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Aurora Pellizzi **Cholita**, 2023

Feather dusters, trim, puffs, synthetic sponges, sequins, and synthetic rope on cotton cleaning cloth and acrylic broom

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Aurora Pellizzi **Diva / Divi Nura**, 2023

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Plastic pearls on cotton cleaning cloth and natural fiber broom

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L' Épouse, 2023

Feather dusters, natural fiber sponges and brushes of different sizes on cotton cleaning cloth and mop in aluminum buckets filled with gesso and volcanic rock

Dimensions variable



Aurora Pellizzi **Pachu Coatl**, 2023

Acrylic brooms, sequin
patches, hoop rings, wire
soap dish, steel sponges,
wire drain filter, trim and
cotton cleaning cloth on
microfiber mop and cleaning
wipers in plastic buckets with
resin, balls, glitter, and glass
marbles
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-dyed wool

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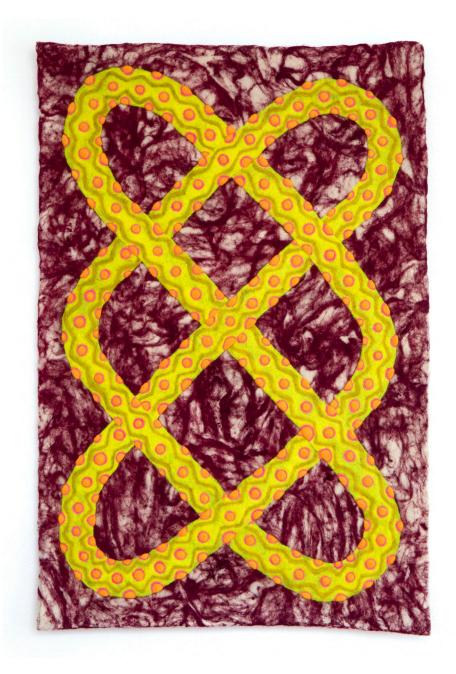
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Pachu Coatl, 2023

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For Immediate Release: Aurora Pellizzi, **CU/ebras** at Salon Acme No. 10 CMDX Presented by JEFF MARFA Marfa, TX

Generated from a specifically female embodiment, Aurora Pellizzi's works; felted, dyed, constructed or woven are both abstract and representational, merging traditional craft techniques with a metaphysical approach to art-making.

In her series **The Ritual of the Serpent**, created while immersed in the study of indigenous fertility rites, fundamental shapes posture as both sacred vistas and the female anatomy, thwarting our sense of the cosmic order. In these hand-felted works her serpentine geometries conflate femininity and the earth, embodiment and allegory, figure and ground.

Unable to engage in the demanding effort of fabricating weavings during a recent pregnancy, Pellizzi's new series titled, **Mojigangas** are constructed in the vernacular tradition of the readymade. In contrast to her previous works, while making the seven pieces presented here, she embraced the limitations of her physicality, forging a new approach to her practice.

Facial expressions grounded on *jergas*, a woven striped cloth used for mopping floor tiles, Pellizzi's portraits conjure the carnival spirit of *Mojigangas*, a traditional Mexican village procession of characters dressed in drag. Court Jester, Hindu Goddess, Bride, Feathered-Serpent Dandy, Street-Style Girl, Diva, Sloth. With these Shakespearean caricatures, drawn with cheese graters, feather dusters, drain stoppers, soap dishes, sponges, clothes pins, buckets and mops, Pellizzi creates a cacophony of ruses that emote in colorful gesture the tenor of our dizzying current moment.

Hiding behind everyday objects reified in masked form, burlesque dignitaries hang from the ceilings and walls of the space – reconstructed as ceremonial totems, decorative sculpture, pictorial fields. Jergas, found in any household goods store in Mexico, when stretched, strung and embellished with brooms, brushes, sequins and trim, is offered up as respite, farce, disguise. With their familiar striped clothing, Aurora's campy ready-made troupe of flappers, clowns, damsels and newlyweds transcend their everyday materials to emerge as modern archetypes, symbols of our universal cultural lineage.

culebras, a feminine noun, is a water snake in Mexico and a debt, disorder, game or soap opera in other Spanish-speaking regions. Evoking the occult ceremony of fertility rites and their venomous accomplices, as in her earlier series, Pellizzi's names this installation after a harmless garden dweller, the serpent's less feral cousin, in homage to the everyday creatures and objects found within the confines of our domestic spaces.

Aurora Pellizzi was born in Mexico City and grew up between Mexico and New York City. She graduated from Cooper Union in 2009 and New York University in 2005. Pellizzi is currently living and working in Mexico City.

Aurora Pellizzi has exhibited in Vienna, Brussels, Bogota, Paris, Rome, Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Rabat, London, New York, Brooklyn, and Marfa, Tx; including exhibitions at the Franz Mayer Museum in Mexico City, the Museo de Arte Maya in Cancun, and at the Museo de Artes Populares of Mexico in Mexico City.

Her most recent one and two person shows include Cuerpos Flotantes at the Italian Cultural Institute in Mexico City (2022), El Deseo Aparece de Repente at Instituto de Visón Gallery in Bogota (2022), Focus Aurora Pellizzi at Lisa Kandlhofer gallery in Vienna (2022), TRANSFIGURATION at Canada Gallery in New York (2021) and Serpientes at l'Appartement 22 in Rabat, Morocco (2016). She recently exhibited her work in a solo show with Instituto de Visión Gallery in the Armory Show in New York (2022), curated by Carla Acevedo-Yates.

Pellizzi's work has been featured and reviewed in Agenzia Ansa, Art Net News, Art & Object, The Art Newspaper, Art Observed, Art Review, Blouin Art Info, Coolhunting, Coolhunter Mx, Dazed Digital, Espoarte, Exibart, Glocal Design Magazine, Harper's Bazaar, Hyperallergic, la Jornada de Morelos, Local MX, Purple Magazine, La Razón, Reforma Newspaper, el Sol de Cuernavaca, Terremoto Magazine, El Universal Newspaper, and on the cover of U: magazine published by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).



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