

THE LAST DANCE

An historical group show curated by Richard F. Taittinger
January 23 - February 18, 2025

Richard Taittinger Gallery is honored to announce *The Last Dance*, an extraordinary historical group exhibition that marks the final chapter of the gallery's decade-long tenure at its iconic 154 Ludlow Street location. Curated by Richard F. Taittinger, this exhibition is both a celebration of artistic legacy and a poignant farewell to a space that has been a cornerstone of New York's contemporary art scene for ten years. The Last Dance presents an unparalleled collection of works by 27 artists whose careers span from the 1940s to today, showcasing the evolution of contemporary art across decades. This historical exhibition weaves together a narrative of innovation, provocation, and transformation, offering visitors a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the convergence of iconic and emerging voices in art.

The exhibition includes a stellar roster of artists: Charlotte Abramow, Haluk Akakçe, William Anders, Daniel Arsham, Arvida Byström, Nassos Daphnis, Maryam Eisler, Gérard Fromanger, Timothy Goodman, Recycle Group, Bruce High Quality Foundation, Gregor Hildebrandt, Sheree Hovsepian, Robert Indiana, Aki Kuroda, Teresa Margolles, Jorge Mayet, Theo Mercier, Jacques Monory, Alexander Ponomarev, Maria Qamar, Bernard Rancillac, Cheri Samba, Jay Samit, Pascale Marthine Tayou, Joana Vasconcelos, and Andy Warhol.

Charlotte Abramow's evocative photography challenges societal norms and delves into themes of identity and self-expression, while Haluk Akakçe's mesmerizing video installations blur the boundaries between technology and the human experience. Andy Warhol's iconic works continue to explore the enduring intersections of culture and consumerism, standing as timeless pillars of Pop Art. Nassos Daphnis and Bernard Rancillac bring bold, graphic styles that encapsulate the spirit of post-war art movements, while Pascale Marthine Tayou's multidisciplinary creations poignantly reflect on global migration, identity, and environmental issues. Maria Qamar's witty, satirical paintings resonate deeply with a millennial audience through their incisive commentary on cultural hybridity.

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From the political vibrancy of Gérard Fromanger's paintings to the immersive, large-scale installations of Joana Vasconcelos, *The Last Dance* is a testament to art's power to challenge, reflect, and reshape perceptions. Visitors will also encounter transformative works by Daniel Arsham, whose erosion aesthetics challenge the constructs of time, and Teresa Margolles, whose raw and poignant installations confront pressing socio-political realities with unflinching clarity.

Over the past ten years, 154 Ludlow Street has been more than a gallery space; it has been a vibrant cultural hub for artists, collectors, and art enthusiasts. Richard Taittinger Gallery has hosted over 50 exhibitions, each one a testament to the transformative power of contemporary art. This final exhibition serves as both a celebration of the gallery's legacy and an invitation to envision new horizons.

The grand opening of *The Last Dance* promises to be an unforgettable evening, with art lovers and collectors coming together to honor this momentous occasion. From 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on January 23, the gallery will host a celebratory reception, engaging discussions, and a toast to a decade of creativity and innovation.

While *The Last Dance* marks the end of an era, it also heralds a new chapter for Richard Taittinger. The gallery will continue to champion cutting-edge contemporary art, with plans to explore new spaces and initiatives that push the boundaries of traditional gallery models.

Richard Taittinger Gallery wants to take this opportunity to thank all the curators that have contributed to the many shows exhibited at the 154 Ludlow Street location: Gregory Lang, Yoyo Maeght, Carole Naggar, Jerome Sans, Ugochukwu-Smooth C. Nzewi and Maria Rus Bojan.

The gallery also wants to thank all the artist that has been exhibited: Haluk Akakce, Wang Du, Theo Mercier, Alexander Ponomarev, Recycle Group, Ding Yi, Aida Muluneh, Amalia Ramanakirahina, Amina Menia, Beatrice Wanjiku, Chika Modum, Chike Obeagu,

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This is a celebration and we are very grateful to everyone that has taken an interest in the gallery over the years.

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