



Studio away from Studio : Artists in COVID19 Quarantine

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- Where are you? Do you have Quarantine? Since when?

I have been staying home every day since the schools closed on March 16th, almost a month ago. I brought back some materials from my studio but not that much.

- How many times do you leave your house? Are you with family and/or pets?

Nowadays I leave the house to run every day in the neighborhood while my son rides his bicycle. I'm home with my husband and 3-year-old son.

- How are you feeling?

I'm ok, I see this strange time more like a parenthesis in my life and I know it's temporary; I try not to put too much pressure on myself. I'm more afraid of the economic and social consequences post-covid19.

- Are you making work? If so, is there a difference since the quarantine, such as inspiration, motivation, productivity, etc?

I make much less work as I have to take care of my son but I try to work on something whenever I have a free hour. For now I'm using the same materials that I brought back from the studio to make molds for future paper-based pieces as a part of my papermaking residency at Dieu Donné (Workspace residency).

- Are you making something new or working on something you started before the quarantine?

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Beside the mixed media molds that I mentioned earlier, I just started to make little 3 dimensional figures using domestic materials (cloth, pillow case, blanket...).

- Are you making any work related to Covid19?

The work I am making is related to the fact that I have to use the materials that are around me right now and that belong to the universe of a home. The work also reflects a certain state of mind and state of being during Covid19, it's important to keep making work during this time in my opinion.

Has it changed any future art projects you had in mind or planned?

Not really since I had to make these works for the papermaking residency I just started (suspended for now).

- Has it changed any exhibition plans?

No but I got accepted to a residency that was also postponed.

- Has the medium changed due to limited resources or due to staying at home instead of studio?

Yes I'm gluing these leather pieces together with a glue gun instead of sewing them as I left my sewing machine at the studio and I'm working a bit smaller than usual.

- Is art helping you stay sane?

Yes! And running too.

- Do you have another job that has been affected?

I was also working on this art commission project for a hotel but the work

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was almost done anyway but the installation on site has been postponed as well.

- Are you reaching out to other artists?

Yes some of my artist friends and also people around me who are parents to support each other.

- Do you feel the art world has come to a stop?

No I feel it's still very active online.

- If you are staying at home, do you see your home differently?

Not really

- What do you miss the most as an artist during this quarantine?

Mostly openings and studio visits - the human and social connections...