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KRISTOPHER RAOS EXPO CHICAGO | 2023

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Los Angeles artist Kristopher Raos adopts the aesthetics of advertising, exploiting the bold color and pop fonts of packaging for their formal possibilities and real-world associations, abstracting via adept cropping and clever manipulations. Executed in deft, precision brushwork, the works exist in the sweet spot between surface and object.

The labor of painting and the labor of daily life are here intricately connected. Raos recaptures time spent performing household tasks as a kind of aesthetic research, transforming the stuff of the world into fodder for the studio. It is an act of both recognition and elevation: a recognition of the abstract potential of midcentury commercial art, and an elevation of that material into something more. The results are a kind of Pop-inflected minimalism – hard edge by way of the corner drugstore.

Other works incorporate the shaped canvases and urban signage that characterize Raos' wider practice, tying this series into a particular Los Angeles landscape that has long served as a fruitful source of visual information.

-Ashley Park

Artist Instagram: @kristopher\_raos



## **EXPO CHICAGO**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (No Escaping the Housework, LLO, Special Offer) Acrylic, vinyl, and Gouache on canvas 72 x 72 inches 2023

**Embossed Text:** Special Offer

# **KRISTOPHER RAOS** EXPO CHICAGO



#### **EXPO CHICAGO**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (No Escaping the Housework, Special, Joy!) Acrylic, vinyl, and Gouache on canvas 72 x 72 inches 2023

Embossed Text: Special \$1.99

**EXPO CHICAGO** 



#### **EXPO CHICAGO**

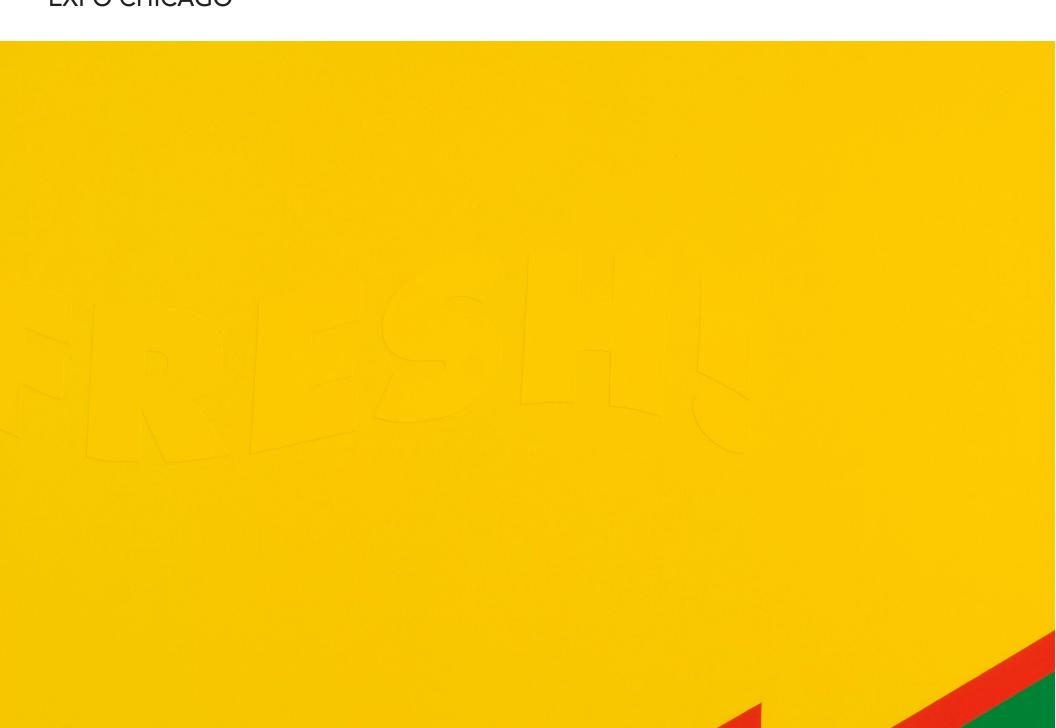


Kristopher Raos Untitled (No Escaping the Housework, Fresh Win!) Acrylic, vinyl, and Gouache on canvas 72 x 72 inches 2022

### **Embossed Text:**

Fresh!

# **KRISTOPHER RAOS** EXPO CHICAGO



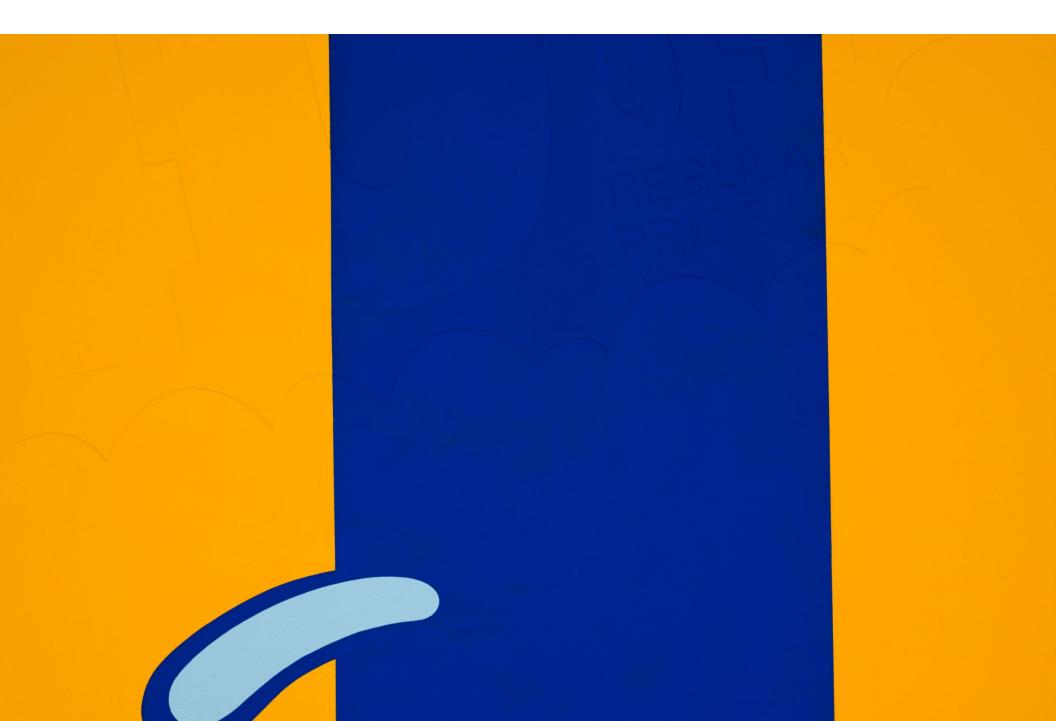
#### **EXPO CHICAGO**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled (All Complete, Now repeat #7, 40¢ off)
Acrylic, vinyl, and Gouache on canvas
74 x 60 inches
2023

Embossed Text: 40¢ off Regular Price

# **KRISTOPHER RAOS**EXPO CHICAGO



#### **EXPO CHICAGO**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (No Escaping the Housework, En-Jax Action!) Acrylic, vinyl, and Gouache on canvas 60 x 60 inches 2023

**Embossed Text:** With New En-Jax Action

**EXPO CHICAGO** 



#### **EXPO CHICAGO**

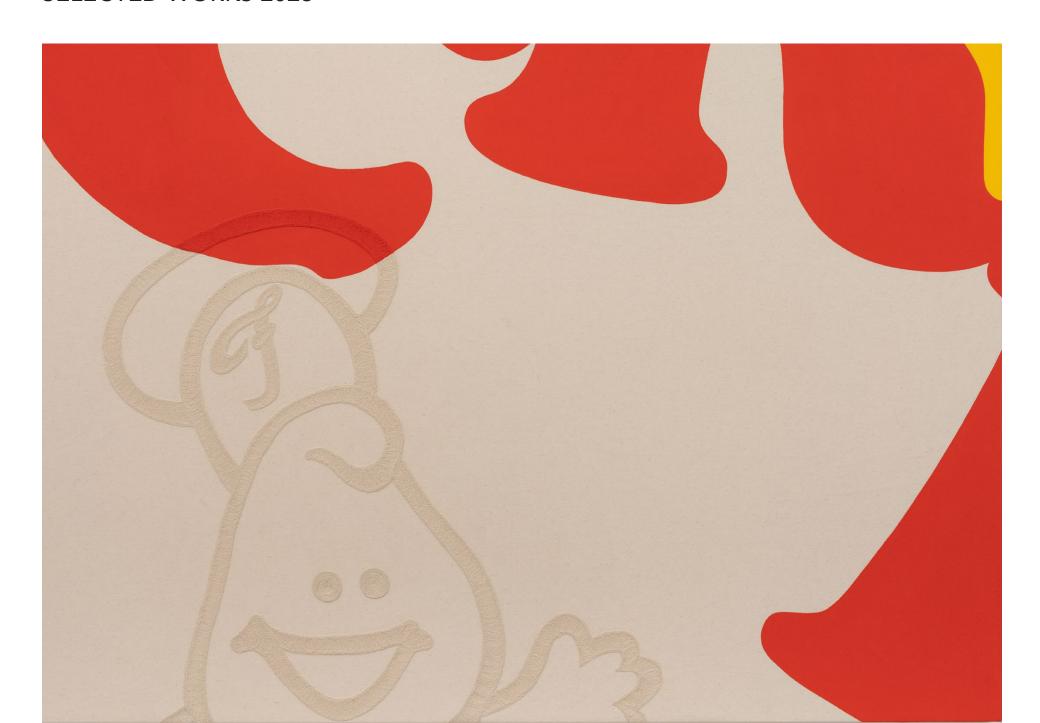


Kristopher Raos Untitled (No Escaping the Housework, All Temperature!) Acrylic, vinyl, and Gouache on canvas 60 x 60 inches 2023

**Embossed Text:** All Temperature



**SELECTED WORKS 2023** 



#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (Nobody's home. Blown Away) Synthetic polymer on canvas 80 x 62 inches 2022

# KRISTOPHER RAOS SELECTED WORKS 2023

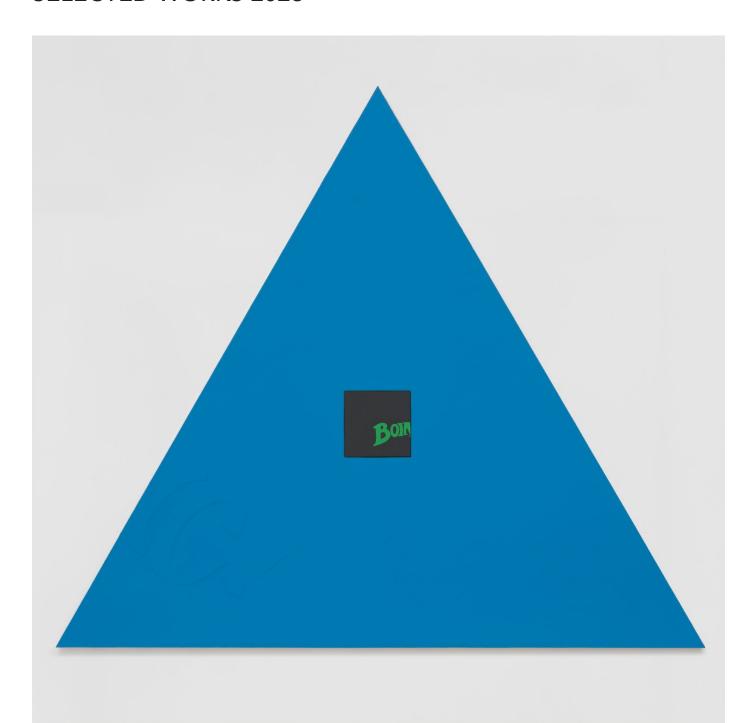


Kristopher Raos
Untitled (Aroma, Washed out)
Acrylic, cel vinyl and gouache on canvas
24 x 120 inches
2022

### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



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Kristopher Raos
Untitled (Quiero Boing!,
Sapo Verde)
Acrylic, Gouache and
Vinyl emulsion on canvas
64 x 74 inches
(artist shaped canvas)
2022

### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**





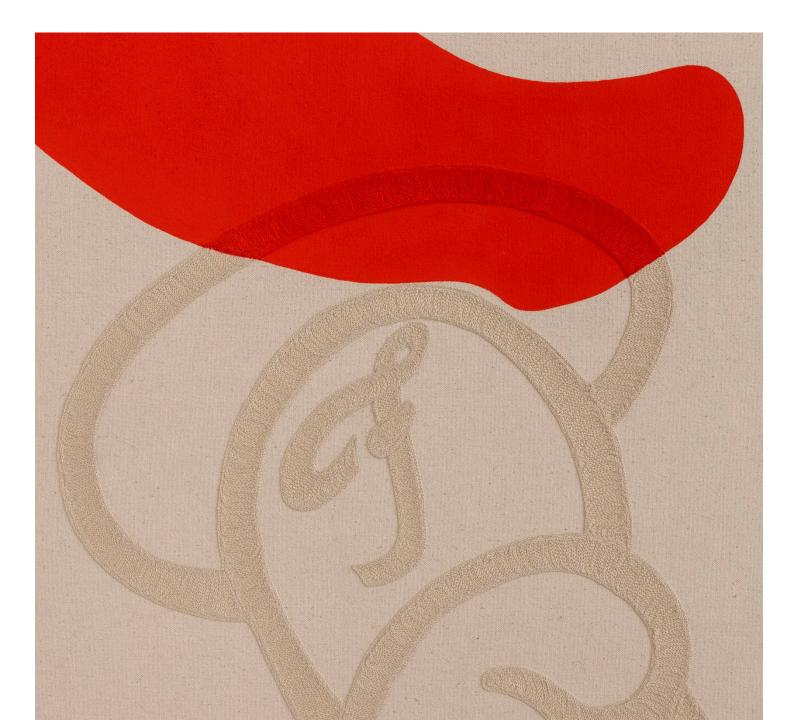
Untitled (Quiero Boing!, Sapo Verde)
Details

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled (Cream 3.
Less means, Poor)
Acrylic, cel vinyl,
gouache and chain stitch
on canvas
48 x 48 inches
2021

## **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



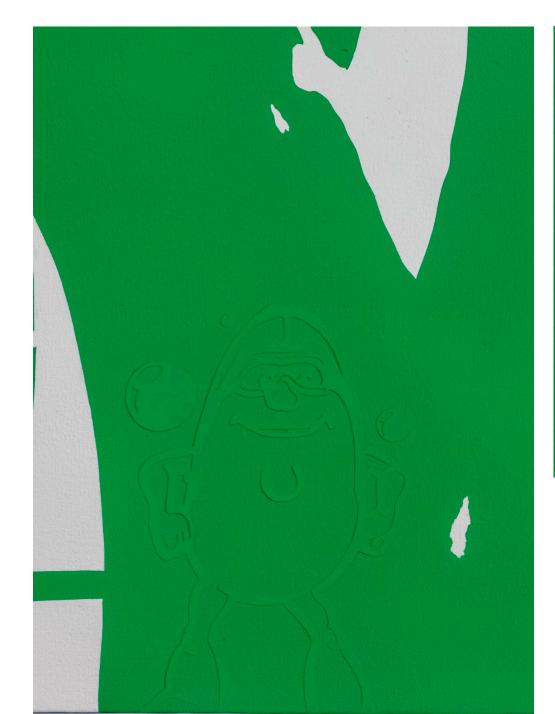
Untitled (Cream 3. Less means, Poor) Details

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled
(Quiero Boing!)
Acrylic, cel vinyl
and gouache on canvas
36 x 59 inches
shaped canvas
2022

## **SELECTED WORKS 2023**





Untitled (Quiero Boing!)
Details

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (Snake in the grass, Smile & Slither) Acrylic, cel vinyl and gouache on canvas 36 x 39 inches 2021

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



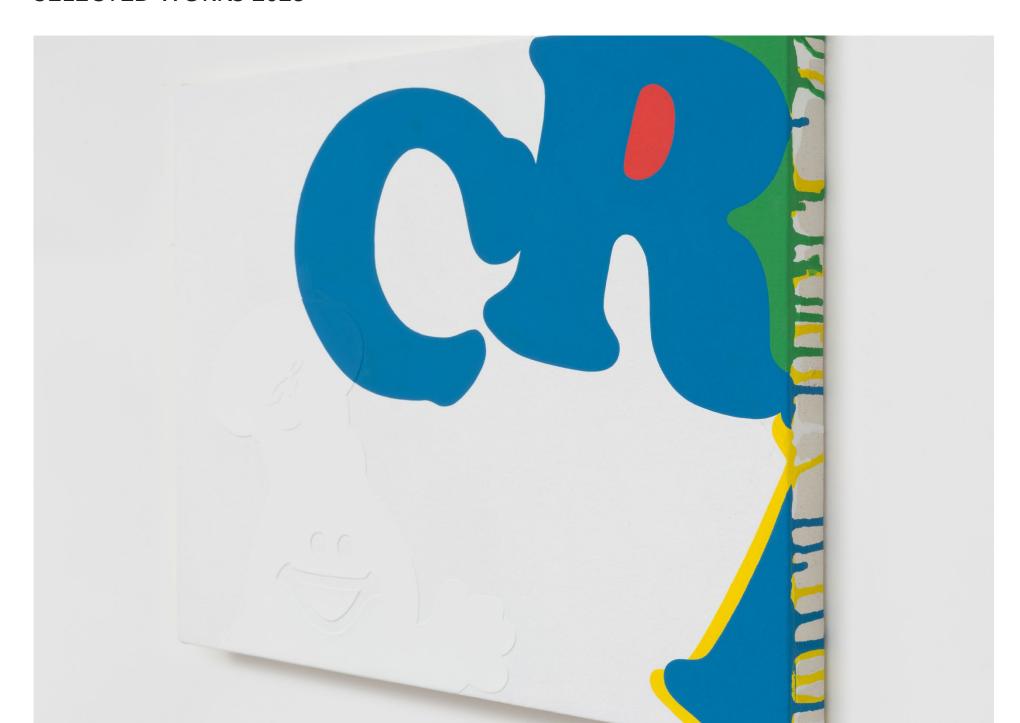
Kristopher Raos
Untitled (Pinche Perro 3.
Give A Dog A Bone.)
Acrylic, Gouache, vinyl
on canvas
18 x 24 inches
2020

### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled (Cream
Holy Ghost)
Acrylic, Gouache
and Vinyl emulsion
on canvas
15 x 18 inches
2022

**SELECTED WORKS 2023** 

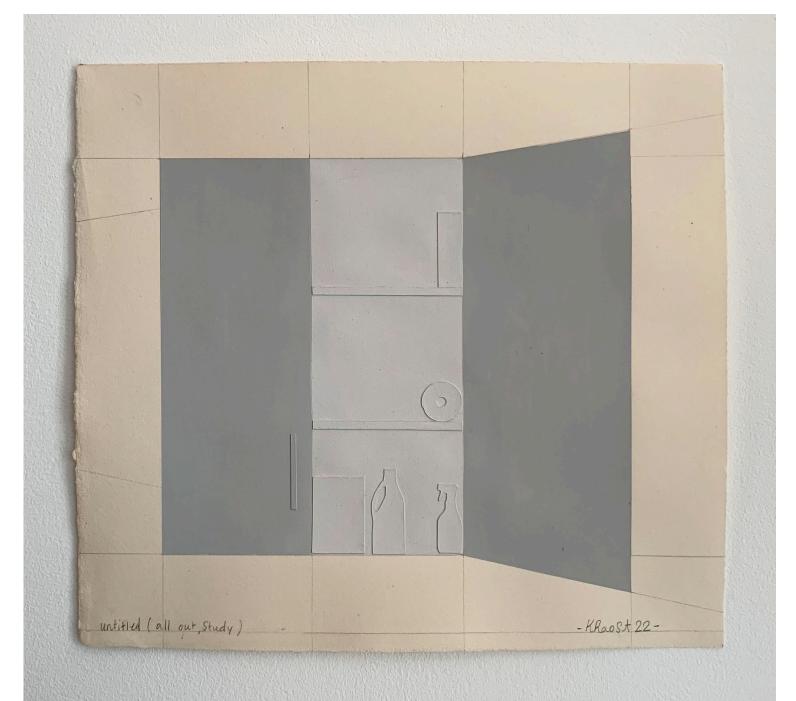


#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled (A-Jax Black/White)
Gouache on paper
9.5 x 9.5 inches
2022
Unframed

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Kristopher Raos
Untitled (all out/study)
Gouache on paper
9.5 x 9.5 inches
2022
Unframed

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled (Clorox/Clean)
Gouache on paper
9.5 x 9.5 inches
2022
Unframed

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (NETH, Wisk) Gouache on paper 9.5 x 9.5 inches 2022 Unframed

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (NETH, Trend, Study) Colored pencil on paper 7.5 x 6.5 inches 2022 Unframed

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Kristopher Raos
Untitled (NETH, Zote,
Study)
Colored pencil on paper
7.5 x 6.5 inches
2022
Unframed

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Kristopher Raos Untitled (NETH, Bold, Study) Colored pencil on paper 7.5 x 6.5 inches 2022 Unframed

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (NETH, All!, Study) Colored pencil on paper 7.5 x 6.5 inches 2022 Unframed

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos
Untitled (NETH, AJAX,
Study)
Colored pencil on paper
7.5 x 6.5 inches
2022
Unframed

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Kristopher Raos
Untitled (NETH, Cheer,
Study)
Colored pencil on paper
7.5 x 6.5 inches
2022
Unframed

#### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**



Kristopher Raos Untitled (Washing machine) Acrylic on canvas over panel 28 x 27 x 44 inches approx. 2022

### **SELECTED WORKS 2023**







## KRISTOPHER RAOS EXPO CHICAGO

Born 1987, Bakersfield, CA Lives and works in Los Angeles

#### Education

Self - Taught AA - Art History, Bakersfield College

#### Solo Exhibitions

2022 No Escaping the Housework, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles

2021 Open Late 7 Days a Week, As-is Gallery, Los Angeles

2020 Tire, Tired Marks, As-is Gallery, Los Angeles

2018 Blocked Out, MaRS Gallery, Los Angeles

#### **Group Exhibitions**

2023 The Wilds, RAM, Bakersfield, CA Horizons, Sow & Tailor, Hong Kong, China Feria Material, Charlie James Gallery, Mexico City, MX

2022 I DON'T WANT IT BUT I NEED IT, The Office + F2T Gallery, Miami, FL
 A Loop, Triangle & Trapezoid, BOZOMAG, Los Angeles, CA Southland Vol 2, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles.
 Rostro, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles
 A Minor Constellation, Chris Sharp Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Small Paintings, Venus Over Manhattan, New York, NY

Fummer Sun, RDFA, Los Angeles
 Fun House: A Celebration of Los Angeles Painting, RDFA,
 Los Angeles
 Razor in the Fray, Peripheral Space, Los Angeles

2020 Bakers Dozen, Torrence Art Museum, Torrence Slow And Steady, Pluto Projects, Los Angeles

2019 Drawings and Other Works on Paper, As-is Gallery, Los Angeles

2017 TIES A group show, Keystone Art Gallery, Los Angeles

