GALLERY AFERRO

On Belonging and the Void Between

Elisa Pritzker

SHROOT (detail), acrylic paint on canvas, 35x56, 2017

July 8th - Aug 31st, 2017
Gallery Aferro Main Gallery
73 Market Street, Newark

OPENING RECEPTION
July 8th, 2017
7pm - 10pm

GALLERY HOURS
Wednesday - Saturday
12pm - 6pm
and by appointment

On Belonging and the Void Between
Curated by Asha Ganpat

This exhibition is a selection of works about the nature of belonging and a look to the vacuous and vulnerable experience of being out of place. Without a sense of belonging, we are adrift in a sea of otherness. Of the ways we may untether from familiarity, the shift in becoming an outsider can shake the foundation of our very sense of self.
After a trip more than ten years ago to Ushuaia -called “the city at the end of the world”- in southern Patagonia in the Island of Tierra del Fuego [the land of fire], Elisa Pritzker felt compelled to begin a period of research into the lifestyle and spiritual-shamanic beliefs of the Selknams. They were one of the original inhabitants from Argentina and Chile that lived there for thousands of years. Mostly due to a genocide during the 20th century the Selknams are now extinct. The last full-blooded Selknam died around 1974. About four years ago, Pritzker’s art came to reflect her fascination with the Selknam People. Considering that they had the most ancient way of living, -hunter-gatherers- the Selknam were rich in rituals, had a remarkable set of principles, a profound sense of community, respect for the family and they revered nature, women power and re-using everything on earth. In all, this series is an ongoing investigation, a sharing and a visual homage to a bygone society whose values are so relevant today.

Elisa Pritzker participated at MoMA, Queens Museum and Dorsky Museum in group exhibits. She has exhibited at the Affordable Art Fair NYC & London, London Biennale-Creative Village Medienparty in Berlin Germany, Pinta Fair NYC, Fountain Art Fair; EGGO-Cordoba Art Fair and arteBA in Argentina. She was selected the US artist for The Pyramids of Naxos, Greece during Olym-

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