

GALERIA PALÁCIO

Emerson da Silva: *Luz, Água e Terra Preta*

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Galeria Palácio is pleased to present *Luz, Água e Terra Preta*, Emerson da Silva's first solo exhibition with the gallery. A film, a photograph installation, and a photograph are presented.

The life cycle of a group of lettuce in a small garden was documented during two months by Emerson da Silva in *Terrestre* (2017, HD video, stereo, 12 min). The lettuce and its evolutionary process are figured as a resonance of life on the planet Earth. Fertile to life, the earth's surface as a cultivation ground for food production – the planet Earth and its unique weather conditions. *Terrestre* is structured in four conjunctures:

- The lettuce seeds fertilization in modules.
- The transplantation of seedlings seeded, at the beginning of life, to the terrestrial soil.
- The changing plasticity during the lettuce development life cycle.
- The reach of adulthood of the group of lettuce grown and its final harvest.

In *Pré-Consumo, Alface Lisa* (2017), a photograph is presented, introducing to the public a symbolic image to the narrative documented in the film *Terrestre*. The photograph perpetuates the existence of one of the lettuce from the small garden documented in the film, at the time of the pre-harvest life cycle; and subsequent consumption.

An imagery narrative parallel to the one introduced in the film *Terrestre* is presented in an installation of seven photographs, with a homonymous title of the exhibition. In *Luz, Água e Terra Preta* (2017), the key elements employed by Emerson da Silva in the construction of the film *Terrestre* dialogue and interrelate. To the public is proposed an understanding of the narrative presented in the film from a new visual composition.

Emerson da Silva (1988, Porto Alegre, Brazil) lives and works in Porto Alegre.