

Josefina Ayllón
L'appuntamento

Opening Friday 21 November 2025 | 6-9 pm
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z2o Project | Via Baccio Pontelli 16, 1° Piano | Rome

z2o Project is pleased to present *L'appuntamento (The Appointment)*, the first solo exhibition by Josefina Ayllón (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1973) at the gallery space on Via Baccio Pontelli 16.

L'appuntamento is Josefina Ayllón's first solo exhibition in Rome, the city where she currently lives. Composed mostly of recent works, the exhibition illustrates the results of a constant experimentation — a daily painting practice in which portraiture is taken as both a pictorial and sculptural device.

Color, in fact, is at times applied with a brush, and in other cases spread by hand, recalling the creative process typical of sculpture, and more specifically, of modeling. The density of the pigment on the canvas, however, remains unchanged, as if the tools of the trade themselves possessed tactile and graspable qualities. The subjects — mostly solitary figures positioned against a monochromatic background that enhances their emergence — only partially evoke specific types of representation, from the historical to the sacred, taking on instead the role of “pretexts” born from the necessity of painting itself.

BIO:

Josefina Ayllón is a self-taught painter. She works mainly with oil paint and her subject matter focuses on portraiture. Since the age of 21, she has lived between Rome, Buenos Aires and Paris. *My paintings are the result of a constant struggle between a lonely character's expression and the physicality of the paint itself. Colour, material and gesture are the fundamental elements of my work. While I don't find the act of feigning reality, such as using perspective or chiaroscuro, particularly interesting, I am fascinated by the reality of the painting itself as two-dimensional object. I use impasto primarily to make my presence tangible. I have always been drawn to human faces, finding a prominent nose more captivating than a vase of flowers.*

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