

Group show curated by Diana Campbell "Linhas Tortas" opens at Mendes Wood DM São Paulo



SÃO PAULO.- [Mendes Wood DM São Paulo](#) presents Linhas Tortas, a multi-venue international group exhibition in São Paulo that explores the entanglements of journeys and the power of storytelling, celebrating a decade of the gallery's existence. Curated by Diana Campbell, Linhas Tortas is being presented simultaneously at Mendes Wood DM São Paulo gallery space, its surrounding Barra Funda neighbourhood and at Casa Iramaia, a special off-site location and architecture landmark of São Paulo. Linhas Tortas brings together all the artists from Mendes Wood DM's program alongside a leading selection of invited contemporary names and works by historic figures in an ambitious exhibition that extends across the city.

The exhibition takes inspiration from the Brazilian aphorism “deus escreve certo por linhas tortas,” which literally translates to “god writes straight with crooked lines” and metaphorically to “god works in mysterious ways.” In the

words of curator Diana Campbell: "The show follows complex trails (of thought and of life) that unfold when one sets off with intention but without an end in sight. It takes paths that are not driven by expediency or efficiency, not optimized by supply and demand, but rather ones that avoid the many short-cuts blazed by capitalist and/or colonial forces to better the few at the expense of the many. It questions who had the right to write history and posits new ways to (re)inscribe profound perspectives and systems of being that were deliberately obscured from view."

Linhas Tortas brings together over 100 works of art from more than 80 contemporary artists, including new and recent pieces by renowned Brazilians such as Antonio Obá, Castiel Vitorino Brasileiro, Lucas Arruda, Sonia Gomes and Rosana Paulino with acclaimed international artists Laure Prouvost, Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Shilpa Gupta, alongside notable historic contributions by Anni Albers, Etel Adnan, Francesca Woodman and Lygia Pape.

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