

Caminos De La Vida

John Rivas



Ross + Kramer is pleased to announce the opening of *Caminos De La Vida*, a presentation of new works by John Rivas, at the gallery's Chelsea location.

John Rivas (b. 1997, Newark, NJ) is a first generation Salvadoran-American artist whose practice is guided by the traditions, culture, and imagery of his ancestors. In his dextrous, often sculptural paintings, Rivas celebrates the importance of family and community through the lens of his Salvadoran roots. Typically, the artist uses a variety of materials—including paint, felt, fabric, wood, corn, beans, embroidery, and found objects—in his intimate, narrative-rich compositions. Exploring and adapting notions of legacy and preservation, Rivas sources subjects from his mother's photo albums and draws inspiration from family practices and traditions.

Caminos De La Vida features a selection of new paintings in which Rivas directs focus to form, color, and composition with his sole use of acrylic paint. Vivid, precise color fills each canvas, as negative and positive space meet in a collage-like fashion in *Los Domingos son para la Familia, Futbol, y unas Chelas* (2022) and divergent techniques and dimensions coalesce in *Gracias por las Pinturas de mi Hijo* (2022).

Rivas received his BFA from School of Visual Arts (SVA) and his MFA from Columbia University. His work has been exhibited nationwide and can be found in the collection of The Perez Art Museum in Miami, Florida.

Caminos De La Vida will open on February 9, 2023 from 6–8pm and run through February 18, 2023. The gallery is located at 515 W 27th Street, New York, NY 10001 and is open from 11am–6pm, Tuesday–Saturday. For more information and images, please contact info@rkgallery.com.