

Povos Announces Inaugural Exhibition at New West Town Location, First of 2023

Bloom features the work of 31 artists examining spring in landscapes real and imagined.

Povos is thrilled to announce *Bloom*, the inaugural exhibition in the gallery's new location at 1541 W Chicago Ave. *Bloom* includes work from 31 artists, the vast majority of whom are young, emerging artists local to Chicago and the Midwest.

In the words of Tolstoy, "spring is the time of plans and projects." *Bloom* examines spring as a period for rebirth and growth both pictorially and symbolically, the first fruits of several months of labor that gallerist Lucca Colombelli put into renovating a new home for Povos and its artists in West Town. With *Bloom*, the gallery welcomes not only a forthcoming change in weather, but a new season of growth.

Colombelli's focus on landscape and nature for his first curatorial adventure at Povos's new location is fitting for the landscape artist, whose own work, "Sun Sets on Winter" is included in the show alongside faces familiar to long standing followers of the gallery and its impressive roster of highly emergent young artists: William Schaeuble, Eleonore Zurawski, Madeleine Finley, Griffin Plumer & Benito Quas Longoria, who makes his Povos debut with *Bloom* in anticipation of a solo show later in the year.

"I think it is always a win when a group of artists get together and pull something off," Colombelli said. "With Povos's recent move to West Town, I am honored to be among some of the biggest Chicago names in art dealing. It feels like we have a seat at the table."

The formation and transcription of narrative within those interpretations serve to guide viewers naturally through the new, 2300 square foot space. The gallery's clean, minimalist aesthetic brings the lush texture and chroma of these myriad landscapes, real and imagined, into sharp relief.

Daylight savings is just around the corner and Chicagoans have been teased with false spring long enough; despite what the forecast may promise (or threaten), a new season has commenced at Povos.

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