

Press Release

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LagoAlgo, the new cultural center in the Chapultepec Forest, Mexico City, inaugurates its second exhibition called Shake Your Body, as well as Plaza Pública, an outdoor recreation space.

- LagoAlgo is a place of encounters with nature, architecture, art and gastronomy located in the Mayor Lake of the Second Section of the Chapultepec Forest, Mexico City.
- The exhibition *Shake Your Body*, curated by Jérôme Sans, brings together 7 international artists that embody collective empowerment: :mentalKLINIK (1967/1972, Turkey), Andreas Angelidakis (1968, Greece), Stefan Brüggenmann (1975, Mexico), Vivian Caccuri (1986, Brazil), Pia Camil (1980, Mexico), Rafael Domenech (1989, Cuba), and Alicia Framis (1967, Spain).
- The Plaza Pública space designed by Fabien Capello seeks through urban furniture to invite all visitors to stay, play, and explore different ways of relating to others.
- With a rest area, a food and beverage area and a deck that offers shade and nature, Plaza Pública seeks to become a point of reference for any visit to the II Section of Chapultepec Forest in Mexico City.

SHAKE YOUR BODY

LagoAlgo's second exhibition, *Shake Your Body*, opens a second chapter and stands as a manifesto of the direction of its revival: a living platform that activates the connection between various communities and reflects on a global scale whilst acting locally towards transformation.

The expressions "To Make Society" or "To Live Together" are as laudable as they are vain if they are not anchored in a principle of tangible reality. Beyond the laws, states, and power structures that lay down its contours, what is the organic reality of our interrelations? Despite being aware of the importance of social cohesion and feeling the desire to contribute to it, how can we foster the meeting of our energies? What do we share, with whom, in what context, and for what project?

From the fine theories of political philosophy to the latent demagoguery of our representatives, our social models are becoming uniform, our behavior is becoming formatted and individualized, crushing our shared but isolated will to experience the common. Social inequalities are increasing every day,

management is imposing its values more than sincere and disinterested commitment to others, indifference takes over on solidarity. Yet paying attention, the common is everywhere. In a football stadium wave, shivering across the bleachers; in a spontaneous chorus shouted by the crowd at a concert; in front of a breathtaking sunset by the sea, or in a shack built with friends. The experience of the common is a social body that trembles with the same skin, shouts with the same voice, marvels with the same eyes, and builds with the same hands.

A common ground despite our differences, culture is a place to get together. Building bridges to the island settled upon utopian roots that is LagoAlgo, this exhibition intends to awaken the incredible synergy sedated by our daily lives within an active experience of works not conceived as objects of entertainment, but rather as paths to explore together. This renewal of utopia - at a time when models of social transformation seem exhausted - is not a return to the ideal, but an invitation to think of the breach, the error, and the multitude as a source of a fertile hybridity. Rather than trusting in the return of growth and thinking that it will solve all problems without creating new ones, rather than dreaming of *El Dorado*, singing mornings, and ideal cities, there is a need to reinvest civil society in all its actual potential.

Sharing works that address these issues while generating concrete situations providing the dynamism and reunion necessary for their consideration, *Shake Your Body* brings together 7 international artists that embody collective empowerment: :mentalkLINIK (1967/1972, Turkey), Andreas Angelidakis (1968, Greece), Stefan Brüggemann (1975, Mexico), Vivian Caccuri (1986, Brazil), Pia Camil (1980, Mexico), Rafael Domenech (1989, Cuba), and Alicia Framis (1967, Spain).

Jérôme Sans, Creative Director and Curator of Shake Your Body

Jérôme Sans is recognised worldwide as one of the few people to have conceived, shaped and directed cultural institutions and centers simultaneously. This creator of places has instilled new models for understanding and engaging differently and democratically with art and culture. Jérôme Sans co-founded and co-directed for the first six years together with Nicolas Bourriaud the Palais de Tokyo in Paris, he also directed the Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA) in Beijing from 2008 to 2012, among many other achievements in his career.



Plaza Pública x Fabien Capello

Plaza Pública x Fabien Capello is a project meant to integrate LagoAlgo with its context. Its layout favors pedestrians while its structure provides shade and nature, thus opening our doors to Chapultepec Park. Through open-ended built-in furniture, the space invites all visitors to stay, play, and explore different ways of relating to each other. The fresh and healthy culinary offer of its food truck, "...Y algo más", aligns to Lago's sustainable vision while presenting practical options for on-the-go visitors who still want a taste of the restaurant in a more relaxed space. With a rest zone, a food and beverages area, and a covering that offers both shade and nature, Plaza Pública seeks to become a landmark for any visit to the 2nd Section of Chapultepec Forest.

LAGO/ALGO is a project that emerged from the pandemic crisis; from the need to reimagine the current situation and rethink our relationship with public space and the Chapultepec Forest, as well as to rethink our consumption models and our relationship with nature. As the structure of the name itself indicates, this project consists of two main pillars, a restaurant: LAGO and a cultural space: ALGO that function together as a whole.

LAGO is the history of this building; it is a workspace, a cafe, and a conscious restaurant, aware of the origin and processes of its produce. Conceived by Micaela Miguel, who is currently brand and experience director at Delirio, and co-founder of Casa Virginia and Sobremesa, seeks to bring farms to the table, over time to contribute in redesigning the food chain whilst bringing value for all its actors.

ALGO is a free access cultural venue led by OMR: a hybrid and collaborative project that, through the arts and culture, seeks to generate existential reflections on contemporaneity and our role in the future of Earth.

LAGO/ALGO is an autonomous and independent project, conceived as a platform to get closer to the green lungs of the city, a place of encounters with nature, with the history of modern architecture, with the arts and culture, with sustainable cuisine made from the local ingredients and flavors sourced from our waters and our lands.

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