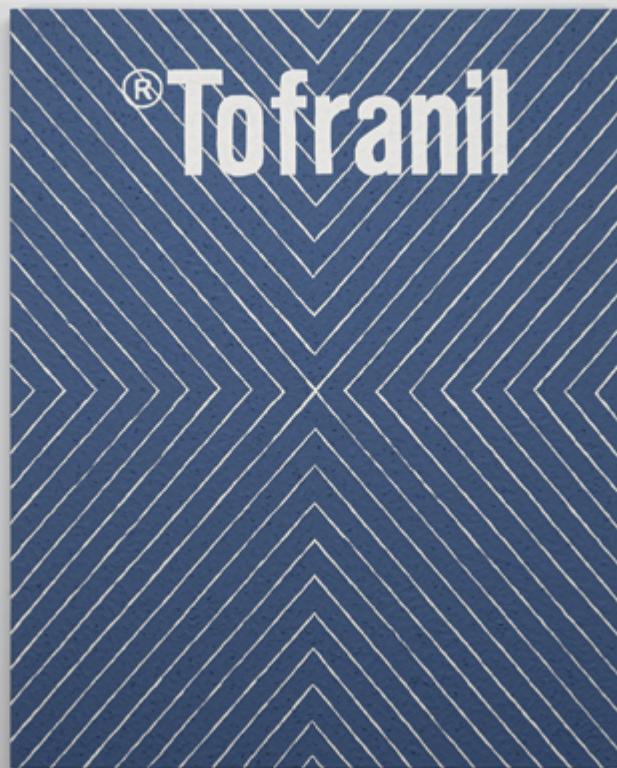
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*Thorazine - Barnett Newman,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Clorpromazina molida y pintura acrílica sobre tela | Pulverized Chlorpromazine and acrylic paint on canvas  
130 x 80 x 4.5 cm (51.18 x 31.5 x 1.77 in)

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*Prozac - Anne Truitt,  
Painting and Pharma, 2022*

Fluoxetina molida y pintura acrílica sobre  
tela | Pulverized Fluoxetine and acrylic  
paint on canvas

100 x 150 x 4.5 cm (39.37 x 59.05 x 1.77 in)