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Gallery Conversations: Raised as Roosters
with Abel Alejandro, Guerra, and Kristina Newhouse

Virtual Artist Talk Thursday, November 12th, 2020 at 6:30pm

Angels Gate Cultural Center (AGCC) is pleased to present *Gallery Conversations: Raised as Roosters* with artists Abel Alejandro, Guerra and curator Kristina Newhouse on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm via live webinar. Free registration is available at angelsgateart.org.

This facilitated conversation, followed by an open Q&A, will discuss the artists' processes and reflect upon the themes of Xicano identity, masculinity, and traditional Mexican visual motifs in AGCC's exhibition, *Raised as roosters: relief prints and drawings by Abel Alejandro and Guerra*. The panel will also include guest curator Kristina Newhouse, Curator of Exhibitions at the Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum in Long Beach. *Raised as Roosters* opened September 19th, 2020 at AGCC and is on view virtually at angelsgateart.org. The exhibition closes December 5th, 2020, with in-person appointments pending the reopening of the AGCC galleries at the guidance of state and local health orders.

Abel Alejandro draws upon his life experiences to examine concepts of masculinity and codes of conduct through the lives of men in his life. In some works, a rooster (gallo) becomes a metaphor and symbol for manhood, valor, machismo, and patriarchy. Guerra explores sanctuary in decorative motifs and architectural symbology that connects religious and indigenous references with contemporary Mexican-American culture. Coinciding with the 30-year anniversary of the groundbreaking historic survey, *Chicano Art: Resistance and Affirmation, 1965-1985 (CARA)*, *Raised as Roosters* examines contemporary themes within the shift to an intersectional, *Xicano* identity.

A [virtual, self-guided tour](#) of *Raised as roosters: relief prints and drawings by Abel Alejandro and Guerra* and more information about the exhibition is currently available at angelsgateart.org/galleries. Registration for this free event is available at angelsgateart.org or directly at eventbrite.com.

Angels Gate Cultural Center delivers arts and culture to the local communities of the Port of Los Angeles in San Pedro located at 3601 S. Gaffey Street. This exhibition is generously supported, in part, by the Pasadena Art Alliance.

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