Exhibition



## **UNTOLD** Stefaan De Croock - Strook

Belgian artist Stefaan De Croock - Strook joins with Mexico based Gallery JLS to present 'Untold', the first showcase in Mexico focusing his iconic wooden sculptures.

Widely recognised for his stylised 2D busts, Stefaan blends abstraction and geometry to assemble unlikely portraits. Strategically placed remnants suggest features, body positioning and even the presence of light and shadow on the juxtaposed surfaces. We do not recognise his characters, but there is a familiarity sparked by his manifestations which engage our collective memory.

"Each place has its own identity, the things I find there embody the history of that objects journey, the effects of weather, time and the people who lived or worked with it. Patinated materials are a footprint of the joy and tears of a place."

Stefaan considers the recovery and further assemblage of objects without purpose to be a 'revival' of the material and by extension; the inherent history carried with them...

"The materials from the past embody the scars we carry. Everyone has scars and we have a tendency to hide or cover up these marks. These 'untold' marks of time play a crucial aspect in my work, they define a person or an object, they are the foundations of the future."

For Untold Stefaan presents 10 signature wooden sculptures, each constructed with wood belonging to a particular location. His stylised archetypes have no race or age, they represent universal figures; subtle metaphors for the scars every human being carries with them.

Stefaan De Croock - Strook has participated in exhibitions worldwide including Europe, San Francisco, LA, Miami, Canada, Mexico and Thailand. Untold is his 6th solo exhibition and will be on display from 8th March to 12th April 2019.

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Opening March 7th, 2019 7:30 pm until late

On view March 8th - April 12th, 2019 JLS Gallery - Mexico City, Mexico