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Boston, January 20, 2022 - LaiSun Keane is pleased to present a two-person painting exhibition featuring Jessica Alazraki and Bryan Burk on view from January 27 to February 27, 2022.

This exhibition showcases representations and narratives in two different mediums. Jessica Alazraki represents the Latinx community utilizing a two-dimensional format, whereas Bryan Burk presents his concerns about the environment onto three-dimensional, hand thrown clay vessels. Alazraki paints with a lack of perspective and utilizes colors expressively. Her style and subjects bears influence from artists like Diego Rivera, Laura Wheeler Waring and Alice Neel. She often times includes children, pet dogs and a dining table in her compositions which has become a signature of her works.

Bryan Burk came to ceramics recently and has already shown prodigious talent. Formally trained as a painter, Burk has pursued a successful career as a tattoo artist, having worked for famed tattoo artist Bob Roberts for 11 years before owning and running his tattoo practice for over 10 years. Burk's paintings on clay bodies are heavily influenced by his tattoo art. Vessels which he hand throws and fires himself are like canvas surfaces for his expressions. Living in Los Angeles, his works are informed by the environment which has seen droughts, wild fires, systemic homelessness and the destruction of habitats of native species. In his beautifully rendered animals such as Red Tail Hawk or Coyote, he contrasts them with objects such as iPhone, garbage or tents occupied by the homeless in LA.

Jessica Alazraki (b. 1972, Mexico, lives NYC) studied at Parsons School of Designs, Long Island Academy of Art and NY Academy of art. She has exhibited extensively in New York City and won many awards and residencies. She was one of the winners of New American Paintings Issue 152 juried by MFA Boston's Liz Munsell. Her works are in the collection of Rubell Museum and Perez Museum.

Bryan Burk (b. 1974, Houston TX, lives LA) received his BA in Fine Arts from Bennington College, VT. He has exhibited in Los Angeles, CA and Helena, MT and completed a residency at Archie Bray Foundation, MT.

An Opening Reception will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and an Artist Talk on Saturday February 5, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. For more details and the exhibition checklist, email info@laisunkeane.com.

Jessica Alazraki and Bryan Burk

At LaiSun Keane January 27 to February 27, 2022 460C Harrison Ave C8A Boston MA 02118

Normal gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 12 - 6pm, Sunday 12 - 4pm or by appointment

COVID19 rules and guidelines:

Masks required for all visitors and proof of vaccination as per Boston city mandates

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Bryan BurkPolar Bear, Shipping Container, Polygons
Stoneware, glaze and underglaze
21 x 15 in

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Jessica Alazraki Mirror, 2020 Oil on canvas 32x 32 in