

In June we welcome the YVAA artist Pavle Banović (Serbia), Boryana Petkova (Bulgaria), Jingwei Qiu (San Francisco/Beijing) and Rafael Villares (Cuba/New Haven). We are also excited that NY-based curator Duffy Du and Tamara Moyzes from the Slovak Republic/Czech Republic are joining.

We invite to join us on Saturday June 10 for the opening of *in pieces...*, the culminating exhibition of the 2023 NYC-Based Artist Residency Program at PS122 Gallery, with works by Abang-guard (Maureen Catbagan + Jevijoe Vitug), Tatiana Arocha, Miatta Kawinzi, and Jodie Lyn-Kee-Chow. In conjunction with this, the virtual panel *Decocainizing Coca: Challenging Western Narratives of a Sacred Plant* will take place on June 15 at 7pm. See details below.

On Sunday June 11, RU artists **Yifat Bezalel** and **José Taborda** will be presenting new work realized over the course of their residencies at the **KODA/RU House**. More info coming tomorrow so stay tuned!

RU Exhibition: in pieces...



Exhibition Dates: Saturday, June 10 - Sunday, June 25, 2023
Location: PS122 Gallery, 150 1st Ave. (Entrance on 9th St. between First Ave. and Ave. A), New York, NY 10009
Hours: Thursday - Sunday, 1:00 - 6:00 pm and by appointment
Opening Reception: Saturday, June 10, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Exhibition Walk-through with the Artists and Curator: Saturday, June 10, 2:30 pm

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Residency Unlimited (RU) presents *in pieces...*, an exhibition featuring works by Abang-guard (Maureen Catbagan + Jevijoe Vitug), Tatiana Arocha, Miatta

Kawinzi, and Jodie Lyn-Kee-Chow at PS122 Gallery in New York. The exhibition is the culmination of RU's 2023 NYC-Based Artist Residency Program, where the artists focused on research and the development of multidisciplinary projects around the history of Little Manila in Woodside, Queens, and the intersections to immigration, labor, and visibility; the coca plant, colonization, scientific discoveries of cocaine, and the development of Coca-Cola; the links between the United States and Liberia reflecting upon personal, national, and transnational histories; and the interplay between sugar cane plantation slavery in Jamaica and the sugar cane industry in Scotland.

in pieces... encompasses a broad spectrum of narratives to shape a fuller and more nuanced understanding of historical knowledge and the intertwined formations of identity, memory and place. The exhibition draws its title from Dure Ahmed's essay "Nina Simone in Liberia," published on guernicamag.com in 2017. In the essay, Ahmed recounts an anecdote shared by a friend: "Liberia's past is in pieces, he said, and here's one of them. Maybe it's the one you're looking for." The essay was among many materials assigned by individual artists as part of weekly salon discussions that considered the sources shaping their projects.

In pieces... is curated by RU Guest Curator Rachel Raphaela Gugelberger.

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RU Panel: Decocainizing Coca: Challenging Western Narratives of a Sacred Plant



Dora Troyanc Tatiana Arocha Fabiola Piñacue Achicue Moderated by Marcela Vallejc

Thursday, June 15th, 2023 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Zoom Online Panel Spanish with live interpretation in English

A conversation about alternative pathways that reverse the Western narratives of the coca and visibilize the ancestral, quotidian, and sacred uses of the power plant by Andean and Amazonian communities for millennia.



Virtual Panel Thursday, June 15, 2023 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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Join us online for *Decocainizing Coca: Challenging Western Narratives of a Sacred Plant*, a panel about alternative pathways that reverse the Western narratives of the coca plant that have invisibilized the millenia-old ancestral, quotidian, and sacred uses of the power plant by Andean and Amazonian communities. The conversation is moderated by Marcela Vallejo, Pedagogical Coordinator for **Vist Projects** with speakers Dora Troyano, coordinator for **Alianza Coca Para la Paz**; Fabiola Piñacue Achicue, indigenous of the Nasa people, and founder of the commercial and resistance initiative **Coca Nasa**; and visual artist **Tatiana Arocha**.

Decocainizing Coca is organized in conjunction with *in pieces...*, the culminating exhibition of the 2023 NYC-Based Artist Residency Program on view at PS122 Gallery from June 10 - 25, 2023.





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