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# Frank Walter





Frank Walter - Retrato [Portrait]

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Antigua e Barbuda, 1926 - 2009

Frank Walter se firmou um dos maiores criadores da diáspora afro-caribenha, sendo reconhecido com uma retrospectiva na Bienal de Veneza e grandes exposições em Londres, Nova York, Edimburgo, Frankfurt e Bruxelas. Além de pinturas, construiu esculturas em madeira, escreveu textos sobre estética, política, a relação entre homem e natureza, além de poesia e ópera. Em arte, respondeu a motivos da arte moderna europeia, imaginou o espaço cósmico e pintou paisagens de diferentes lugares do Caribe.

A sua escolha por pequenos formatos permitia que pintasse no colo, sobre uma mesa ou na palma da mão, como que tomando notas. Com uma surpreendente economia de meios, Walter sintetizava paisagens inteiras. Uma simples linha branca torna-se uma longa nuvem no horizonte, uma linha preta torna-se um tronco de árvore que enquadra uma vista marinha. Sobre superfícies diminutas, Frank Walter nos faz ver espaços surpreendentemente amplos e imersivos.

Frank Walter has been established as one of the major creators in the Afro-Caribbean diaspora, being recognized with a retrospective at the Venice Biennale and large-scale exhibitions in London, New York, Edinburgh, Frankfurt and Brussels. Apart from his small paintings, he built wooden sculptures, wrote texts on aesthetics, politics, and the relationship between man and nature, as well as poetry and opera. In art, he responded to issues in European modern art, imagined cosmic space and painted landscapes from different places in the Caribbean.

His choice of the small format allowed him to paint on his lap, on a desk or in the palm of his hand, as if taking notes. With an astounding economy of means, Walter synthesized entire landscapes. A simple white line becomes a long cloud on the horizon, a black one becomes a tree trunk framing an ocean view. His landscapes, though painted on tiny surfaces, are surprisingly ample and spatially immersive.

**Exposições selecionadas [Selected exhibitions]**



# **Artist, Gardener, Radical**

Garden Museum | London, UK 2023



**Frank Walter: Artist, Gardener, Radical**  
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**FRANK WALTER**  
**Calyspo / Calypso Fruits, n.d [s.d]**  
Oil on triple-ply cardboard [Óleo sobre papelão ondulado]  
53.9 x 27.3 cm [21.2 x 10.7 in]







**FRANK WALTER**  
**Calypso / Calypso Fruits, n.d [s.d]**  
Detail [Detalhe]





**FRANK WALTER**

**Abstract Red Birds, n.d [s.d]**

Oil on photograph with silver emulsion [Óleo sobre fotografia em emulsão de prata]

20.3 x 24.8 cm [8 x 9.7 in]





**FRANK WALTER**  
**Abstract Red Birds, n.d [s.d]**  
Detail [Detalhe]





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**FRANK WALTER**

**Untitled (White Vision Out the Window), n.d [s.d]**

Oil and pencil on single-ply cardboard [Óleo e lápis sobre papelão ondulado]

28.6 x 45.1 cm [11.2 x 17.7 in]





**FRANK WALTER**  
**Untitled (White Vision Out the Window), n.d [s.d]**  
Detail [Detail]





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**FRANK WALTER**

**Untitled [Tall Black Bluffs, Red Poppies], n.d. [s.d.]**

Oil on single-ply cardboard [Óleo sobre papelão ondulado]

Unframed [Sem moldura]: 21.5 x 20.5 cm [8.5 x 8 in]

Framed [Emoldurada]: 34.3 x 33.4 x 4 cm [13.5 x 13.1 x 1.5 in]





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**Untitled [Tall Black Bluffs, Red Poppies], n.d. [s.d.]**  
Detail [Detailhe]



**FRANK WALTER**  
Untitled [Tall Black Bluffs, Red Poppies], n.d. [s.d.]





**FRANK WALTER**

**Untitled [Single Bird], n.d. [s.d.]**

Oil on Polaroid film cartridge box

[Óleo sobre caixa de cartuchos de fotografia instantânea]

Unframed [Sem moldura]: 10 x 8.2 cm [3.9 x 3.2 in]





**FRANK WALTER**

**Untitled [Shark], n.d. [s.d.]**

Oil on biocomposite material on masonite

[Óleo sobre biocompósito e chapa de fibras]

Unframed [Sem moldura]: 24 x 24 cm [9.4 x 9.4 in]

Framed [Emoldurada]: 36.3 x 36.3 x 3 cm [14.2 x 14.2 x 1.1 in]







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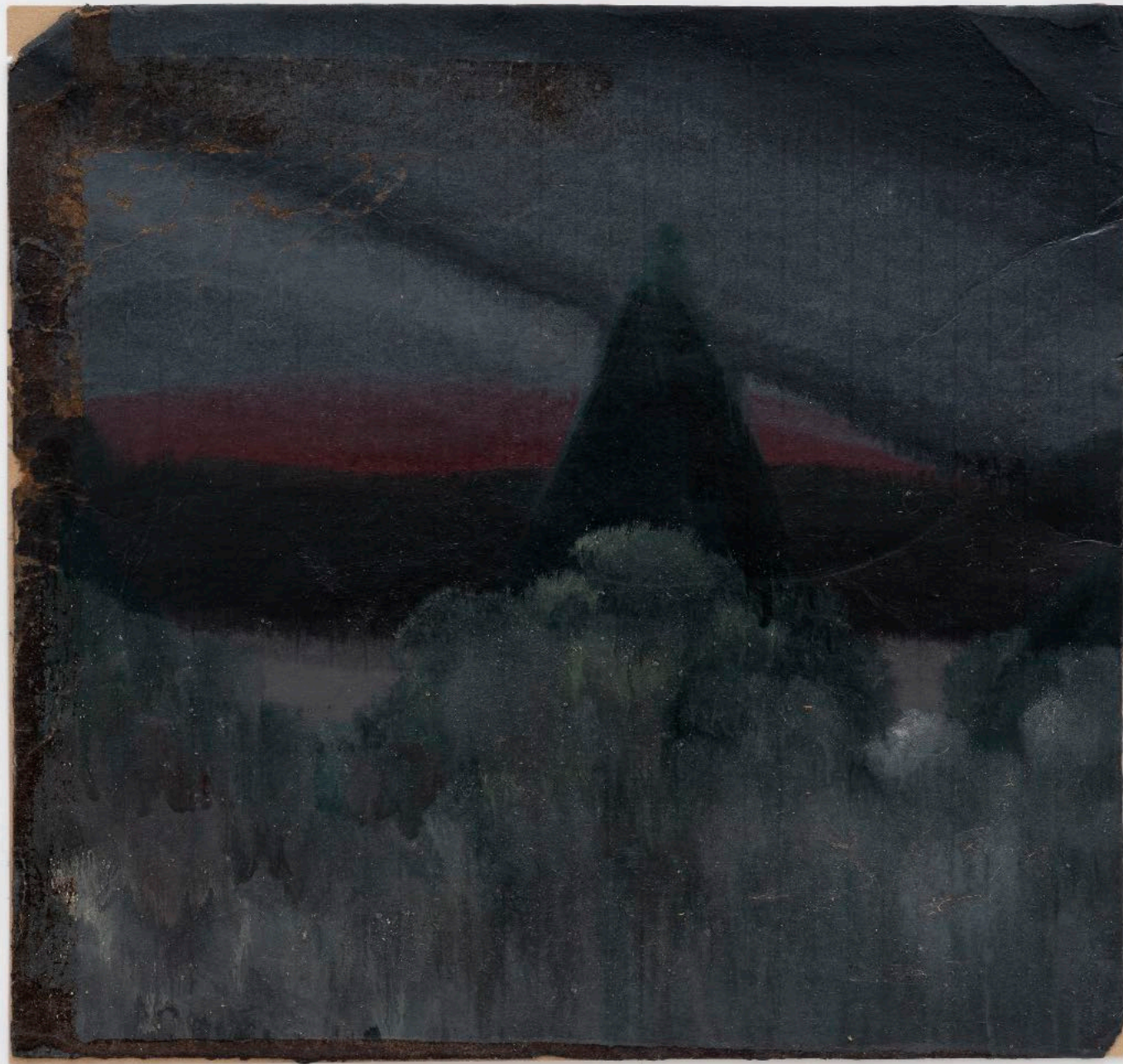
**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled [View of Dark Pink Sky through Trees], s/d [n/d]**  
Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on single ply cardboard  
40.5 x 39.5 x 4 cm [15.9 x 15.5 x 1.5 in]





**Frank Walter**  
Fortes D'Aloia & Gabriel | São Paulo, Brasil, 2023





**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled [Dark Grey & Red Sky with Black Pyramid], s/d [n/d]**  
Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on single ply cardboard]  
40.5 x 42 x 4 cm [15.9 x 16.5 x 1.5 in]





**Frank Walter**  
Fortes D'Aloia & Gabriel | São Paulo, Brasil, 2023





**Frank Walter**

**Untitled [Nocturnal View of Hills with Lights], s/d [n/d]**

Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on single ply cardboard]

41.5 x 39.5 x 4 cm [16.3 x 15.5 x 1.5 in]



# **By Land Air, Home and Sea: The World of Frank Walter**

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**By Land Air, Home and Sea: The World of Frank Walter**  
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**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Yellow Sky), n.d.**  
Óleo sobre papel fotográfico [Oil on photograph]  
20.2 x 25.1 cm [8 x 9 7/8 in]





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**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Pink Sky, Green Field), n.d.**  
Óleo sobre papel cartão [Oil on cardstock]  
13.4 x 18.5 cm [5 1/4 x 7 1/4 in]





**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Dark Lavender Sky, Two Trees, White Water), n.d.**  
Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on single-ply cardboard]  
17.2 x 13.5 cm [6 3/4 x 5 1/4 in]



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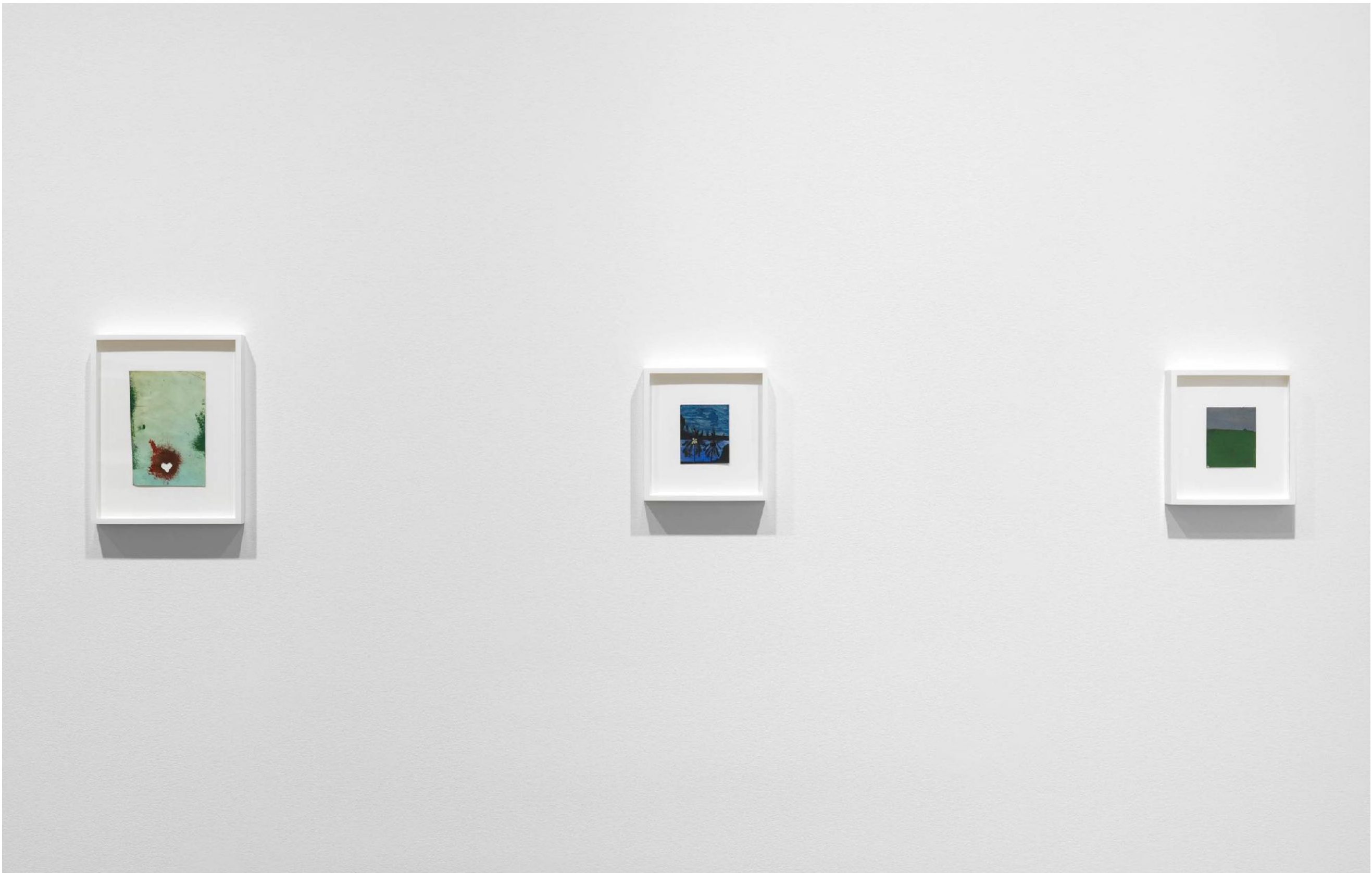




**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Dark Lavender Sky, Two Trees, White Water), n.d.**

Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on single-ply cardboard]

17.2 x 13.5 cm [6 3/4 x 5 1/4 in]



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**Frank Walter**

**Untitled (Two Coconut Palms Night Sky), n.d.**

Óleo sobre filme Polaroid [Oil on Polaroid film cartridge box]

9.8 x 8 cm [3 7/8 x 3 1/8 in]



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# **Thaddeus Mosley and Frank Walter; Sanctuary**

St James Catholic Church | Thomaston, USA, 2022



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**Frank Walter**

***Untitled (Sailboat)*, ND**

Óleo sobre papel cartão [Oil on card stock]

31.75 × 31.45 cm [12½ × 12¾ inches;]



**Frank Walter**  
***Untitled (Changing Man Blue Grey)*, ND**  
Óleo sobre madeira [Oil on wood]  
27.94 × 20.32 cm [10<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> × 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in]





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**Frank Walter**  
***Untitled (Arawak Ceremony)***, ND  
Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on single-ply cardboard]  
27.64 × 44.15 cm [10<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> × 17<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in]



**Frank Walter**  
***Untitled, ND***  
Óleo sobre papelão [Oil on cardboard]  
25.40 × 17.78 cm [10 × 7 in]





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**Untitled (Heraldic beast [Eagle]), n.d.**

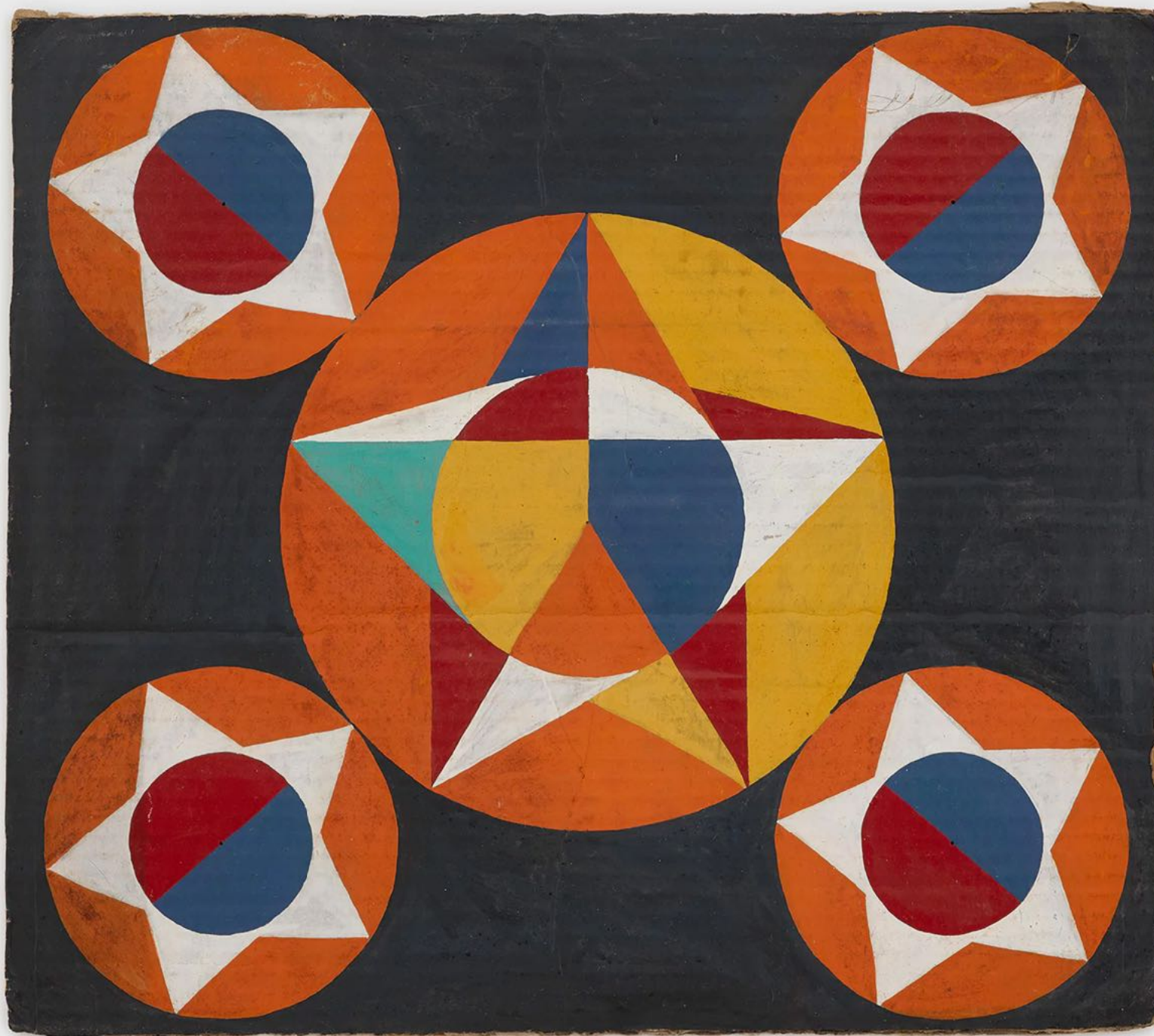
Óleo e guache sobre papelão [Oil and gouache on single-ply cardboard]

26 x 24.5 cm [10 1/4 x 9 5/8 in]



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**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Psycho-Geometrics), n.d.**  
Óleo sobre papel cartão [Oil on cardboard]  
31.8 x 35.9 cm [12 1/2 x 14 1/8 in]



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**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Lavender sky, black bird formation), n.d.**  
Oil on Polaroid film cartridge box  
10 x 7.9 cm [3 7/8 x 3 1/8 inches]





**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Red sunrise, orange sky), n.d.**

Óleo sobre filme de Polaroid [Oil on Polaroid film cartridge box ]

10 x 8.3 cm [3 7/8 x 3 1/4 inches]



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**Frank Walter**

**Untitled (Scotland with white river and trees and two birds in flight), n.d.**

Óleo sobre filme de Polaroid [Oil on Polaroid film cartridge box]

10.2 x 8.3 cm [4 x 3 1/4 inches]



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**Frank Walter**

**Untitled (Lady with a white hat), n.d.**

Óleo sobre lâmina de madeira [Oil on laminated wood panel]

43.2 x 12.1 cm [17 x 4 3/4 inches]



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**Frank Walter**  
**Untitled (Yellow shirted man on green background), n.d.**  
Óleo sobre papel [Oil on paper]  
25 x 20 cm [9 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches]



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# **Frank Walter: A Retrospective**

Museum für Moderne Kunst | Frankfurt, Germany, 2020



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Frank Walter  
Untitled, n. d





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Frank Walter  
Milky Way Galaxy, n.d.



Frank Walter  
Centrifugal Sun Rockets, n. d.





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Untitled, n. d



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Frank Walter  
Untitled, n. d



Frank Walter  
Untitled, n. d

# **The Last Universal Man**

La Biennale di Venezia | Venice, Italy, 2017





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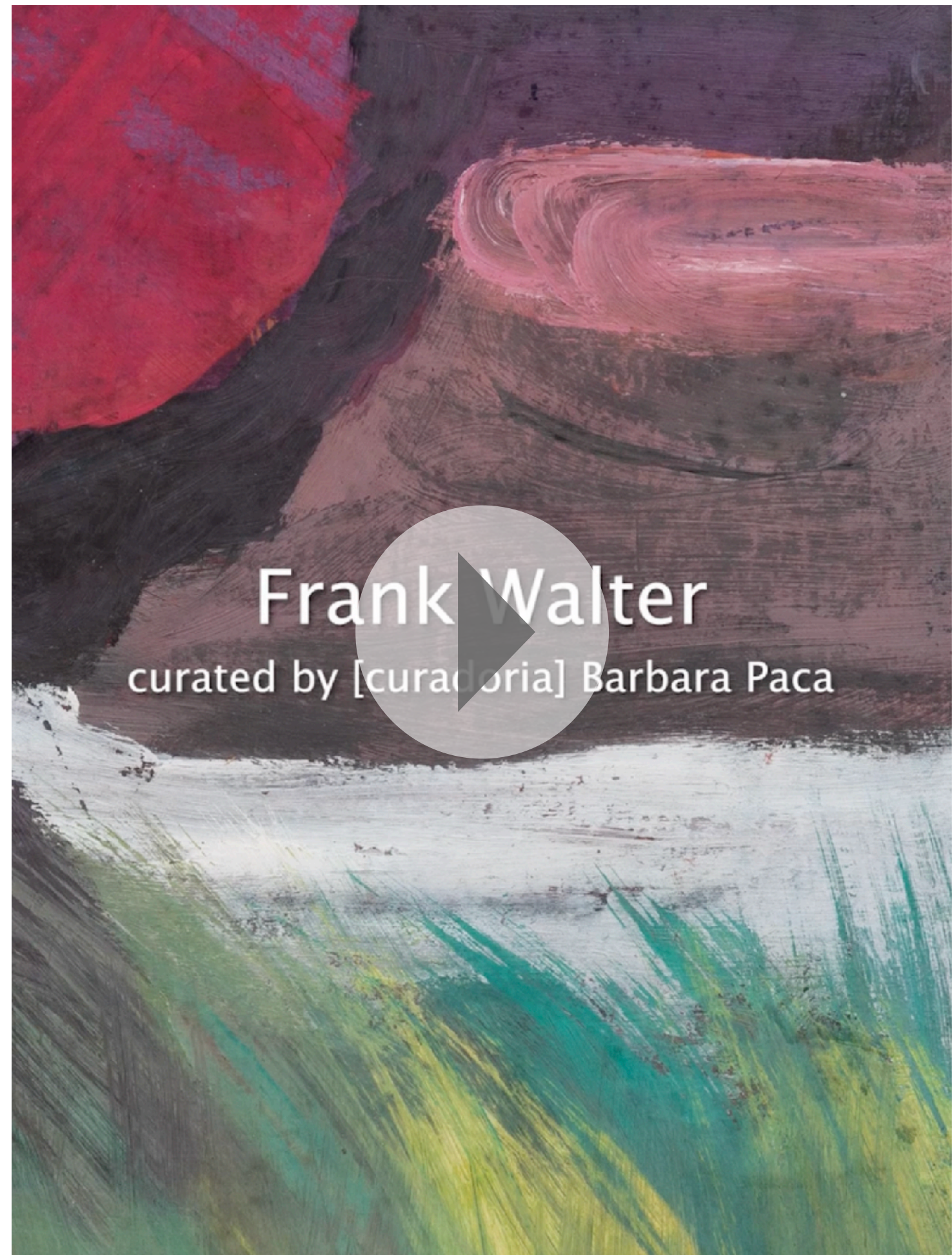




**The Last Universal Man**  
La Biennale di Venezia | Venice, Italy, 2017

**Vídeos [Videos]**





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curated by [curadoria] Barbara Paca

Trecho do poema "What Art Is", escrito e gravado em fita por [Excerpt of the poem "What Art is" written and recorded on tape by] Frank Walter  
Produzido na ocasião da exposição [Produced on the occasion of the exhibition] Frank Walter na [at] Fortes D'Aloia & Gabriel, 2023  
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(...) WHAT ART IS.

Art is a festival in which a narrative is told  
It makes its drama constantly and speaks in human flesh  
The actor ever bold  
On canvas wood or paper  
An audience it seeks  
Cold stone or clay or wood or metal  
The sculptor writes to some endearment of those  
Who inevitably upon the scenes do call  
Even when rude and vulgar lips comment  
Just what one sees is what one sees  
And seeing art is also  
Having it and hearing it  
Someone by nothing is not prone to find an ease  
Nothing is seeing something  
Yet not having a bit  
Seeing a work of art is already having  
Some are spontaneously cured  
Of some depression  
Of aches and pains  
And many another hurting  
Even an introvert  
Does art extoll with passion  
Hungry in wonderment spectators sit  
Well to watch the works of dwellers in caves  
Art is to all the civil and instructor's credit  
The human mind for entertainment craves  
We are all connoisseurs of art at any stage  
Passified by art whether young or old  
Art is a teacher  
Adding much to knowledge  
The comfort of the soul  
When life grows cold  
Religious or secular  
Moral and Kind  
Art is a talent bestowed by providence  
Surely divine providence  
The human design  
To pursue art for delight  
Something more than opulence  
Labors and packagers of food and ware  
Are decorated by art  
To make them seen surely all human beings desire a share  
Once art instruct the mind  
How to be





Fortes D'Aloia & Gabriel presents  
Frank Walter

Frank Walter: vida e paisagem [life and landscape]

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