

GALERIA PALÁCIO

Andrés Stephanou
Collective Motion
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Galeria Palácio is pleased to present *Collective Motion*, Andrés Stephanou's third solo exhibition with the gallery. *Collective Motion* is dedicated to the presentation of a single work, with the same title of the exhibition.

Collective Motion (2018–19) simulates a network of individual bodies acting in collective motion, under a random, unpredictable, and non-replicable sequence of events. The network of self-propelled particles constantly and randomly changes its shape, performing a never-ending, non-repetitive, and unscheduled process of self-organization. A network of individual bodies where each body acts independently but following the same set of behavior rules. Such a set of behavior rules guide each body on how to respond to the relationship with its nearest neighbors (interaction, alignment, cohesion, and volume).

Collective Motion takes inspiration in the nonlinearity, decentralization, and emergent behavior found in self-organized pattern formations of the natural and social environment – in the broadest sense of representation, from micro to macro scales. The visual experience explores the possibilities of meaning, proposing new ways to interpret the world, the everyday, and life itself.

Computer-generated in real time – having no beginning, middle, and end –, *Collective Motion* introduces a notion of temporality (past and present). Generative, the visual experience presents the ability to generate infinite possibilities of self-organized pattern formations. At each hour operating in the exhibition, *Collective Motion* produces more than two hundred thousand distinct patterns formations of itself. The current pattern formation will not recur again. No two visual experiences of *Collective Motion* are alike. The artwork proposes notions of motion, change, mutability, unpredictability, ephemerality, and singularity.