

# E A S T PROJECTS

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### **Wreck Loose** featuring **José Delgado Zúñiga**

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Robert Blumenthal and Ford Phillips are pleased to announce the opening of East Projects. This newly formed collaboration is located in a townhouse on the Upper East Side. East Projects is a contemporary art gallery committed to promoting emerging artists. The inaugural exhibition is with José Delgado Zúñiga titled: Wreck Loose.

Zúñiga's work is inspired by modern Latin American artists such as Oswaldo Guayasamín and the cartoon-like features used by the Mexican muralists of the 1920s and 30s.

The artist uses hard and soft edges which create tension in forming figurative heads, a central motif of the paintings. The shapes reflect and melts the interior spaces of toxic, traumatic, and physiological conditions; which expresses the chaos of global anxiety.

Zúñiga was born in Ventura, California in 1988 and received his MFA in Painting from Columbia University in 2017. He was a recipient of the Rema Hort Mann Emerging Artist Grant and the ACE Grant (Artist Community Engagement) as part of a collective Latin X-Files. Zúñiga is also a participant of the Bronx Museum (AIM) Artist In the Market. He currently lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.