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TERY FUENTES

Traces of the Intimate In Tery Fuentes' work, painting becomes an act of personal excavation—a visual language rooted in memory, identity, and the emotional weight of lived experience.

A Venezuelan artist based in Miami, Fuentes approaches neo-expressionism not as a stylistic trend but as a necessity. Her brushwork is loose, urgent, and textured, channeling the rhythms of migration, motherhood, and womanhood through form and color. Her canvases read as emotional landscapes. The human figure—central to her practice—is not simply rendered but emotionally evoked. Faces emerge not as portraits, but as fragmen-



ted witnesses to an interior world shaped by displacement and resilience. Her vibrant, symbolically charged palette collapses the space between sensation and representation, offering viewers a bridge into her emotional terrain. Fuentes defies categorization with formal training in classical painting and a multidisciplinary background spanning sculpture, ceramics, photography, and fashion. Her work spills beyond genre and geography, bearing the imprint of her Venezuelan roots and transnational life. Her compositions pulse with affect, revealing a deep technical knowledge matched by an openness to vulnerability. Across exhibitions in Venezuela, Spain, and the U.S., Fuentes has steadily built a body of deeply personal yet widely resonant work. Her paintings do not seek resolution—they invite reflection. Through gesture and layering, she creates a space where viewers might recognize their emotional histories. Tery Fuentes' art is

not simply observed—it is felt. It demands presence, empathy, and a willingness to confront the complexities of intimacy, identity, and belonging. In a world increasingly driven by detachment, her practice reminds us of the radical, enduring power of feeling.

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