

THE CORRECTIONS MANUEL OCAMPO



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Manuel Ocampo has been a vital presence on the international art scene for over twenty-five years, with a reputation for fearlessly tackling the taboos and cherished icons of society and of the art world itself. Now based in Manila, the Philippines, he had an extended residency in California in the late 1980s and early 1990s and continues to spend significant time working in both the US and Europe. For The Corrections, his third solo exhibition with Tyler Rollins Fine Art, Ocampo looks back with a critical eye on his early work, making "corrections" to certain key paintings from the early 1990s, which were inspired by his experience living in Los Angeles during a period of heightened racial tensions, culminating in the race riots of 1992. Imagery of race, religion, and violence had pervaded Ocampo's work since the late 1980s, informed by the context of Los Angeles. "I felt that LA was no different from Manila," he recalls; "the huge class disparity, the balkanization of communities, the political corruption, consumer culture, celebrity culture, the traffic, water shortages, etc. I guess I had a feeling that something like the riots was bound to happen. Being an immigrant from the Philippines, a former colony of the US and Spain, I wanted to bring these references into my work." Ocampo created what he calls "mock history paintings," an impressive example of which, Yo Mate A Historia (1991), is included in the current exhibition. These works reference the style and imagery of the Spanish Catholic painting of the Philippines, combined with motifs that evoke both the once commonplace racial caricatures of African Americans and the depictions of Filipinos in American political cartoons during the period of the brutal Philippine-American War of 1899-1902.

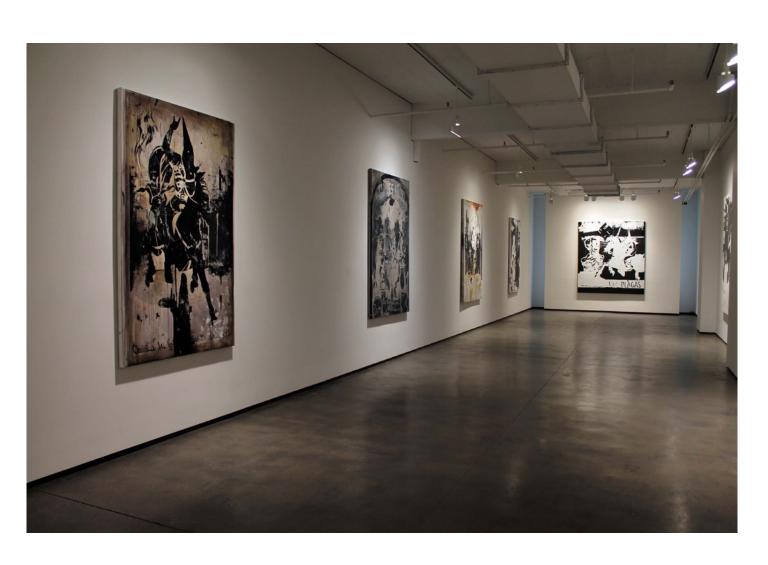
For The Corrections, Ocampo made silkscreens based on photographs of his older paintings, altering the images to resemble darkened and distorted photographic negatives. New interventions were then hand painted on top of these images, creating rich, multi-layered compositions that capture a sense of the passing of time, the evolution of consciousness, and the ongoing structuring of personal and group identities. One's view of the works is perhaps inevitably colored by the current racially charged environment in the United States in the aftermath of a number of police shooting incidents around the country - although Ocampo emphasizes that "the works in the show were not really meant to comment on the current situation in the US, but accidentally it did. My concern in going back to the works I did over 20 years ago was that I wanted to re-examine the iconography I used back then and how I felt about 'correcting' them. In fact, what I mean by 'correcting' is to change their meaning, to depoliticize them." The dark, disturbing imagery of the original paintings becomes literally darker, more obscured and abstracted. The older works' strong socio-political commentary is less foregrounded – now not so much a loud proclamation but rather a more intimate expression of the artist's own inner world. We get a sense of the artist wrestling with his own demons, with his own past and art. The record of this struggle is perhaps less seen in dramatic brushstrokes, the "hand of the artist," but in the artist's shoeprints that appear all over the paintings, marks that are at once highly personal and yet strangely generic; they could be anyone's prints, our own.

Born in 1965 in Manila, the Philippines, Ocampo had his first solo exhibition in 1988, in Los Angeles, setting the stage for a rapid rise to international prominence. By the early 1990s, his reputation was firmly established, with inclusion in two of the most important European art events, Documenta IX (1992) and the Venice Biennale (1993). Also in the early 1990s, he participated in the landmark exhibition, *Helter Skelter: L.A. Art in the 1990s* at The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (1992), as well as *Individual Realities in the California Art Scene* at the Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo (1991), and *Jean-Michel Basquiat & Manuel Ocampo* at the Henry Art Gallery, Seattle (1994). He has subsequently participated in numerous museum exhibitions and biennials around the world, including the biennials of Gwangju (1997), Lyon (2000), Berlin (2001), Venice for a second time (2001), Seville (2004), and the Asia Pacific Triennial (2012). Throughout 2015, his work will be showing in the traveling exhibition, *Come as You Are: Art of the 1990s*, opening February 8 at the Montclair Art Museum.



VIEW OF THE EXHIBITION AT TYLER ROLLINS FINE ART















YO MATE A HISTORIA

1991 oil and collage on canvas 96 x 100 inches (244 x 254 cm)



KILLING HISTORY

2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 48 x 48 inches (122 x 122 cm)



ISLAMIC DISCO PAINTING

2014

silkscreen and oil on canvas 48 x 96 inches (122 x 244 cm)



CONSUMER CRISIS

2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 74 x 78 inches (188 x 198 cm)



UBERMENSCH

2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 60 x 48 inches (152 x 122 cm)



LAS PLAGAS

2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 78 x 72 inches (198 x 183 cm)



TODOS CAERAN 2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 72 x 48 inches (183 x 122 cm)



ELEGUA 2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 72 x 48 inches [183 x 122 cm]



SCHEISS 2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 72 x 50 inches (183 x 127 cm)



FASHION UPDATE 2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 72 x 48 inches (183 x 122 cm)



LA LIBERTE 2014 silkscreen and oil on canvas 78 x 70 inches (198 x 178 cm)



UNTITLED
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oil on canvas
72 x 48 inches (183 x 122 cm)



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SELECTED BIOGRAPHY

Born 1965 in Quezon City, the Philippines. Lives and works in Manila, the Philippines.			Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA. Bastards of Misrepresentation, Casa Asia, Barcelona, Spain.
EDUCATIO	N		New Works, LAC, Lieu d'Art Contemporain, Sigean, France.
1985 1984	California State University, Bakersfield. University of the Philippines, Quezon City.	2004	Moral Stories: Fuck the Third World, Galeria Tomas March, Valencia, Spain. Bastards, Galerie Baerbel Graesslin, Frankfurt, Germany.
SOLO EXHIBITIONS			Finale Art File, Mega Mall, Mandaluyong, Philippines. Miserable Intentions (with Gaston Damag), Art Contemporain –
2015	The Corrections, Tyler Rollins Fine Art, New York, NY.		Nosbaum & Reding, Luxembourg.
2014	Notes from the Ste Anne Asylum, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France.	2003	Sprüth Magers Projekte, Munich, Germany. Wunderkammer, Gesellschaft Für Gegenwartskunst, Augsburg (Society for Contemporary Art Augsburg), Germany.
2013	20 Years of Intestinal Mishaps, Carré Sainte Anne, Montpelier, France. The Corrections, Space of Drawing, Copenhagen, Denmark.	2002	Lee Almighty, Mag:net Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines. An All Out Attempt at Transcendence, Galerie Baerbel Graesslin,
2012	The View Through the Bull of a Manual Laborer of Menagerie Gussied Over White Ground: 20 years of Self-Loathing and Intestinal Mishaps, Tyler Rollins Fine Art, New York, NY.		Frankfurt, Germany. Comprehensible Only to a Few Initiates, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France. The Inadequacy of the Struggle Against the Inadequacy of the
2011	The Beer Belly Masculinity Intensification Program or When Hangover		Struggle, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA.
	Becomes Form, Kaliman Rawlins, Melbourne, Australia. Rebels of abstraction and the ghost poo of painting, Galeria Adhoc, Vigo, Spain. Contemporary Psychology and the Theoretical Steroid Defiled	2001	Presenting the Undisclosed System of References in the Loophole of Misunderstanding, Galeria OMR, Mexico City, Mexico. Free Aesthetic Pleasure Nowl, Babilonia 1808, Berkeley, CA.
	Modernist Chicken, Space of Drawings, Copenhagen, Denmark. Gallery Zimmermann Kratochvill, Graz, Austria.	2000	Those Long Dormant Pimples of Inattention Counterattacking the Hyper-Convoluted Dramas of the Gaze, Sprüth Magers Projekte, Munich, Galerie Baerbel Grasslin, Frankfurt, Germany.
2010	An exhibition of collaborations with 7 imaginary friends showing a variety of painterly mishaps flaunted as majestic embellishments, Nosbaum & Reding - Art Contemporain, Luxembourg. An Arcane Recipe Involving Ingredients Cannibalized from the Reliquaries of Some Profane Illumination, Tyler Rollins Fine Art, New		Those Long Dormant Pimples of Inattention Meandering through the Cranium Arcade of Pitiless Logic Swastikating between Love and Hate, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY. The Stream of Transcendent Object-Making Consciously Working towards the Goal, Galerie Michael Neff, Frankfurt, Germany.
	York, NY. THE PAINTER'S EQUIPMENT, Valentine Willie Fine Art, Singapore.	1999	The Nature of Culture - Manuel Ocampo/Gaston Damag. Interventions in the Monasterio de la Cartuja de Santa Maria de las Cuevas, Centro
2009	Monuments to the Institutional Critique of Myself, Pablo Gallery, Manila. Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Brussels, Belgium.		Andaluz de Arte Contemporaneo, Seville, Spain. (catalogue) The Inversion of the Ideal: Navigating the Landscape of Intestinal Muck, Swastikating between Love and Hate, Galeria Soledad Lorenzo,
	Galerie Baerbel Graesslin, Frankfurt, Germany. 200 War Stories by Ehren Tool (featuring a mural and installation by Manuel Ocampo), Bongout, Berlin, Germany.	1998	Madrid, Spain. (catalogue) To Infinity and Beyond: Presenting the Unpresentable - The Sublime or
2008	Uplands Gallery, Melbourne, Australia. Galeria Tomas March, Valencia, Spain.		the Lack Thereof, Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France. Yo Tambien Soy Pintura, El Museo Extremeno e Iberoamericano de Arte Contemporaneo, Badajoz, Spain. (catalogue)
2007	Guided by Sausage, Nosbaum & Reding - Art Contemporain,		Why Must I Care For a Girl Who Always Scratches Wherever She Itches: 1-1/2 Centuries of Modern Art, Twelve Step Program, Delfina, London;
2007	Luxembourg. Guided by Sausage, Le (9) bis, Saint-Etienne, France.		Centre Cultural Tecla Sala, Barcelona, Spain. (catalogue) Galerie Philomene Magers, Cologne, Germany.
2006	Kitsch Recovery Program, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA. Finale Art File, Manila, Philippines. En El Cielo No Hay Cerveza sin Alcohol (with Curro Gonzalez), Galeria	1997	Heridas de la Lengua, Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA. (catalogue) Hacer Pintura Es Hacer Patria, Galeria OMR, Mexico City, Mexico. (catalogue)
	adhoc, Vigo, Spain. Down with Reality, Galerie Jesco Von Puttkamer, Berlin, Germany.	1996	Annina Nosei Gallery, New York, NY.
	Kitsch Recovery Program: An Image is Just a Pathetic Attempt to do Justice to a Picture, Nosbaum & Reding - Art Contemporain, Luxembourg.	1995	Ciocca Raffaelli Arte Contemporaneo, Milan, Italy. (catalogue) Galerie Nathalie Obadia, Paris, France.
	No System Can Give the Masses the Proper Social Graces (with Damien Deroubaix), Haptic at La Maison Rouge, Paris, France.		Musee d'Art Contemporain de Montreal, Canada.
	Gray Kapernekas Gallery, New York, NY. Down with Reality, Galerie Jesco von Puttkamer, Berlin, Germany.	1994	Paraiso Abierto a Todos, The Mexican Museum, San Francisco, CA. Stations of the Cross, Annina Nosei Gallery, New York, NY.
2005	Mumu Territorium, Artcenter Megamall, Mandaluyong Metro Manila, Philippines.	1993	New Paintings, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries/Fred Hoffman, Beverly Hills, CA.
	The Holocaustic Spackle in the Murals of the Quixotic Inseminators,		Manuel Ocampo, Galeria OMR, Mexico City, Mexico.

1992	Grupo de Gago, Weingart Center Gallery, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA. Matrix Berkeley 150, University Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, CA.		Contemporary Devotion, San Jose Museum of Art, CA. Circos Globulos: Selected Works from the Babilonia Wilner Collection, Babilonia 1808, Berkeley, CA.
1991	M.J.O., Jay Chiat residence, New York, NY. Manuel Ocampo, Fred Hoffman Gallery, Santa Monica, CA.	2000	Salon, Delfina, London, UK. Made in California: Art, Image, and Identity, 1900-2000, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA.
1990	Substancias Irritantes, Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman College, Orange, CA.		Faith: The Impact of Judeo-Christian Religion on Art at the Millenium, The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT. (catalogue) Partage d'Exotismes, 5th Biennale d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon,
1989	John Thomas Gallery, Santa Monica, CA.		France. Sammlung Falckenberg (Falckenberg Collection), Deichtorhallen,
1988	The Onyx Café, Los Angeles, CA. <i>Lies, Falls Hopes, and Megalomania</i> , La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los		Hamburg, Germany. The Sensational Line, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO.
	Angeles, CA.	1999	Vestiges of War, 1899-1999: The Philippine-American War and Its Aftermath, Asian/Pacific/American Studies Gallery, New York University,
	O GROUP EXHIBITIONS		NY. Jardin de Eros, Institut de Cultura de Barcelona, Palau de la Virreina/ Centre Cultural Tecla Sala, Barcelona, Spain; Bergen Kunstmuseum,
2015	Come as You Are: Art of the 1990s, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ. Traveling to Telfair Museum of Art Savannah, GA; University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI; and Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas at Austin.		Bergen, Norway. (catalogue) Sensibilidade Apocaliptica, Festival Atlantico '99, Lisbon, Portugal. (catalogue)
2014	POSSESSION (II), Lanchester Gallery, Coventry University, UK.	1998	At Home and Abroad: 21 Contemporary Filipino Artists, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA. (catalogue)
2012	Asia Pacific Triennial, Brisbane, Australia.		Double Trouble: The Patchett Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA. (catalogue) Pop Surrealism, The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield,
2011	Dublin Contemporary 2011: Terrible Beauty—Art, Crisis, Change & The Office of Non-Compliance, Dublin, Ireland.		CT. (catalogue) Cien Años Despues, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Manila,
2010	Painting with a Hammer to Nail the Crotch of Civilization: A Group Show of Wall Works and Tattoo Imagery, Manila Contemporary, Makati City, Philippines.	1997	Philippines; Puerto Rico; Havana, Cuba; Valencia, Spain. (catalogue) **American Stories-Amidst Displacement and Transformation, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan. (catalogue)
2009	The Making of Art, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Germany.		Arte Chidol, Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso, Mexico City, Mexico. Memories of Overdevelopment, Irvine Art Gallery, University of
2008	Problems with style, Green Papaya Art Project, Manila, Philippines. Magnet Gallery, Manila, Philippines. In the context of: La dégelée Rabelais, organised by FRAC Languedoc-Roussillon, France. Morts de rire, La Panacée, Montpellier, France. Et tout pour les mange-tripes!, Musée Pierre André Benoit & Espace de Rochebelle, Alès, France. A Thélème, Priape s'est cogné, CIRCA - La Chartreuse, Villeneuve-les-Avignon, France.	1996	California, Irvine, CA. (catalogue) Nu-Glu, Joseph Helman Gallery, New York, NY. Past Time, Wood Street Galleries, Pittsburgh, PA. Pervasive Referents, Phyllis Kind Gallery, New York, NY. Unmapping the Earth, '97 Kwangju Biennial, Korea. Art and Provocation: Images from Rebels, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, CO. Annual Exhibition, American Academy in Rome, Italy.
2007	Rooms, Conversations, Frac Île-de-France, Le Plateau, Paris, France. L'Explosition, Frac Languedoc-Roussillon, Montpellier, France. Messages Abroad, Galerie Chez Valentin, Paris, France. Kinky Sex, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.	1995	Eye Tattooed America, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA. In the Light of Goya, University Art Museum, University of California, Berkeley, CA. Post-Colonial California, San Francisco State University, CA.
2006	Nosbaum & Reding at Artnews Projects, Berlin, Germany. Five Stories High, Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA. Wonder and Horror of the Human Head, 4-F Gallery, Los Angeles, CA. Painting Codes, Galeria Comunale d'Arte Contemporanea Di Monfalcone, Italy.	1994	Asia/America: Identities in Contemporary Asian American Art, The Asia Society, New York, NY. (catalogue) Icastica, Galeria d'Arte Moderna, Bologna, Italy. (catalogue) Jean-Michel Basquiat & Manuel Ocampo, Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
2004	Birth - Sex - Death, Tim Van Laere Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium. La Alegria de mi Sueños, Seville Biennale, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporanea, Seville, Spain.	1993	Manuel Ocampo & Don Ed Hardy, Cavin Morris Gallery, New York, NY. Sacred and Profane, Studio Nosei, Rome, Italy. Unholy Wars, Postmasters, New York, NY. 43rd Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting, The
2003	End of the Start, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA The Broken Mirror, Leroy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY.	1333	Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Drawing the Line Against Aids, 45th Venice Biennial at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy. (catalogue) In Out of the Cold, Center for the Arts at Yerba Beuna Gardens, San
2002	Extranjeros: Los Otros Artistas Españoles, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo Esteban Vicente, Segovia, Spain.		Francisco, CA. (catalogue) Medialismo, Trevi Flash Art Museum, Trevi, Italy. (catalogue)
2001	Disarming Parables: Collection Highlights, San Jose Museum of Art, CA. 49. Esposizione Internazionale, Plateau of Mankind, la Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy. (catalogue)	1992	Documenta IX, Documentahallen, Kassel, Germany. (catalogue) Helter Skelter: L.A. Art in the 1990s, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA. (catalogue)
	Berlin Biennale II, Berlin, Germany. (catalogue) Les Chiens Andalous, Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica, CA. Vom Eindruck zum Ausdruck: Grässlin Collection (From Impression to Expression), Hamburg, Germany. (catalogue)	1991	Individual Realities in the California Art Scene, Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan. (catalogue) Mike Bidlo, Manuel Ocampo, Andres Serrano, Saatchi Collection, London, UK.

AWARDS

1998 Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Artists at Giverny Program.

1996 National Endowment for the Arts, Visual Arts.

Rome Prize in Visual Arts, American Academy in Rome. 1995-96

1995 The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc. par The Art Matters Foundation.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY. Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA. Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA.

Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA.

The San Francisco Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA.

The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, HI.

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia (MNCARS), Madrid, Spain.

Museo Extremeno e Iberoamericano de Arte Contemporaneo (MEIAC), Badajoz, Spain.

IVAM Institut Valencia d'Art Modern, Valencia, Spain.

Centro Atlantico de Arte Moderno, (CAAM) Canary Islands, Spain.

Sintra Museu de Arte Moderna, Lisbon, Portugal.

Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, France.

Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan.

Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Mudam Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

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Lussier, Real, Serie Projet 15: Manuel Ocampo, Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montréal, 1995.

Chagoya, Enrique, Notes for a Nonlinear Interpretation of the Work of Manuel Ocampo, The Mexican Museum, San Francisco, 1994.

Enriquez, Lucia, Jean Michel Basquiat/Manuel Ocampo, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle,

Rinder, Lawrence, History and Retribution in the Art of Manuel Ocampo, University Art Museum, Berkeley, May-June, 1992.

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