

## Emerson da Silva

### *Novas Espécies*

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Palácio presents **Novas Espécies**, the first individual exhibition of Emerson da Silva.

Two compositions, in separate spaces, randomly constituted in their arrangement of elements, introduce to abstract representations of terrestrial ecosystems. A fluid junction of raw materials that divide the same space, replicating the natural and balanced interaction that occurs in clippings of nature - the occupation of the same land by several species, in a harmonic and interactive way. Cement block, steel screen, acrylic, with light device compositions, on a white textile, make up the works. In the dark room, a black light amplifies the presence of works and maximizes their relationship with space.

At a selected site for collection, three Petri dishes are arranged in the soil - for a samples collect of microbiota material from the environment. During the time of the exhibition, it's created a set of species from a specific location, which is formed through a unique microbiota natural selection equation - of inconceivable replication. The process is documented and presented in three photos, inducing the viewer to the spatial atmosphere of the environment defined for the collections.

The collected units are arranged together at the exhibition, in a wall of the empty space. Separately, generated from a process of cloning the collected matter, three other species are inoculated; under the same mode of presentation, in another room.

As main pillars of the exhibition, **Novas Espécies** is based on the creation and representation of compositions between living beings, in conjunction with the aesthetic resulting from the capacity of infinite and irreplicable variation of these processes. The artificial and the organic-natural, the theoretical scientific process and the creation of simulated materials, in contrast, and acting together.

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