

# AMERICA TO ME: A Retrospective Featuring AMERICA MARTIN - Laguna Beach

February 7 – April 30, 2019



Seagull, Dock & Port  
Oil & acrylic on canvas  
73" X 107" in.

# Closed

Presented by JoAnne Artman Gallery

## Press Release

### AMERICA TO ME

Bursting with life, form, and color, America Martin's compositions pioneer a reaffirmation of life and the human experience. JoAnne Artman Gallery is pleased to present, America to Me, an exhibition featuring both new and retrospective work rooted in Martin's investigation of the human form and its context.

Exploring the identity of both her namesake and country, LA-based America Martin draws inspiration from her Colombian heritage and the human figure to represent a diverse portrayal of what and who America is. With resounding vulnerability, Martin showcases a reflection of self and of country while simultaneously addressing her individualism and nationality.

Refusing to universalize the American dream or experience, she instead meditates on the importance of individual narration and on her own ability to navigate these ideas through artistic outlet.

Replete with biographical anecdotes and self-reflections, Martin integrates her strong personality and story telling as she

cogitates upon the opportunities and challenges that America, the country, has afforded America, the artist. Sparking conversations about what has and has not succeeded in both her personal experience and in the quest for freedom and eradication of bias, each work is created both to question and to express gratitude. Remaining true to her heritage and integrity as an artist, this retrospective serves as a nostalgic memoir infused with tales of opportunity and Martin's raw talent.

Adhering to her signature style, Martin seamlessly introduces allegory through radical forms and an unmistakable aesthetic sensibility. Strikingly bold in composition and narrative, Martin's

works investigate the framework of humanity as she continues the ubiquitous theme of identity. Offering a hopeful look towards a future of inclusivity and acceptance, Martin's artwork alludes to the America we hope to be.

AMERICA MARTIN (b. 1980, Los Angeles, CA) is a Colombian American fine artist based in Los Angeles, CA.

America Martin's work will inspire, provoke, engage and mesmerize. With visual perceptions always changing, peek behind the stories told and you're sure to find the right artistic expression.

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FEB-APRIL 2019

Artist Reception: February 7th, 2019 from 6-8pm

Please RSVP: 949.510.5481 by February 1st, 2019

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## Opening Reception

Thu, Feb 7, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00pm UTC

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## Location

326 North Coast Highway

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Wed – Sun from 11 – 5 and by appointment