

An abstract painting featuring a dense composition of thick, textured brushstrokes. The color palette is dominated by various shades of green, from light lime to deep forest green, interspersed with warm yellows and oranges. A prominent, broad stroke of red runs diagonally across the lower half of the image. Two stylized pink flowers with dark centers are positioned in the upper left and middle right areas. The overall effect is one of vibrant, organic energy.

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Dakar, Senegal, 1965

Pélagie Gbaguidi articula as correntezas sociais e simbólicas do legado colonial e pós-colonial, processando os significantes do trauma por meio de imagens materialmente incorporadas. Em suas pinturas e desenhos, a artista produz uma coreografia em pigmentos vívidos e borrados, em que o espaço é disputado por corpos e silhuetas sobrepostas. Os confrontos tensos entre a demarcação abstrata e a referência figurativa reproduzem choques entre reconhecimento e estranhamento. A artista se descreve como uma griot contemporânea – uma contadora de histórias da África ocidental, redefinindo a dimensão da oralidade na herança tradicional por meio de sua própria abordagem plástica. Gbaguidi frequentemente alude a eventos esquecidos, livrando-os das simplificações e arquétipos produzidos pela dita historiografia oficial.

SAIBA MAIS

Pélagie Gbaguidi articulates the social and symbolic undercurrents of colonial and postcolonial legacies, processing the signifiers of trauma through materially embodied images. In her paintings and drawings, the artist produces a choreography of blurred, vivid pigments, in which space is disputed by superimposed silhouettes and bodies. The violent clashes between abstract demarcation and figurative reference replicate a tension between recognition and estrangement. The artist describes herself as a contemporary griot – a West-African storyteller, redefining the dimension of orality in traditional heritage through her own approach to plasticity. Gbaguidi often alludes to overlooked stories, ridding them of simplifications and archetypes produced by so-called official historiography.

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Exposições selecionadas [Selected exhibitions]

The Three-Legged Cat

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Fragmentation, da série [from the series] “Quel est le sens de la vie sur terre et la fabrique de la conscience”, 2024

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Políptico de [Polyptych of] 16 partes [parts] | Dimensões totais variáveis [Overall dimensions variable] | Aproximadamente [Approximately]: 210 x 1300 cm [82.6 x 511.8 in]



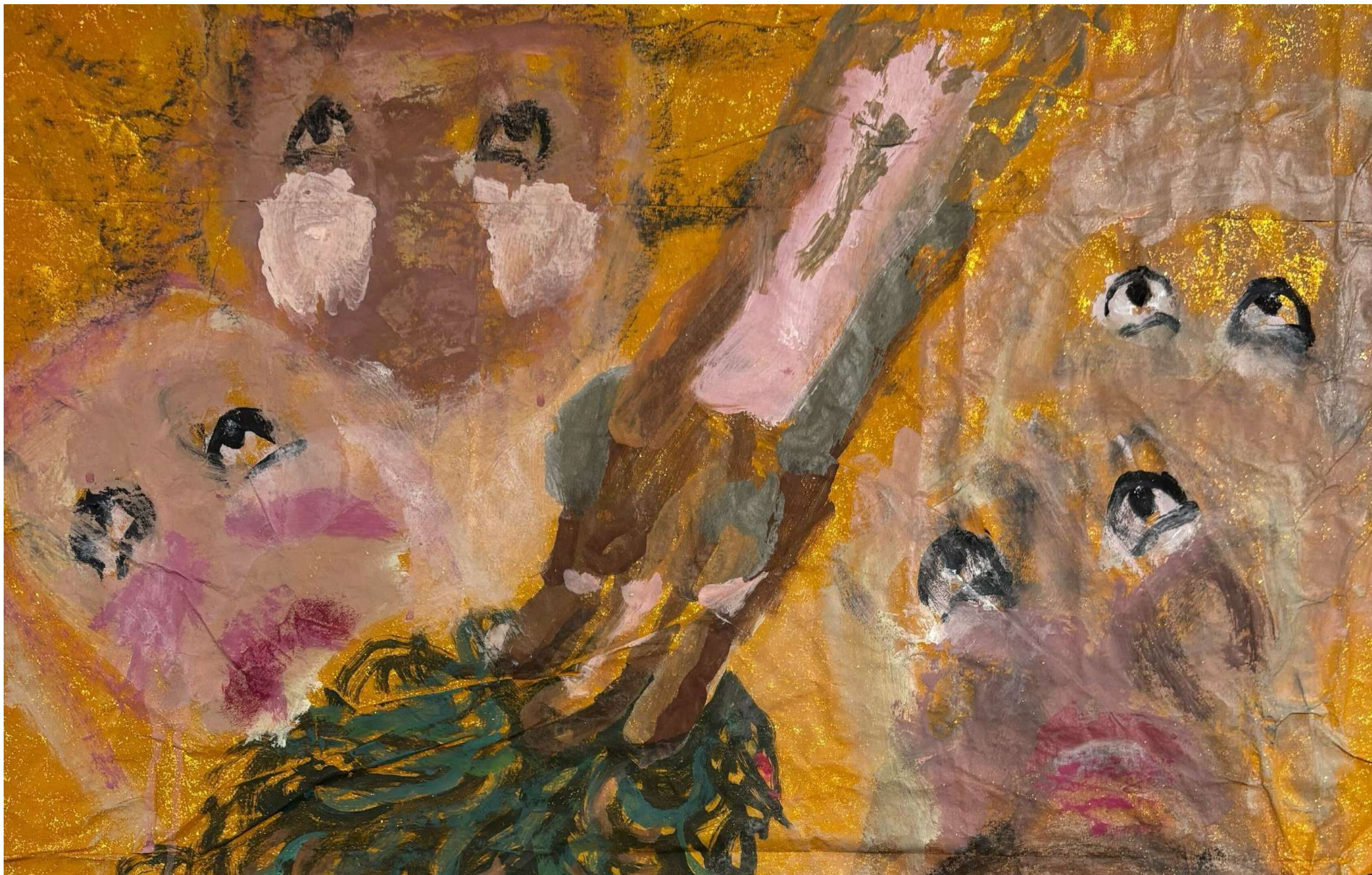
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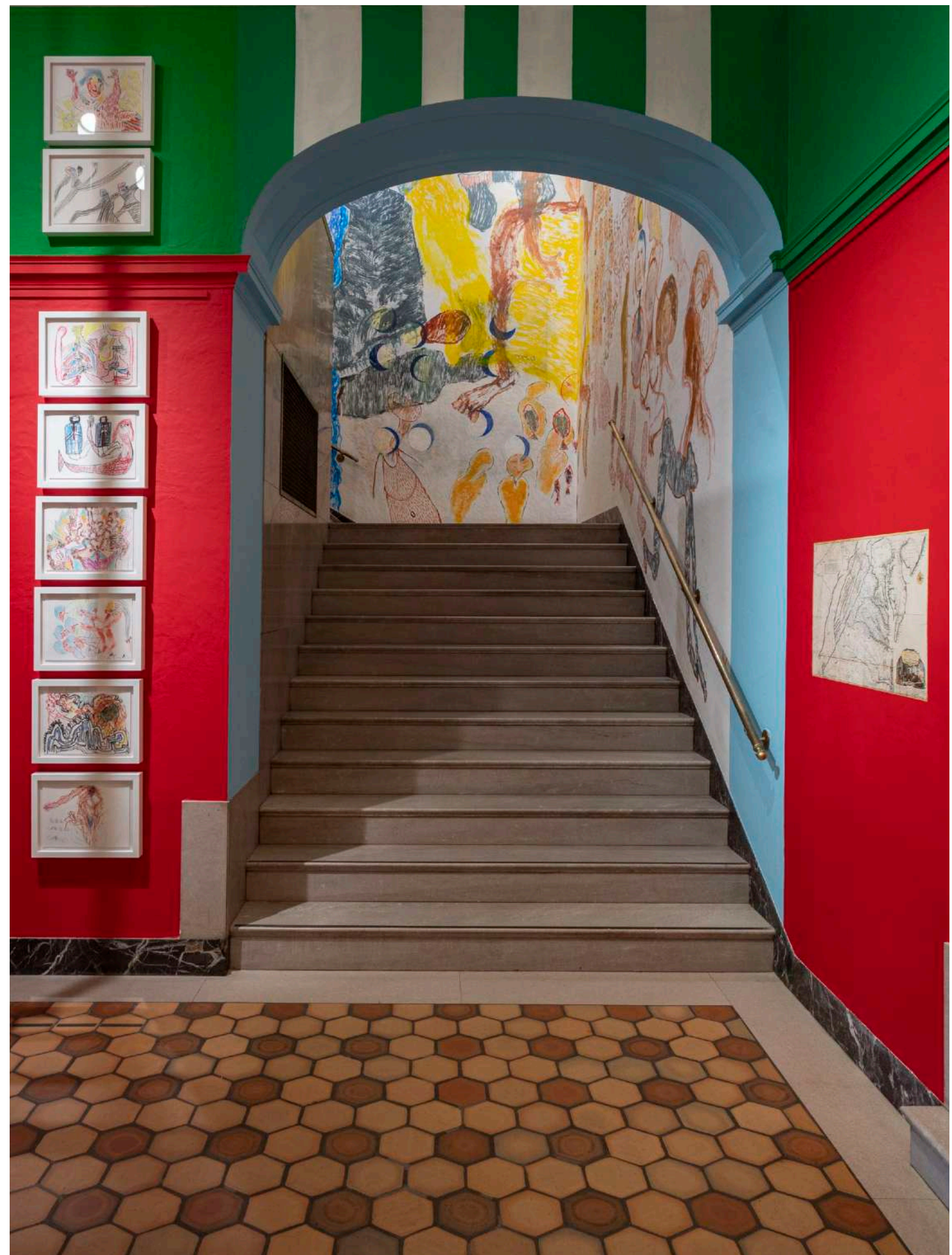
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Pélagie Gbaguidi: Excavation and Knowledge

The Fralin Museum of Art | Virginia, USA, 2025



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Guardians of Cosmos, 2025

Pigmento, acrílica, tingidor de madeira e bordado sobre tela dupla-face montada sobre estrutura de madeira

[Pigment, acrylic, wood stain and embroidery on double-sided canvas mounted on wooden structure]

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Out of Frame, da série [from the series] Manifestação, 2025

Óleo sobre tela [Oil on canvas]

272 x 168 cm [107 x 66.1 in.]



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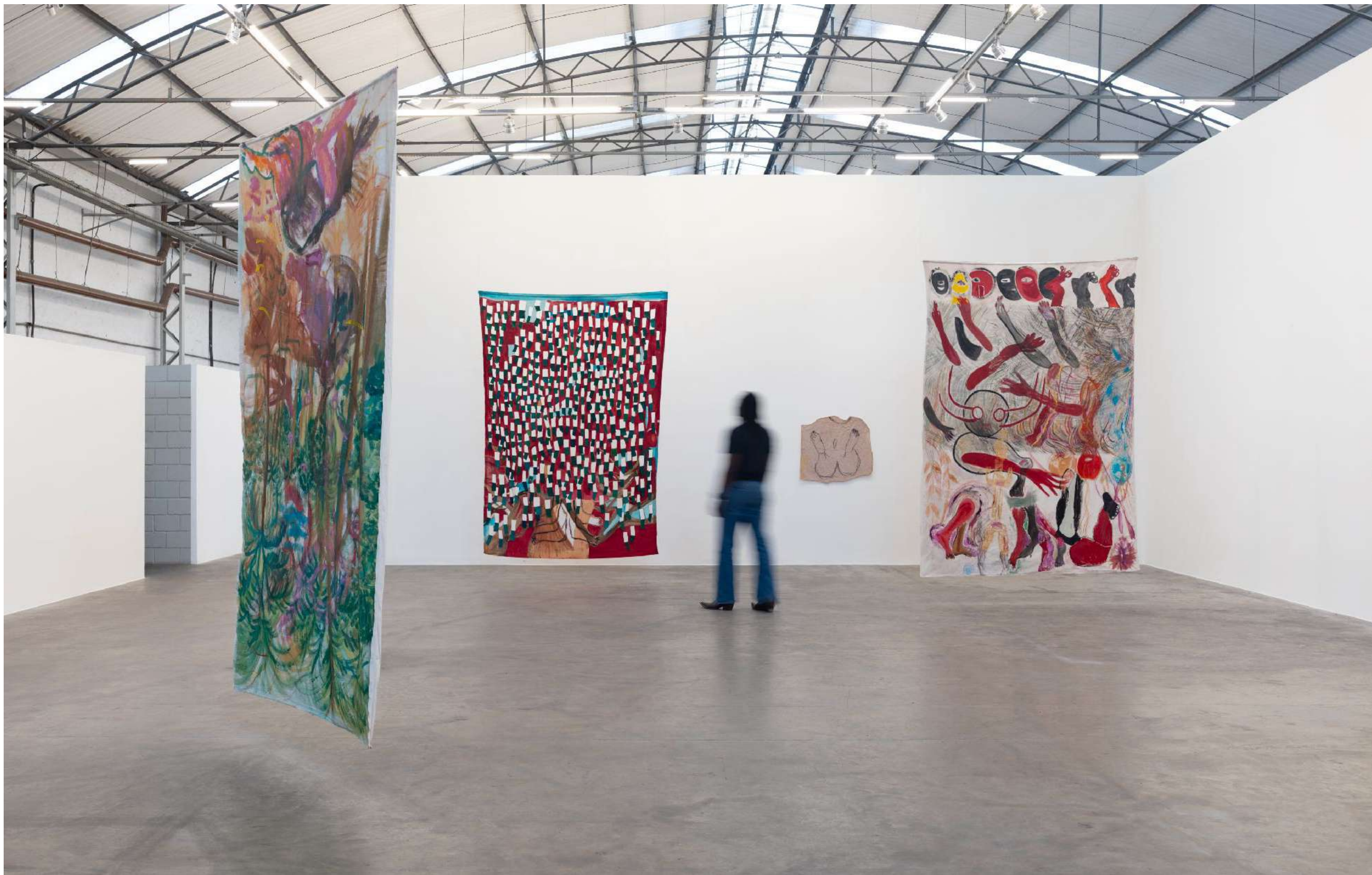
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Fragmentation, 2023-2024

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Políptico de [Polyptych of] 13 partes [parts] | Cada parte, aproximadamente [Each part, approximately]: 40 x 70 cm [15.7 x 27.5 in.]

Dimensões totais [Overall dimensions]: 205 x 807 cm [80.7 x 317.7 in.]



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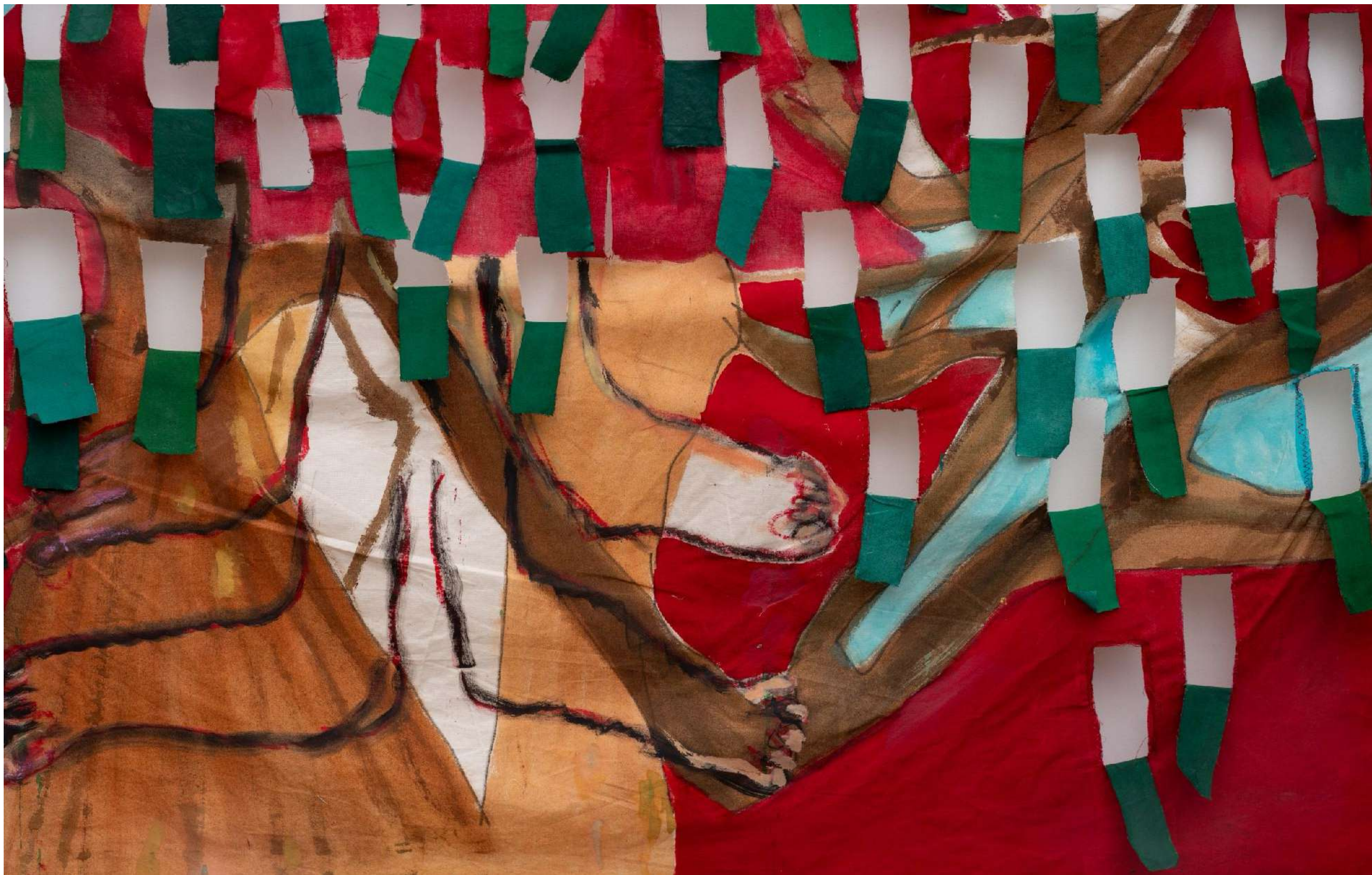
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Mango Tree, 2025

Pigmento e acrílica sobre tela [Pigment and acrylic on canvas]

276 x 200 cm [108.6 x 78.7 in.]





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Momento, 2025

Pigmento e acrílica sobre tela [Pigment and acrylic on canvas]

286 x 200 cm [112.6 x 78.7 in.]



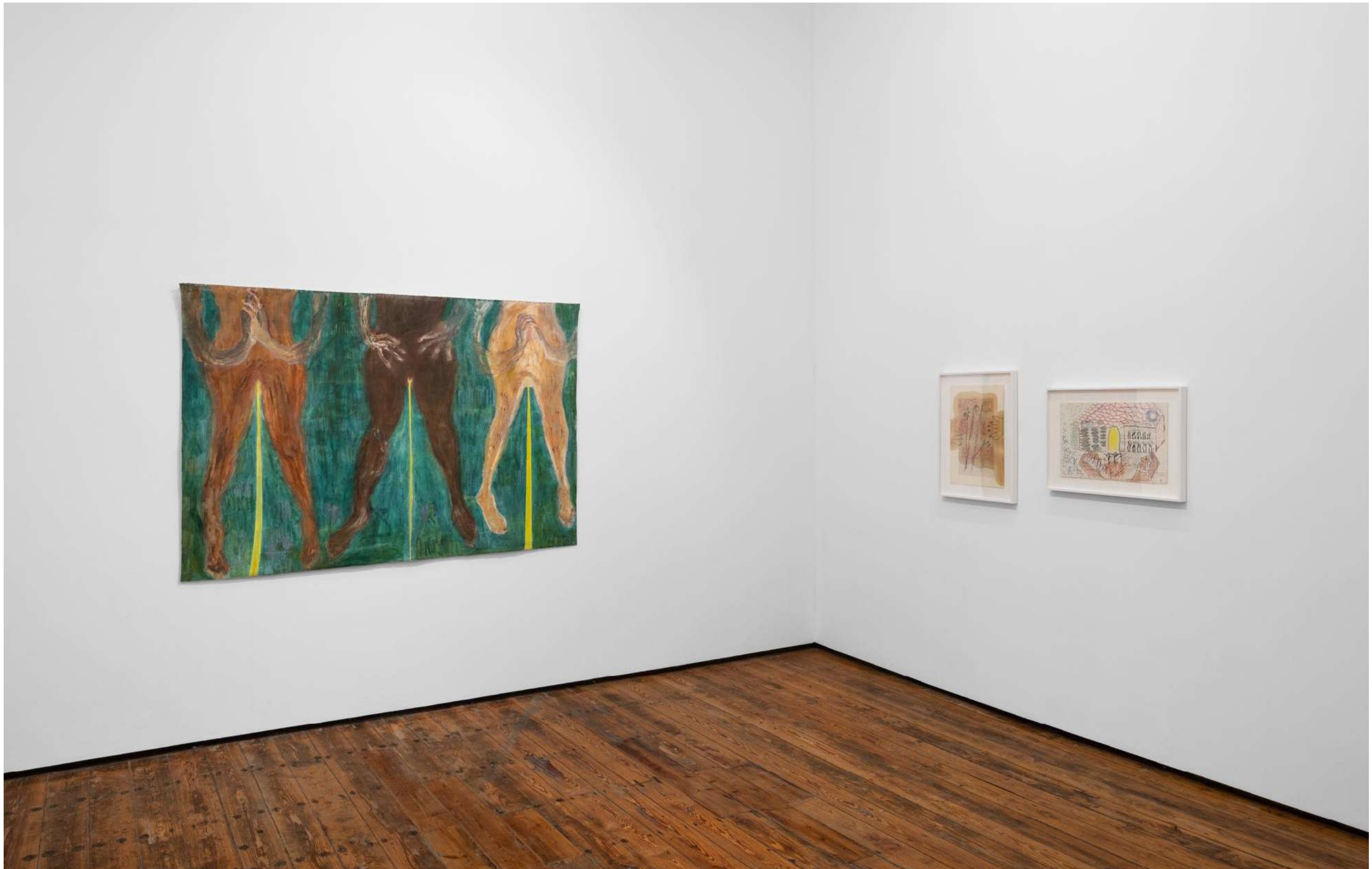
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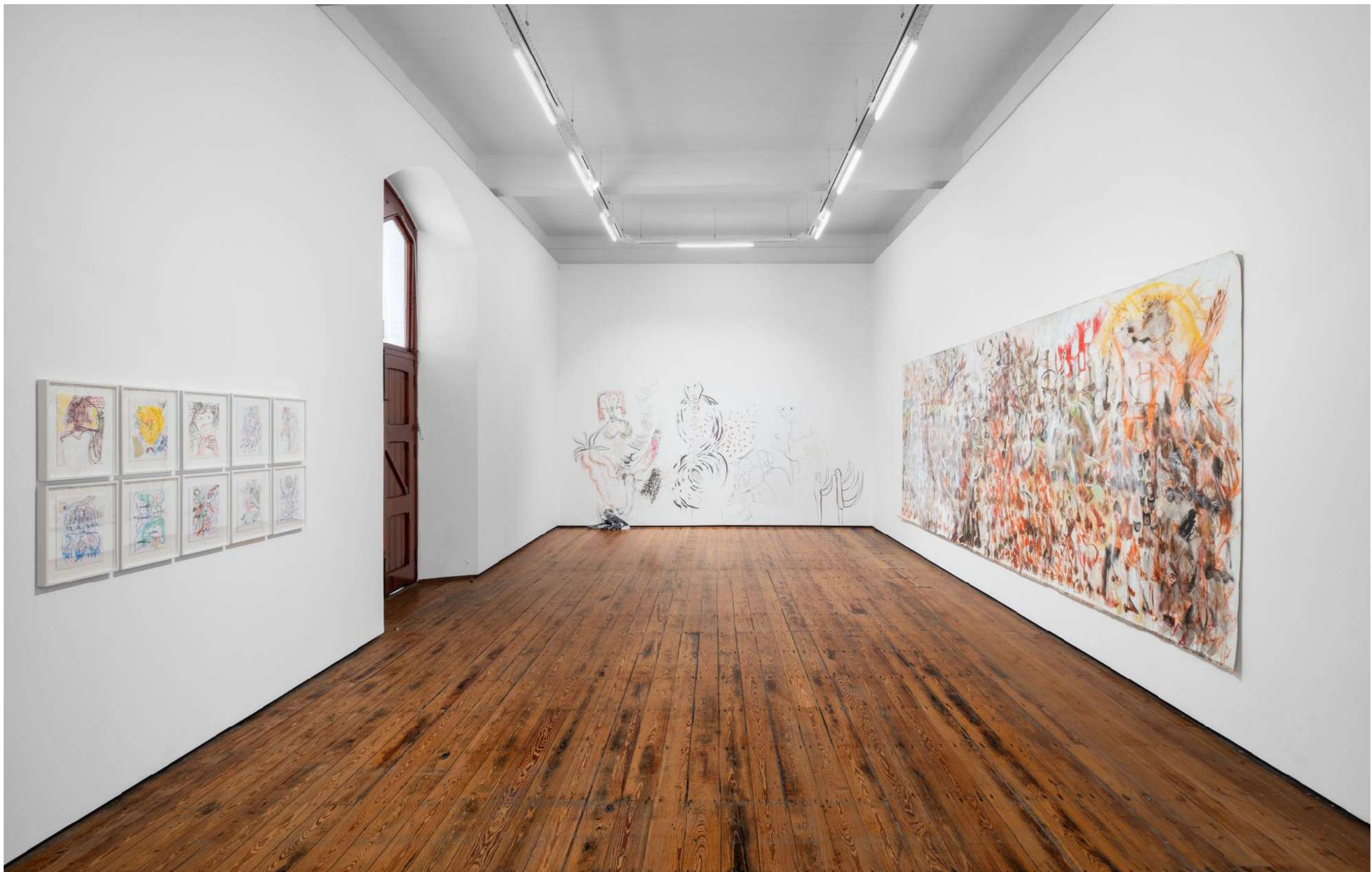
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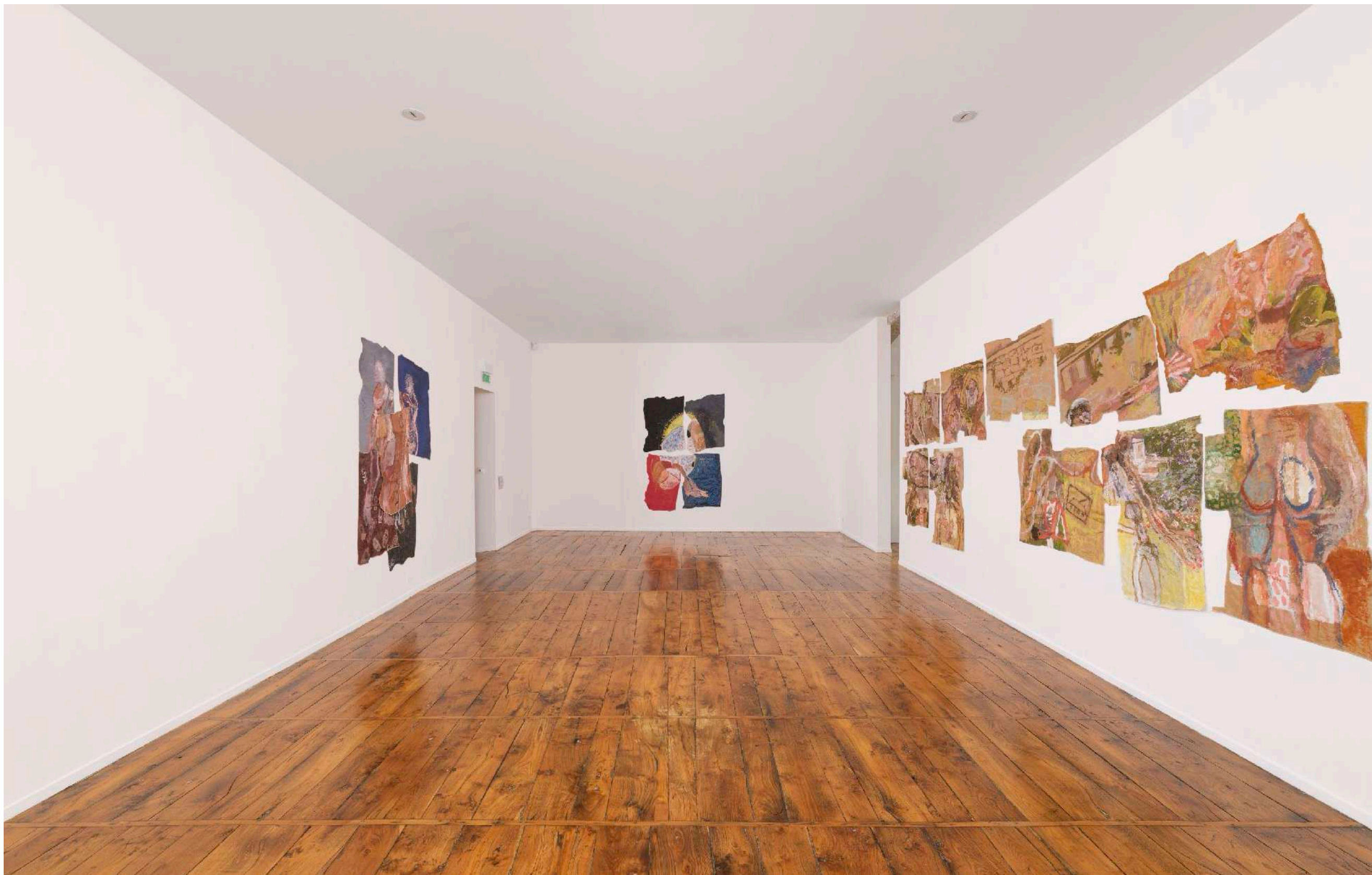
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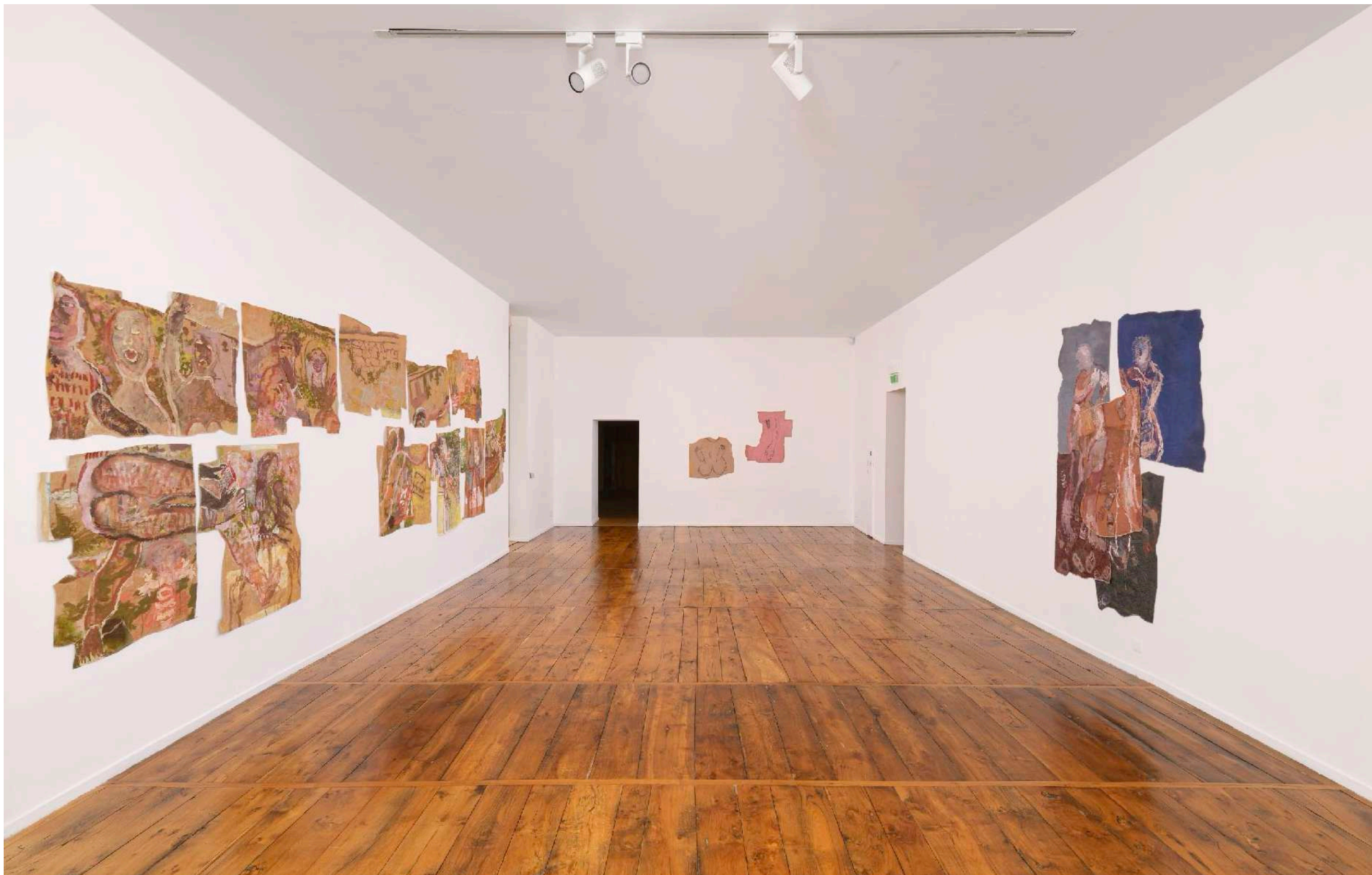
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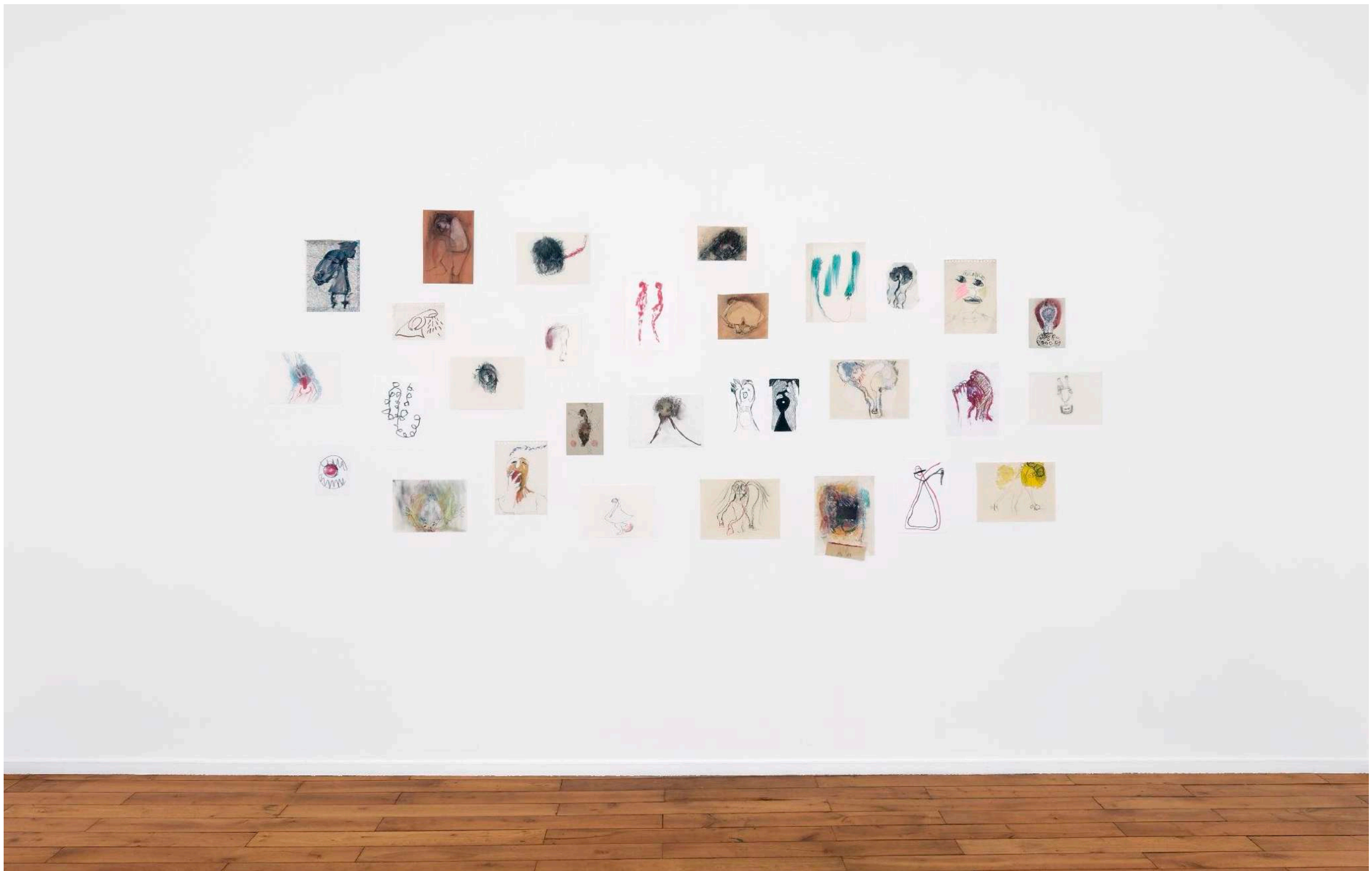
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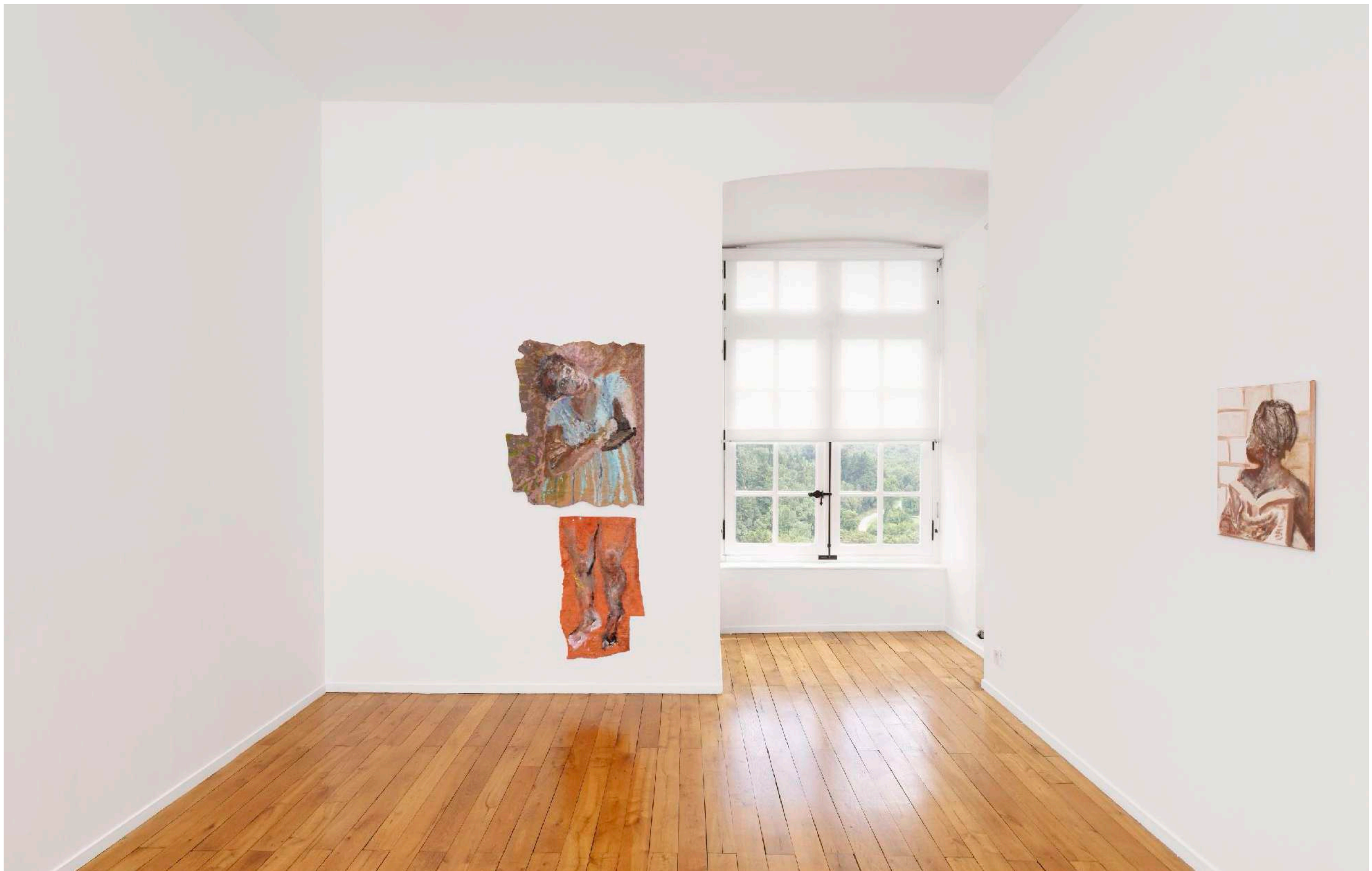
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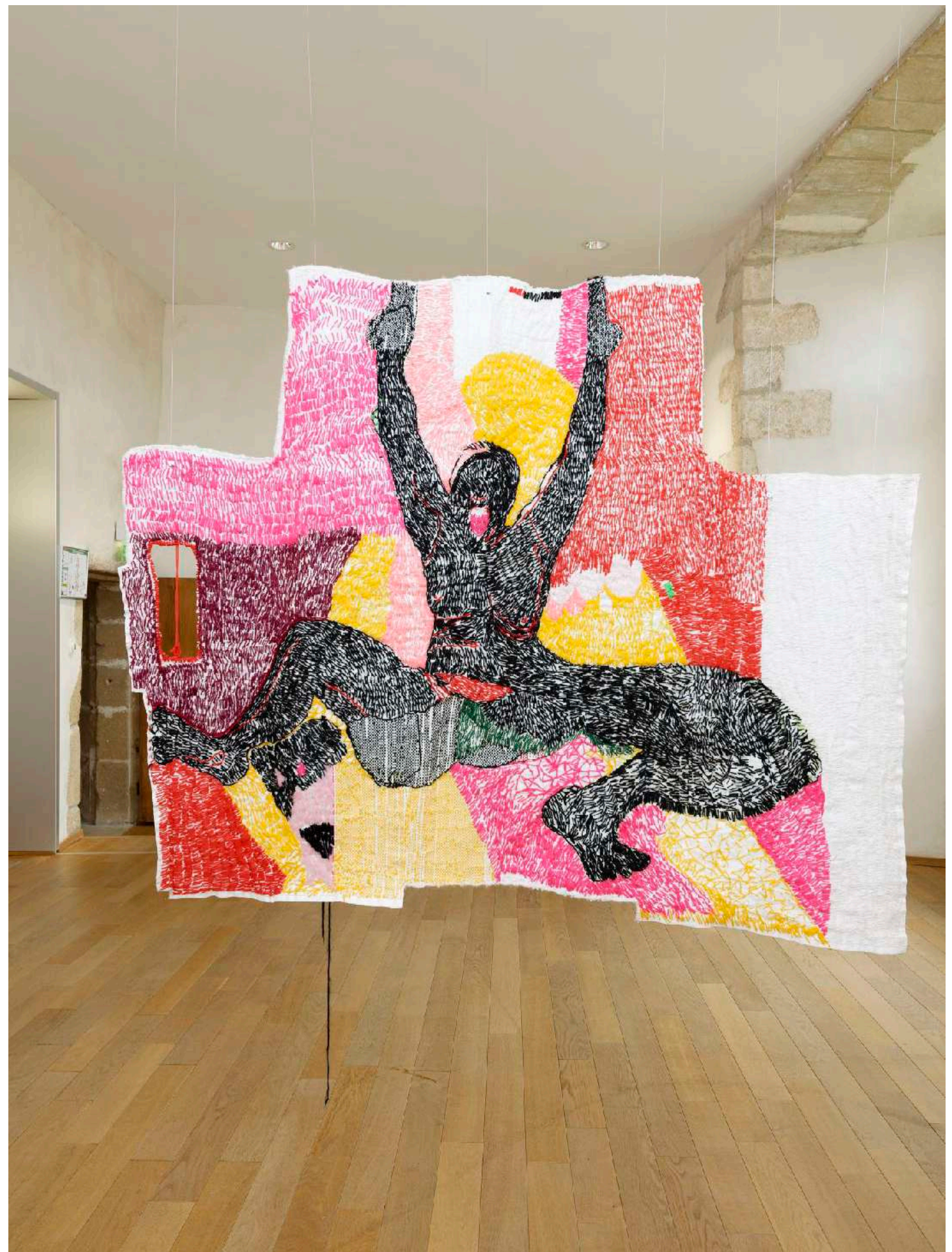
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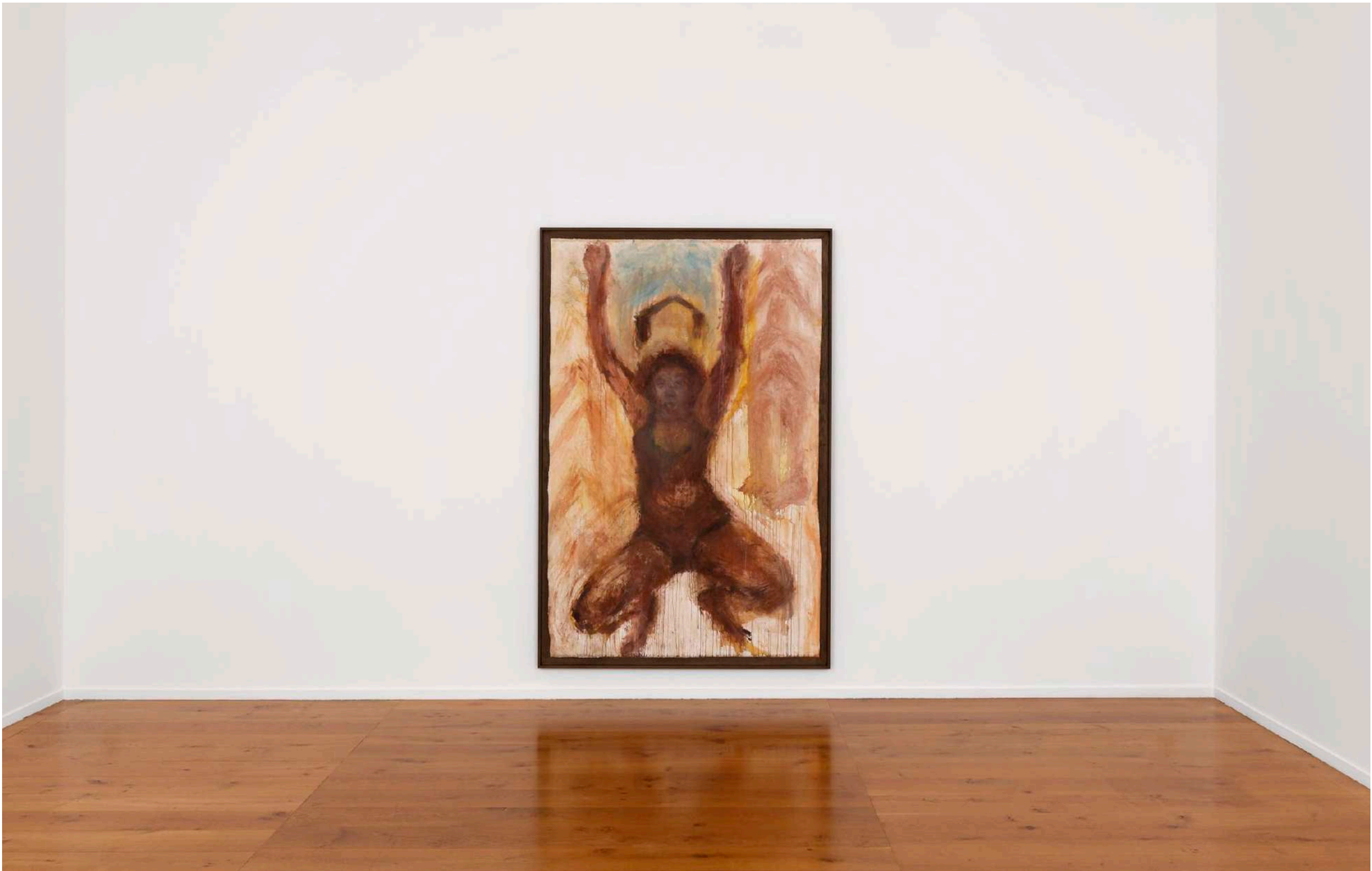
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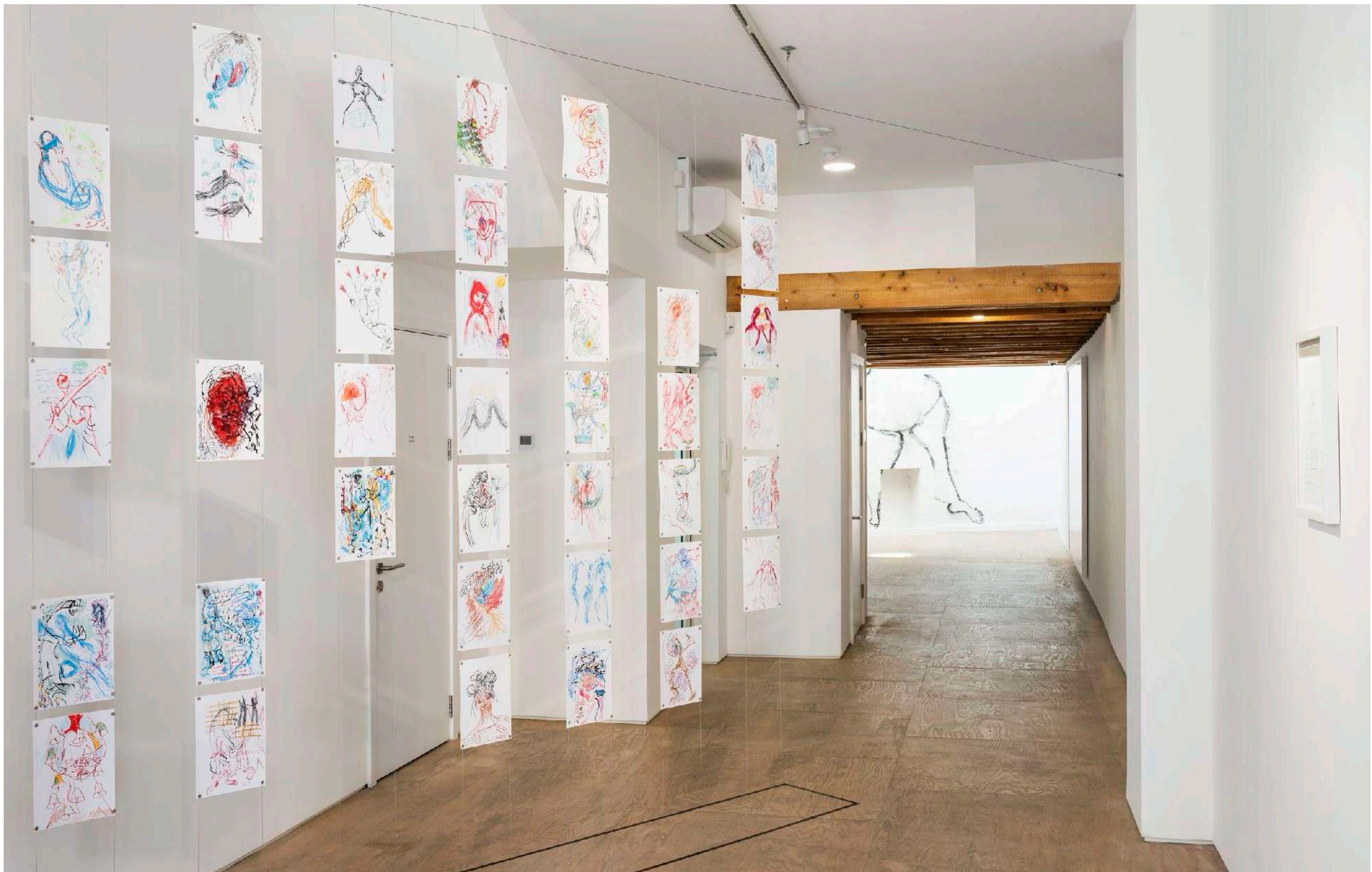


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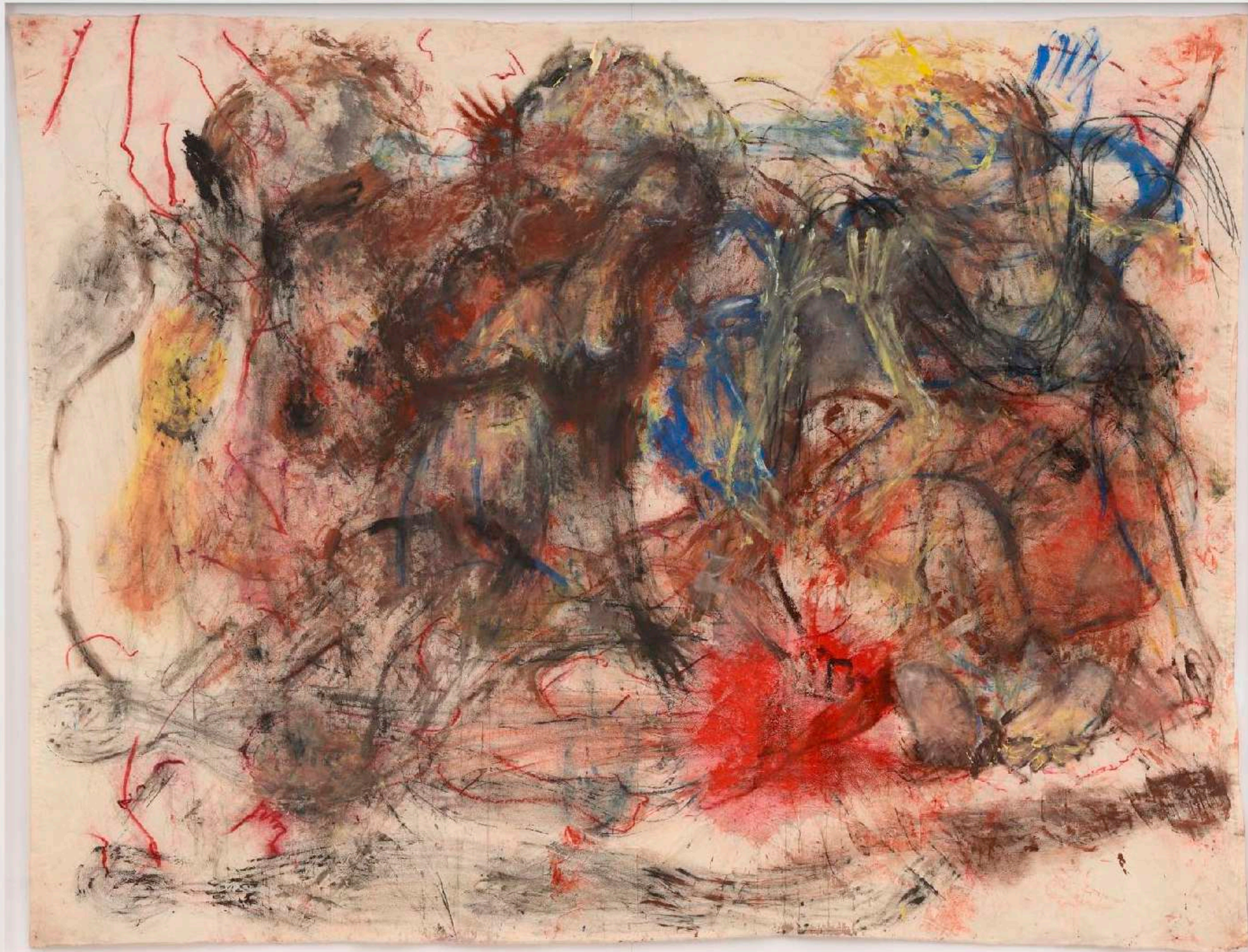
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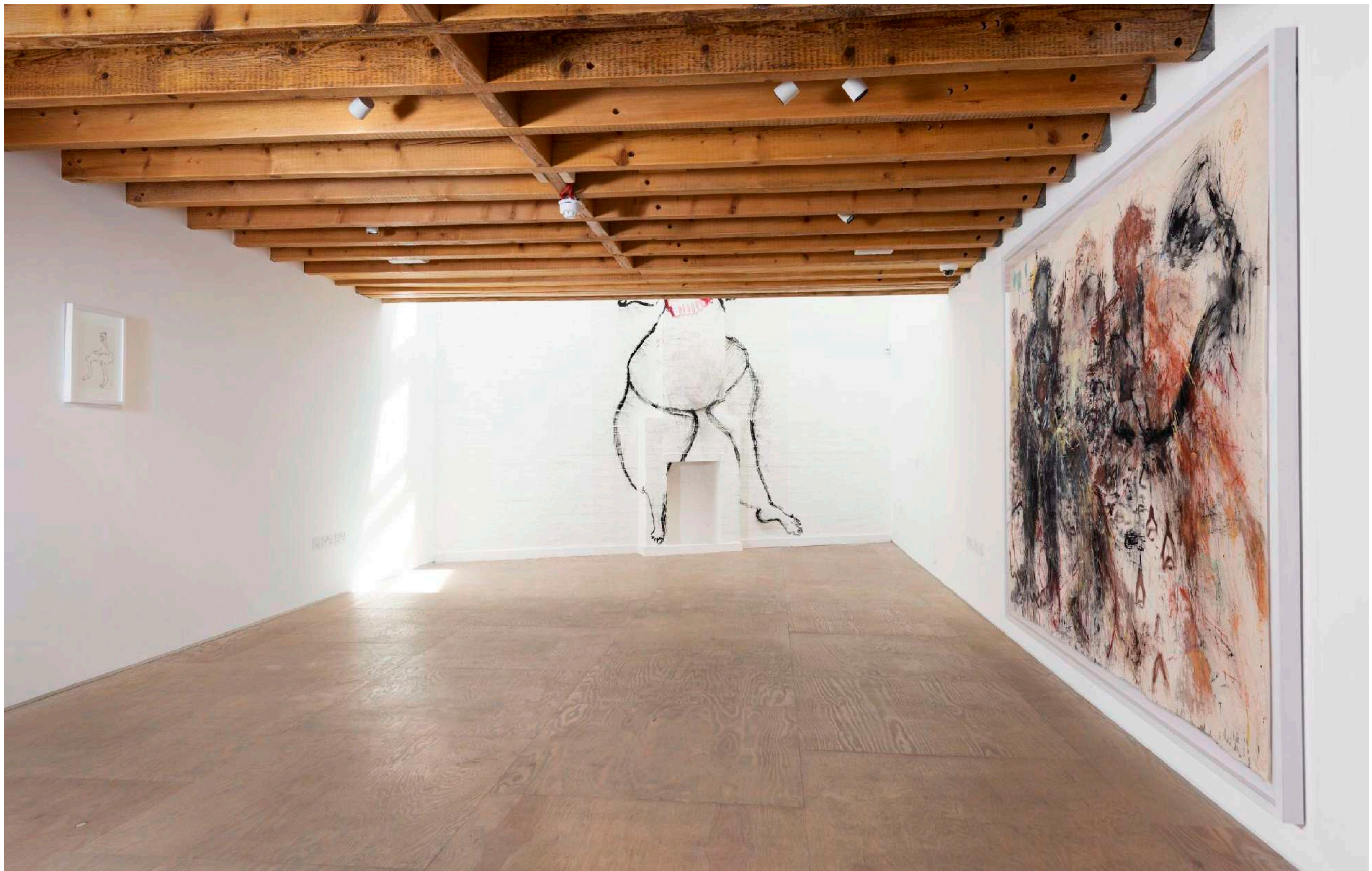
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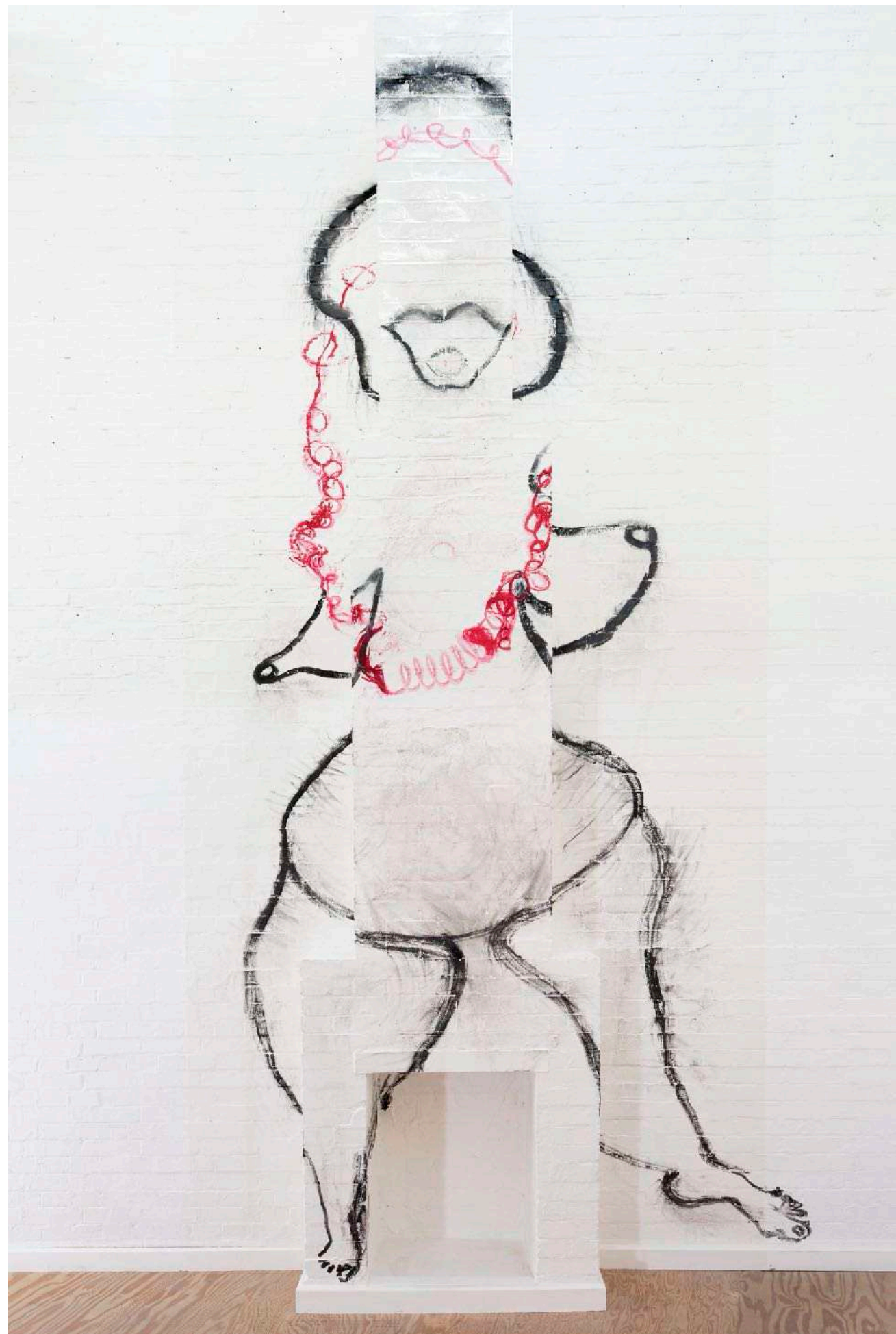


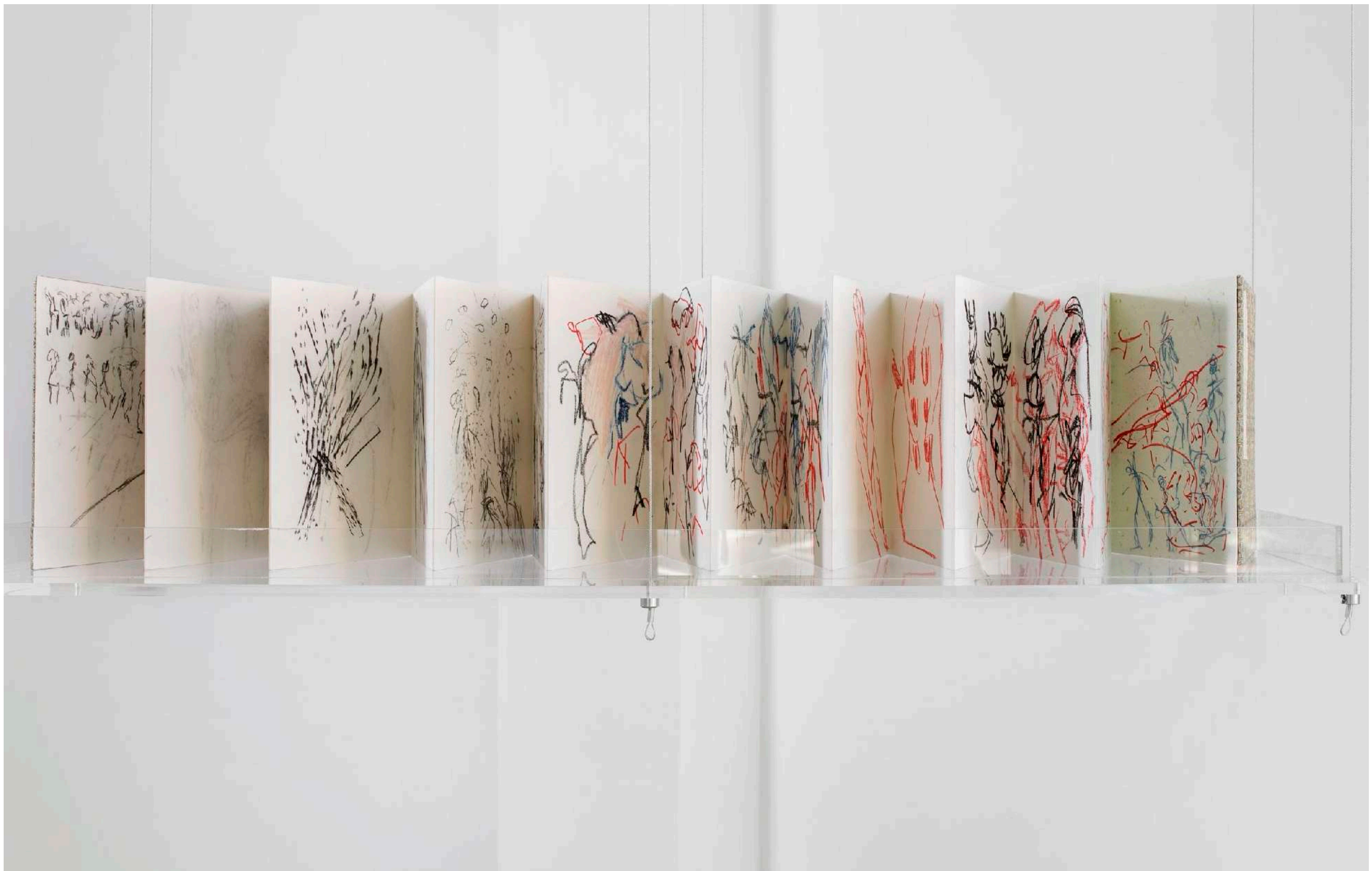
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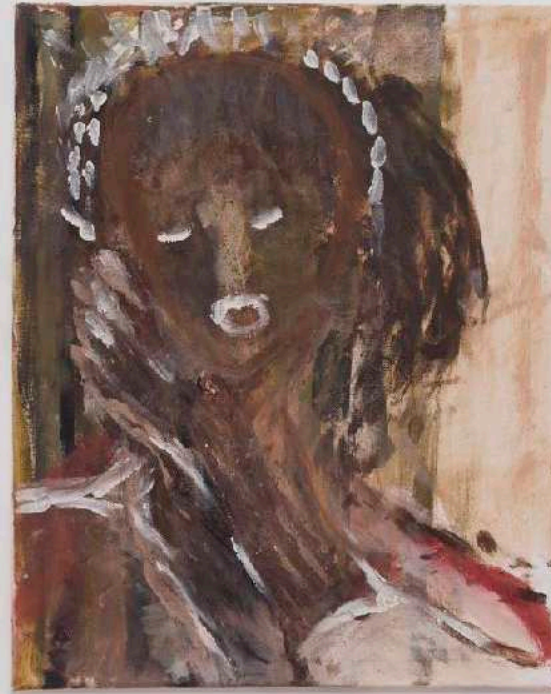
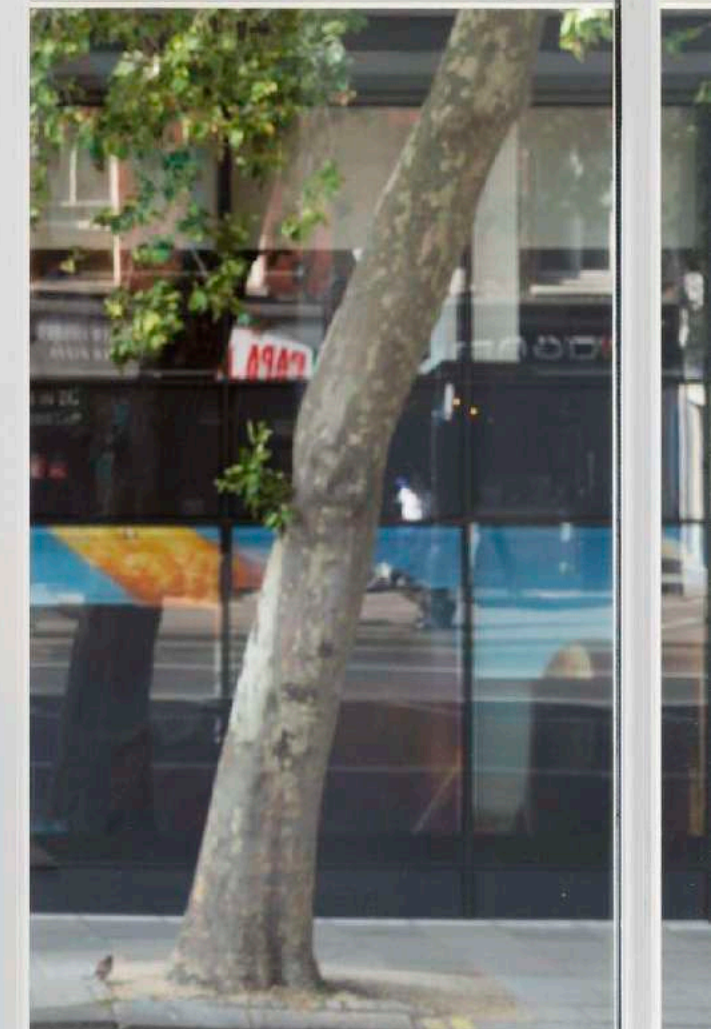
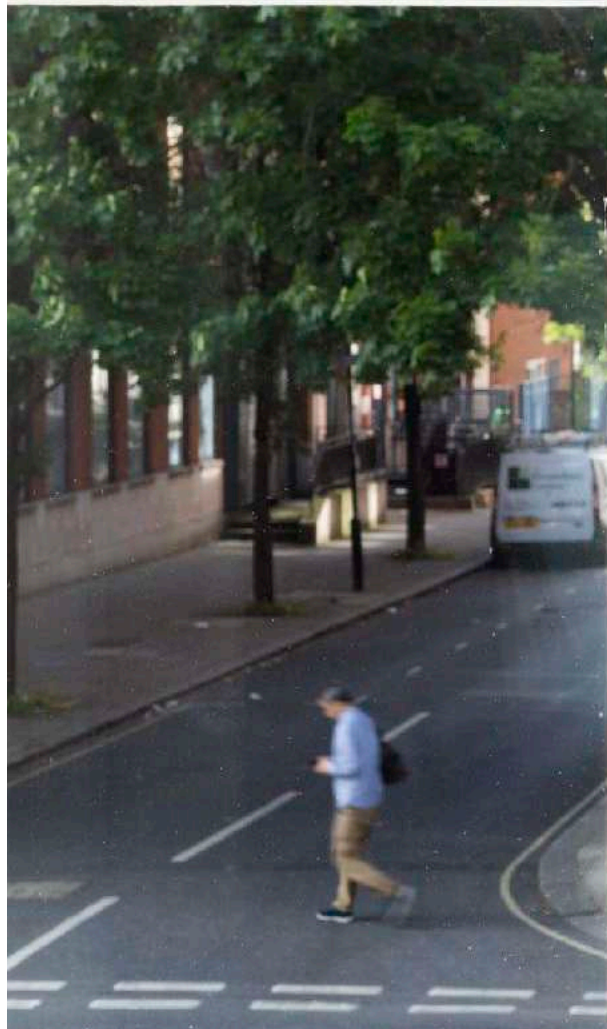
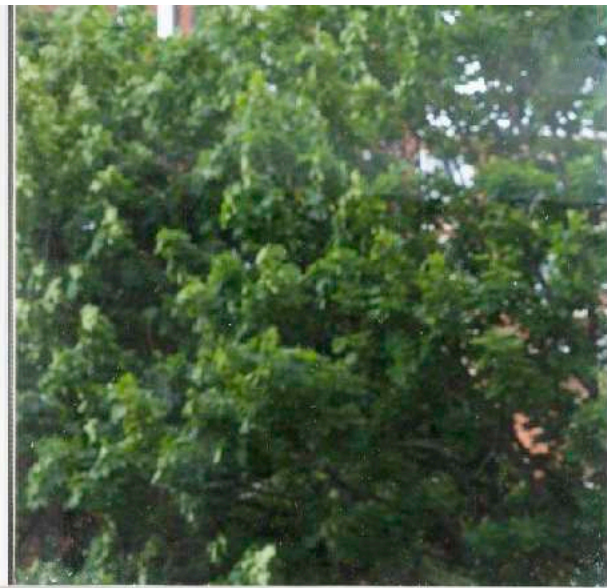
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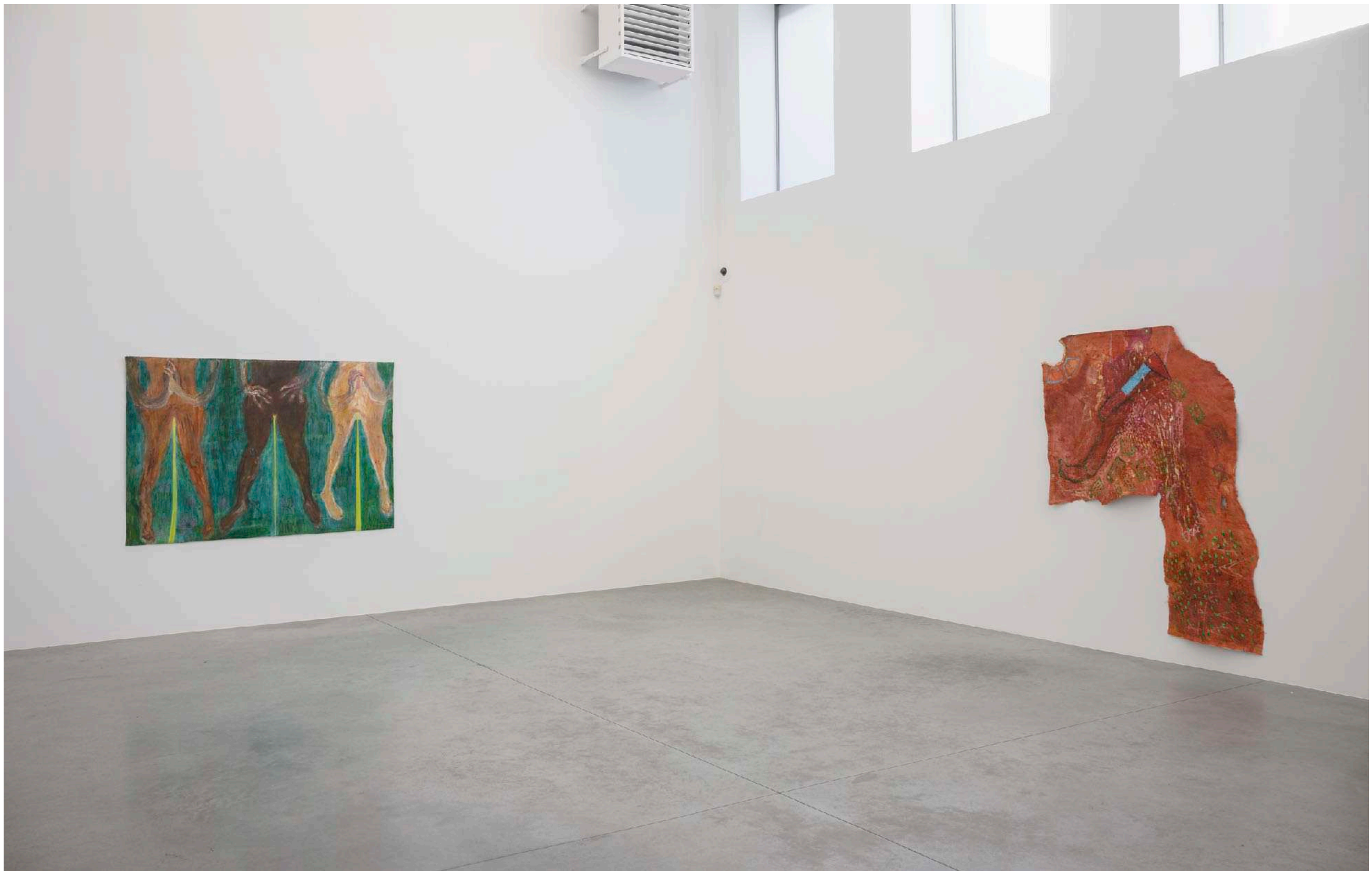
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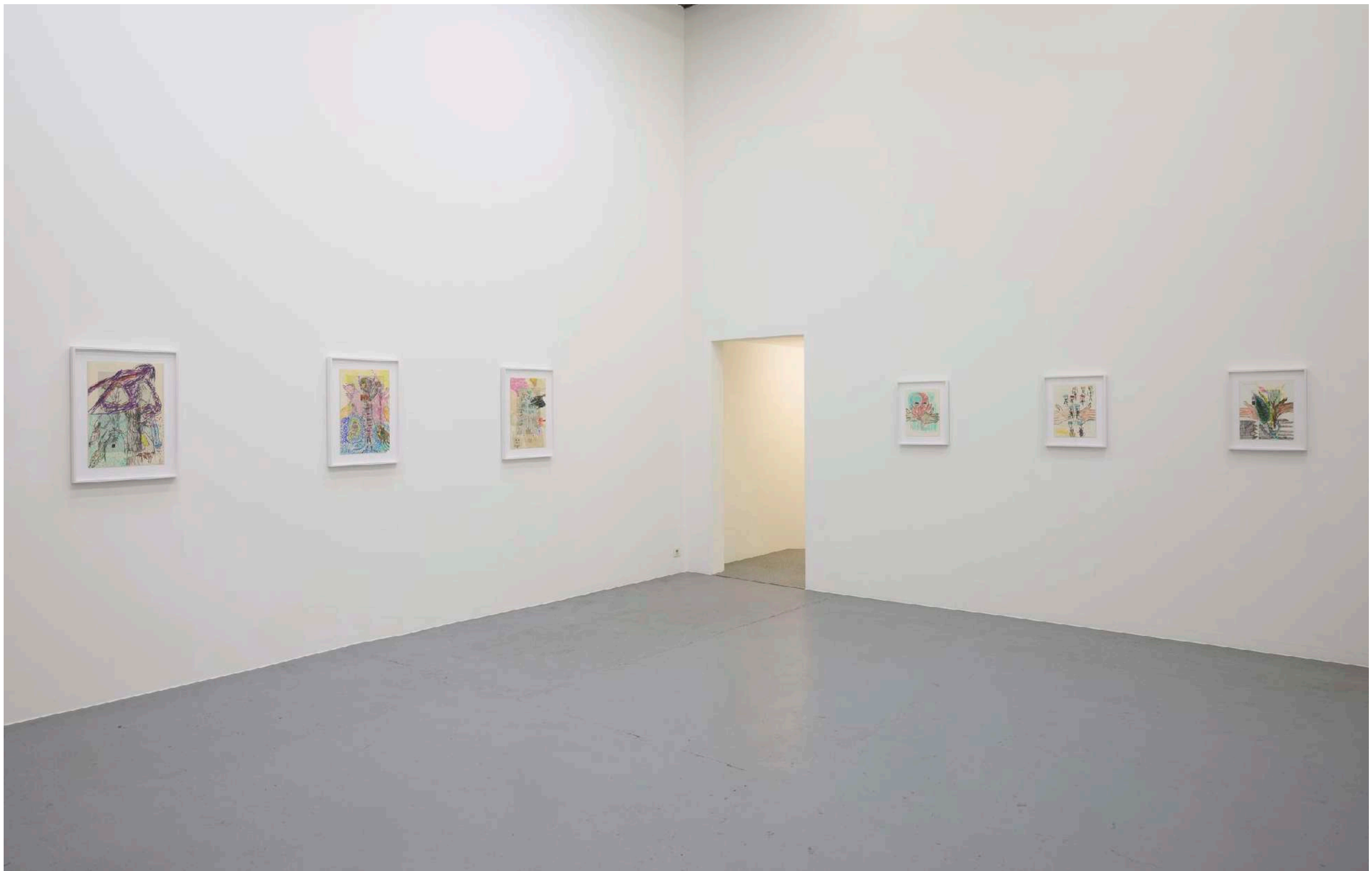
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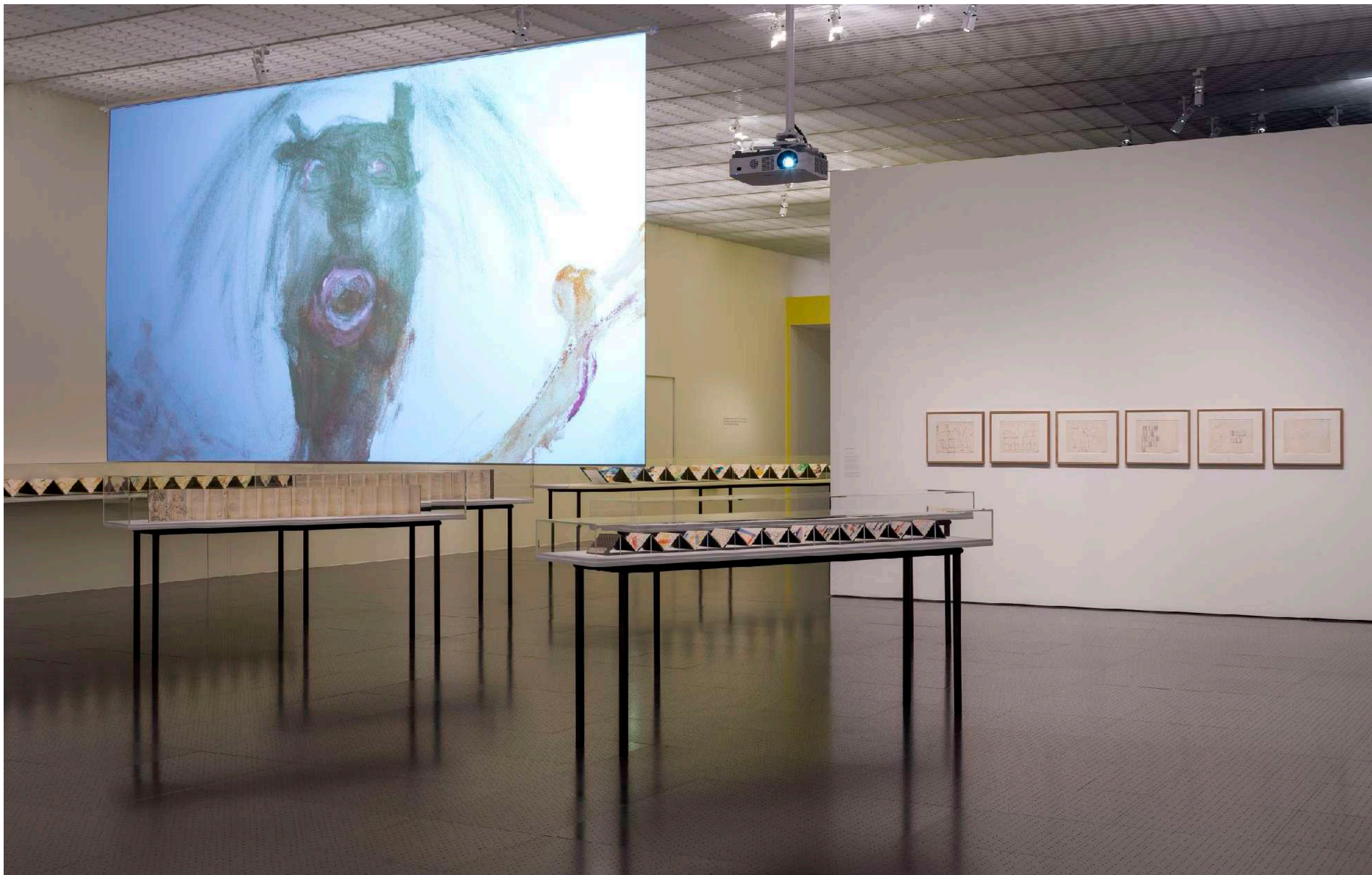
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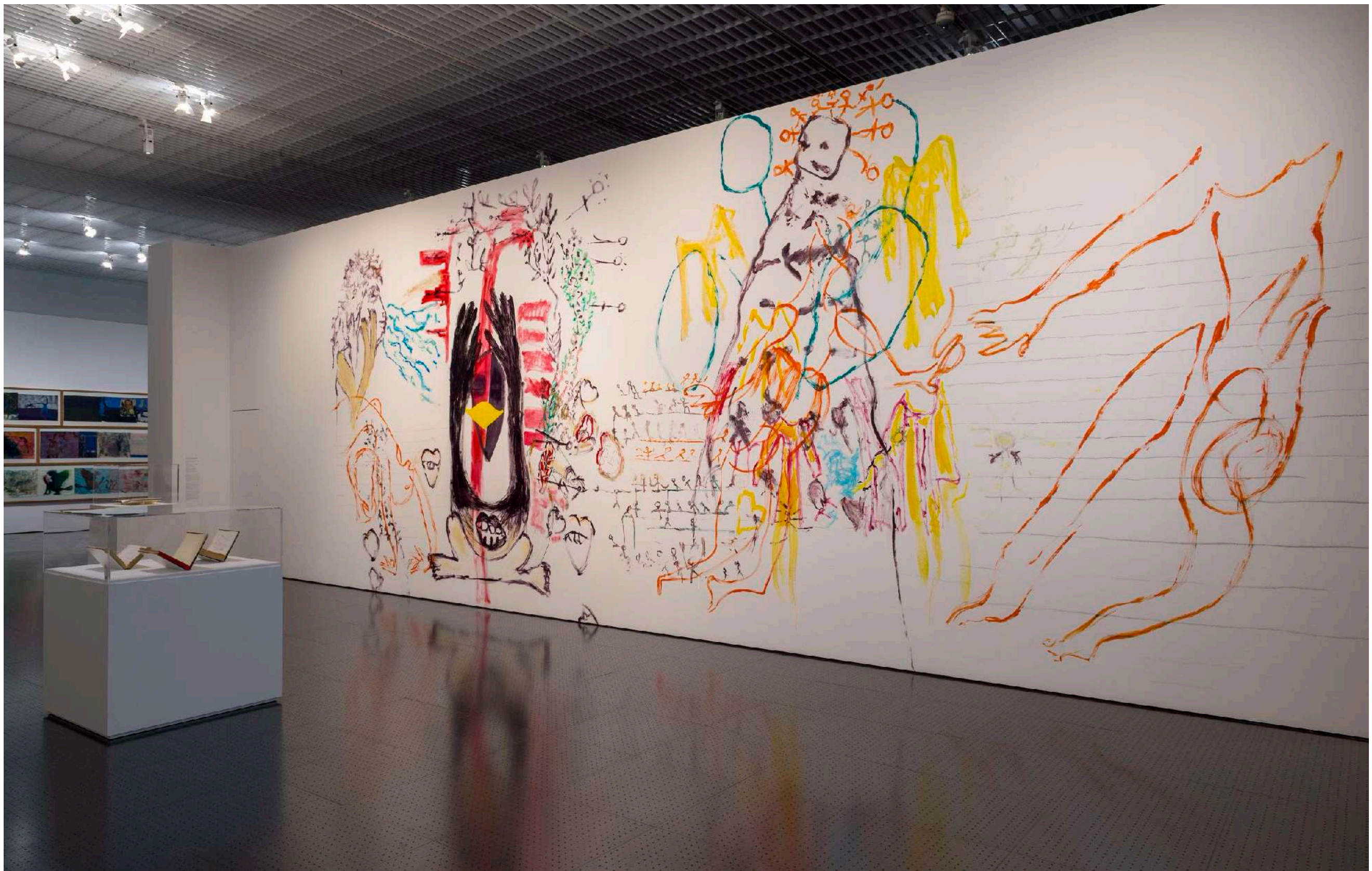
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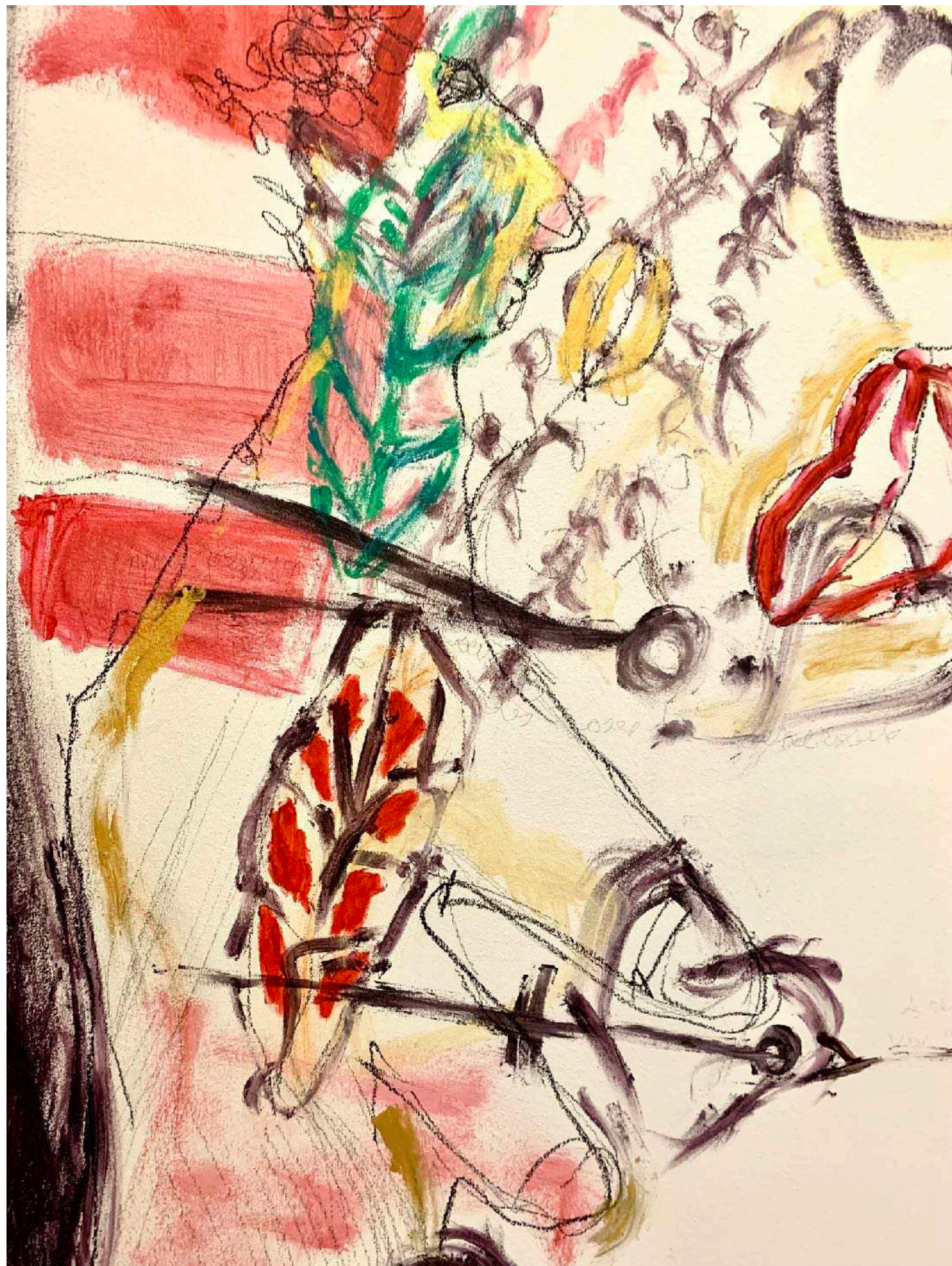


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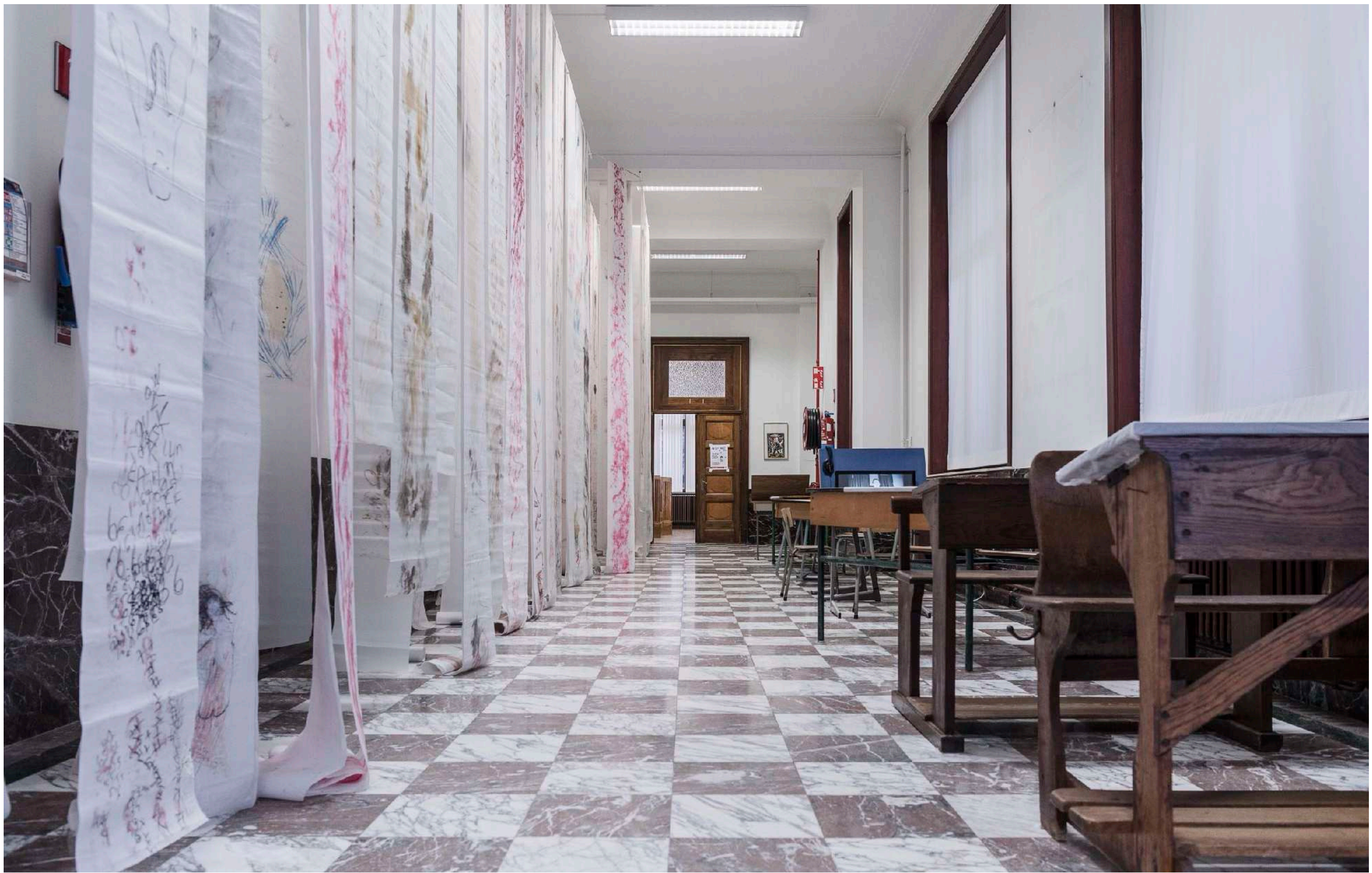
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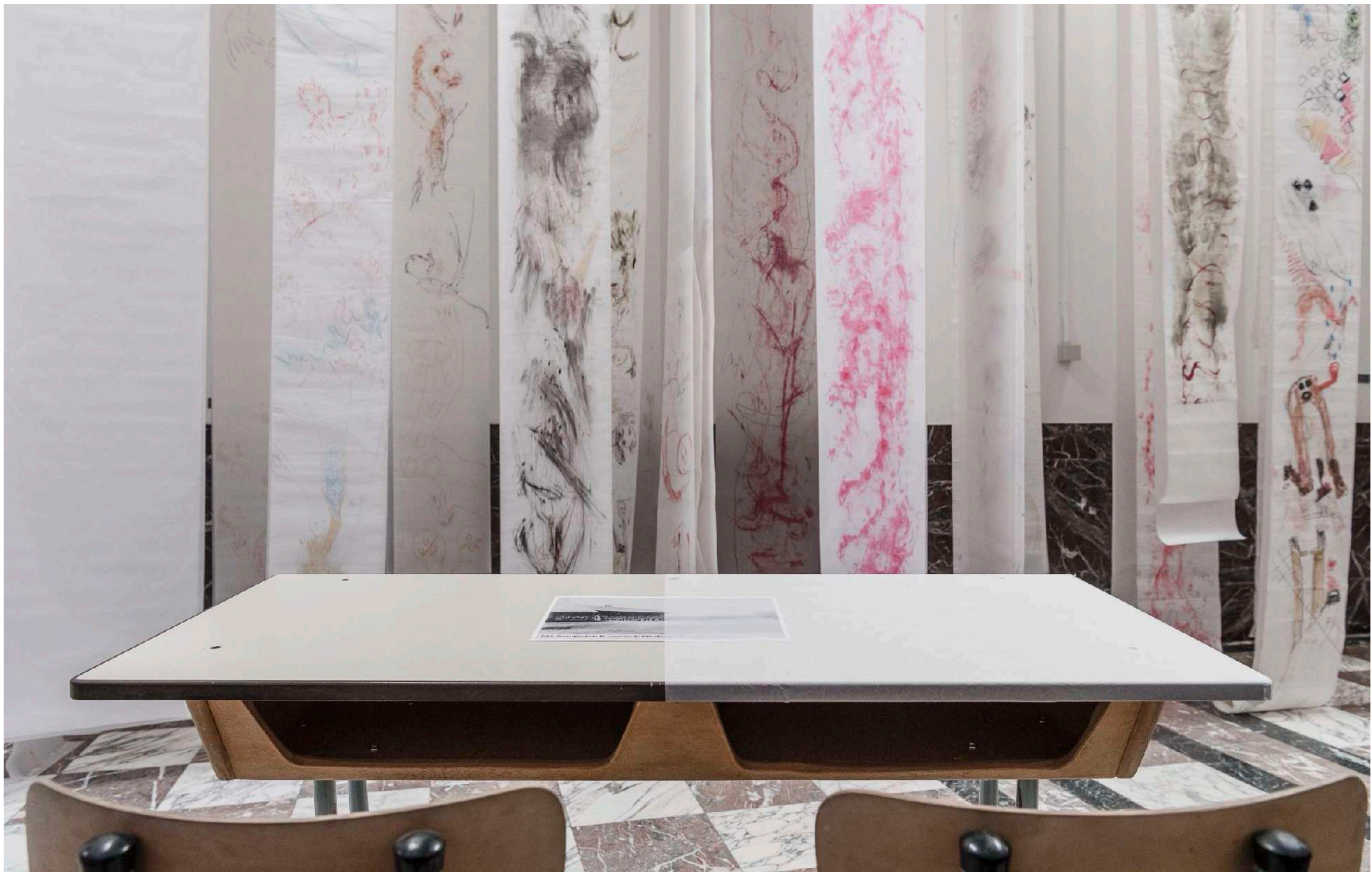
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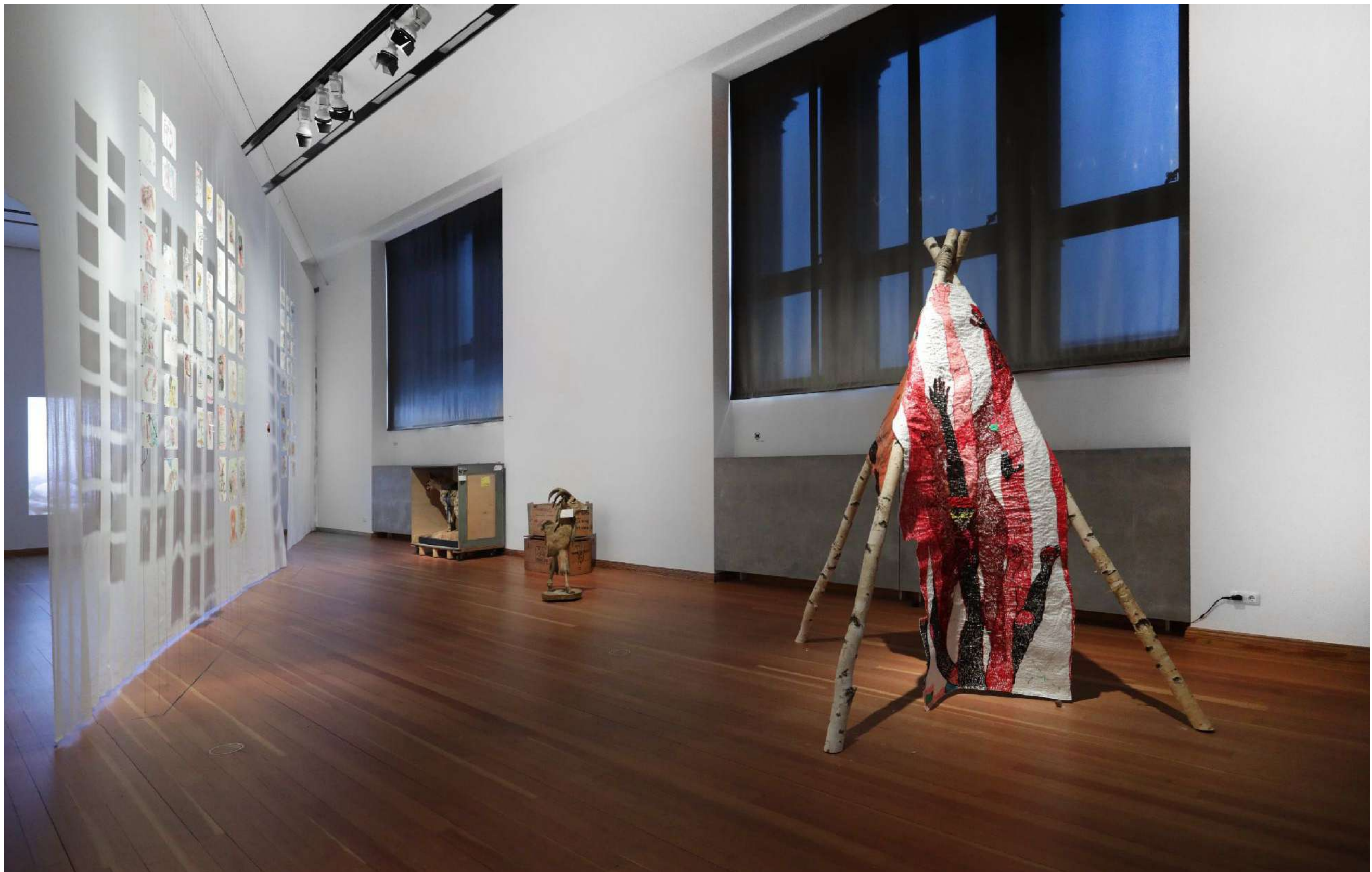




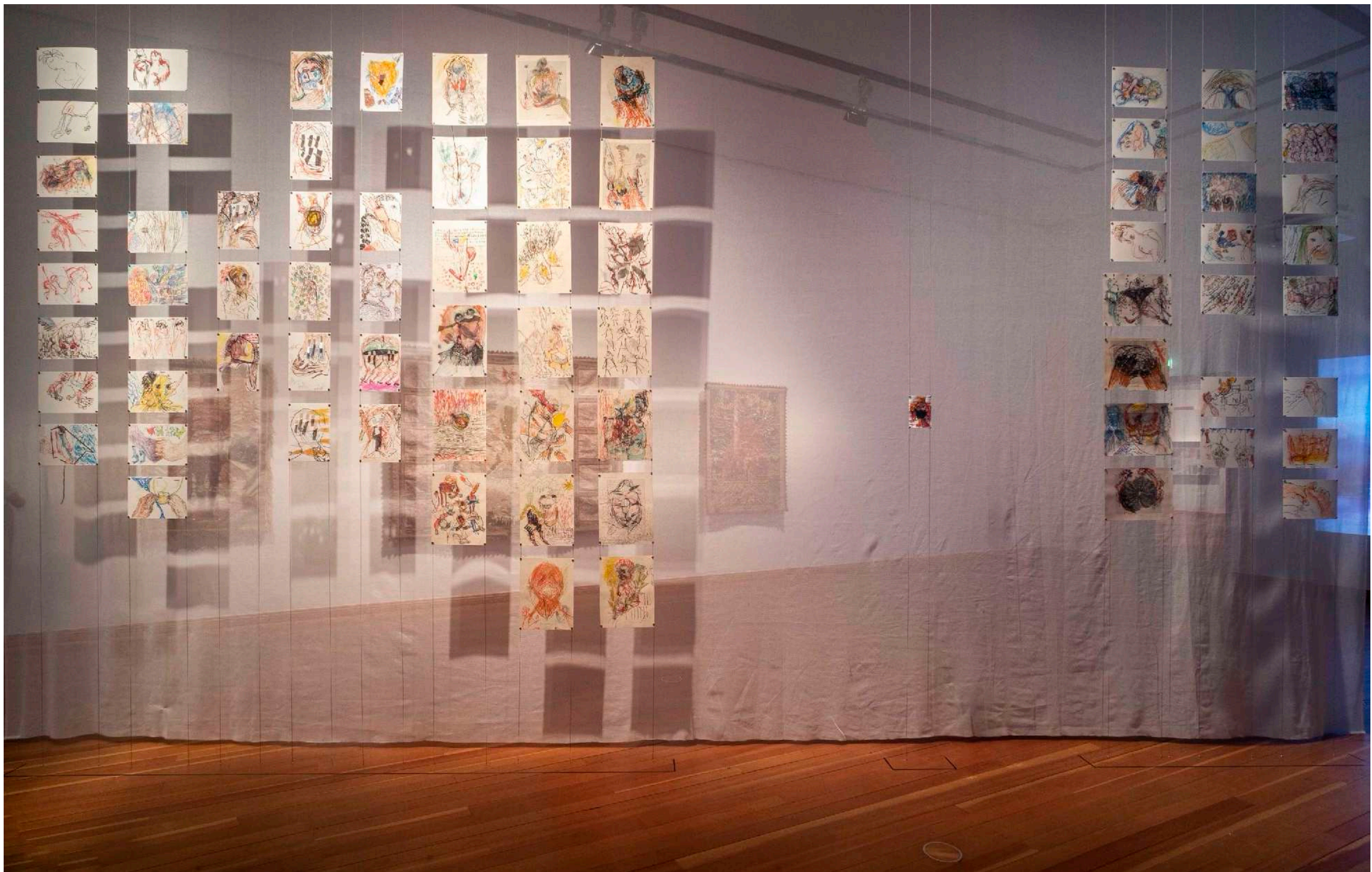
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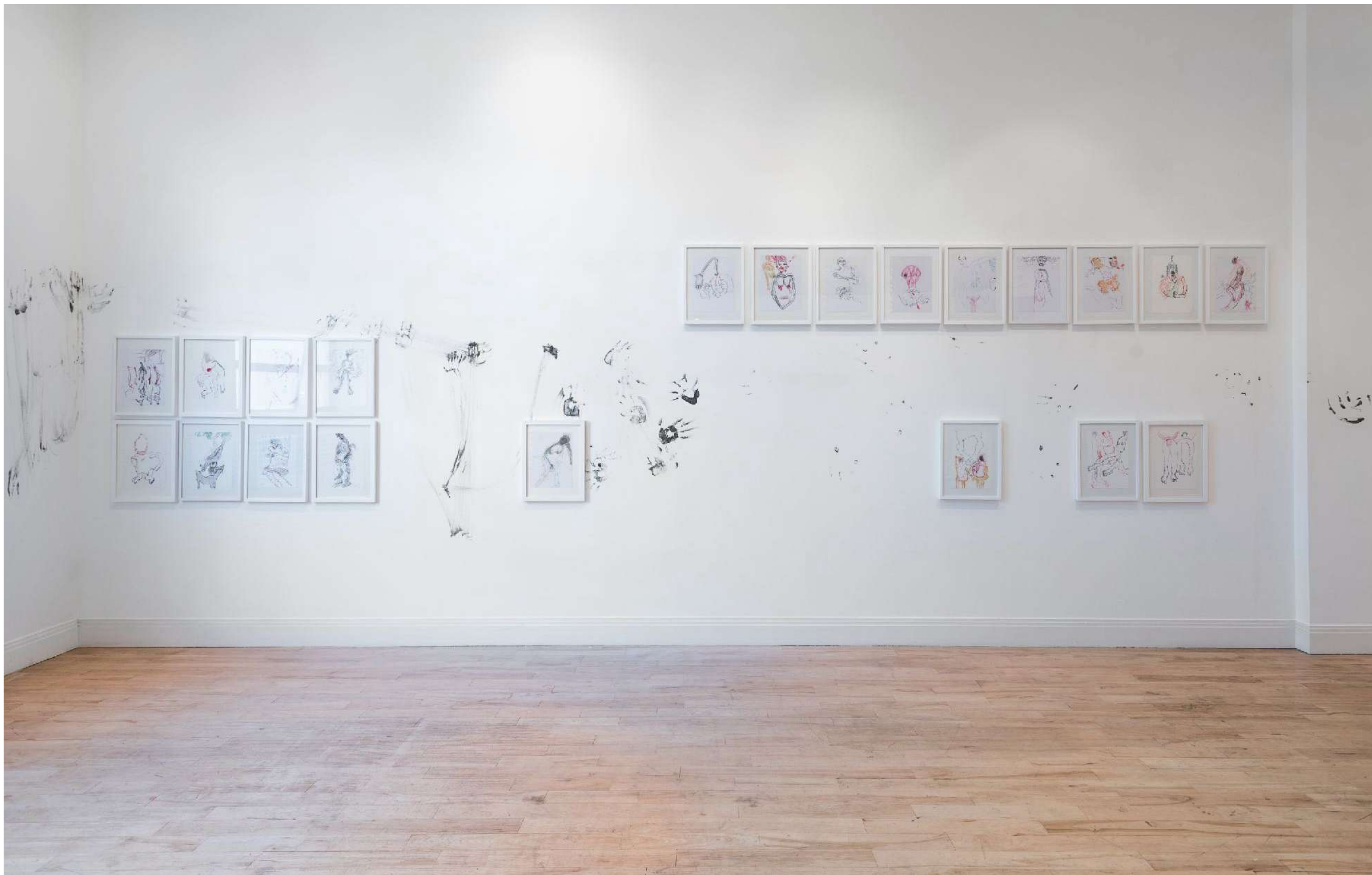
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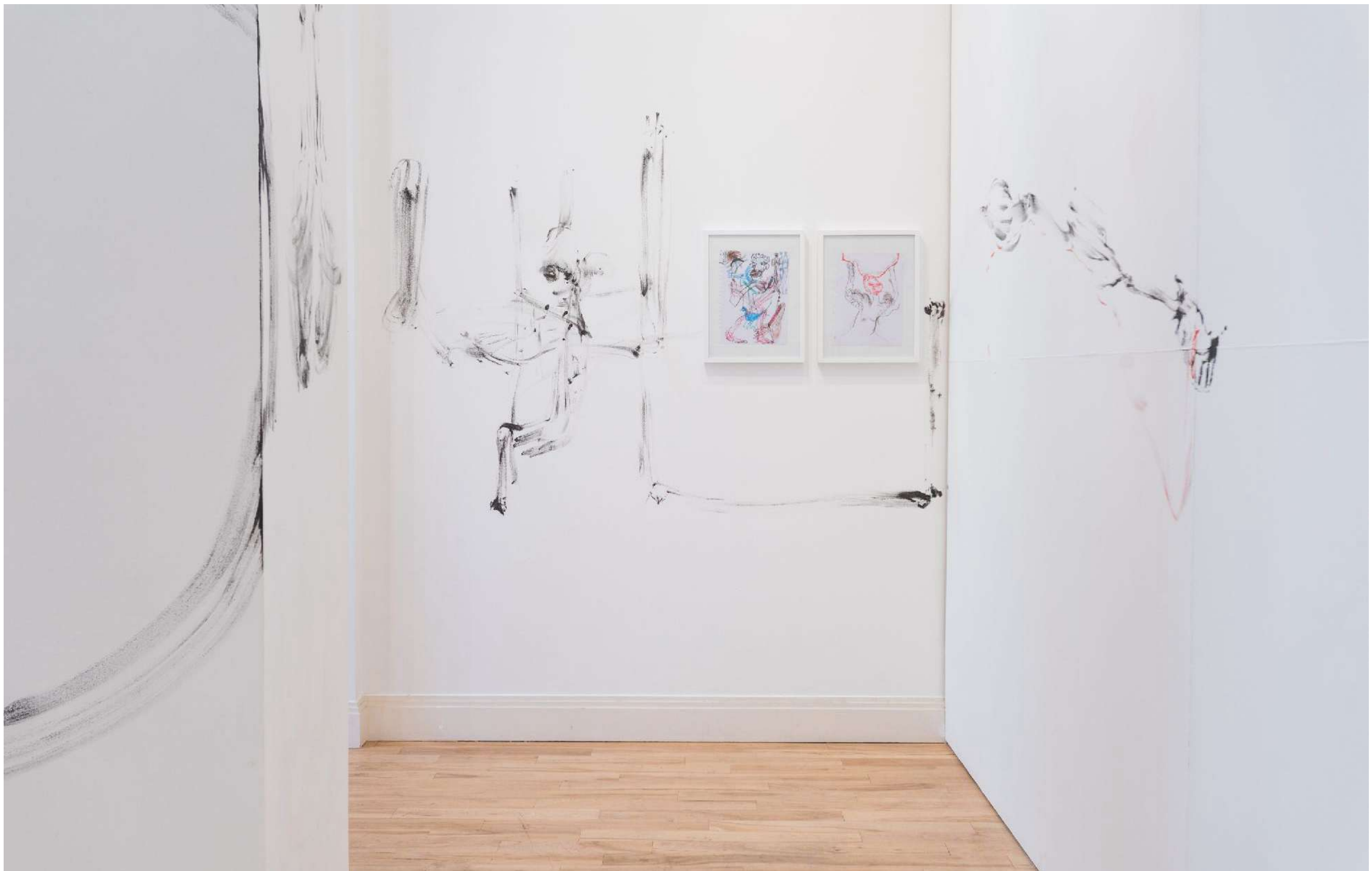


Disclosed Traces and Triadic Apparitions

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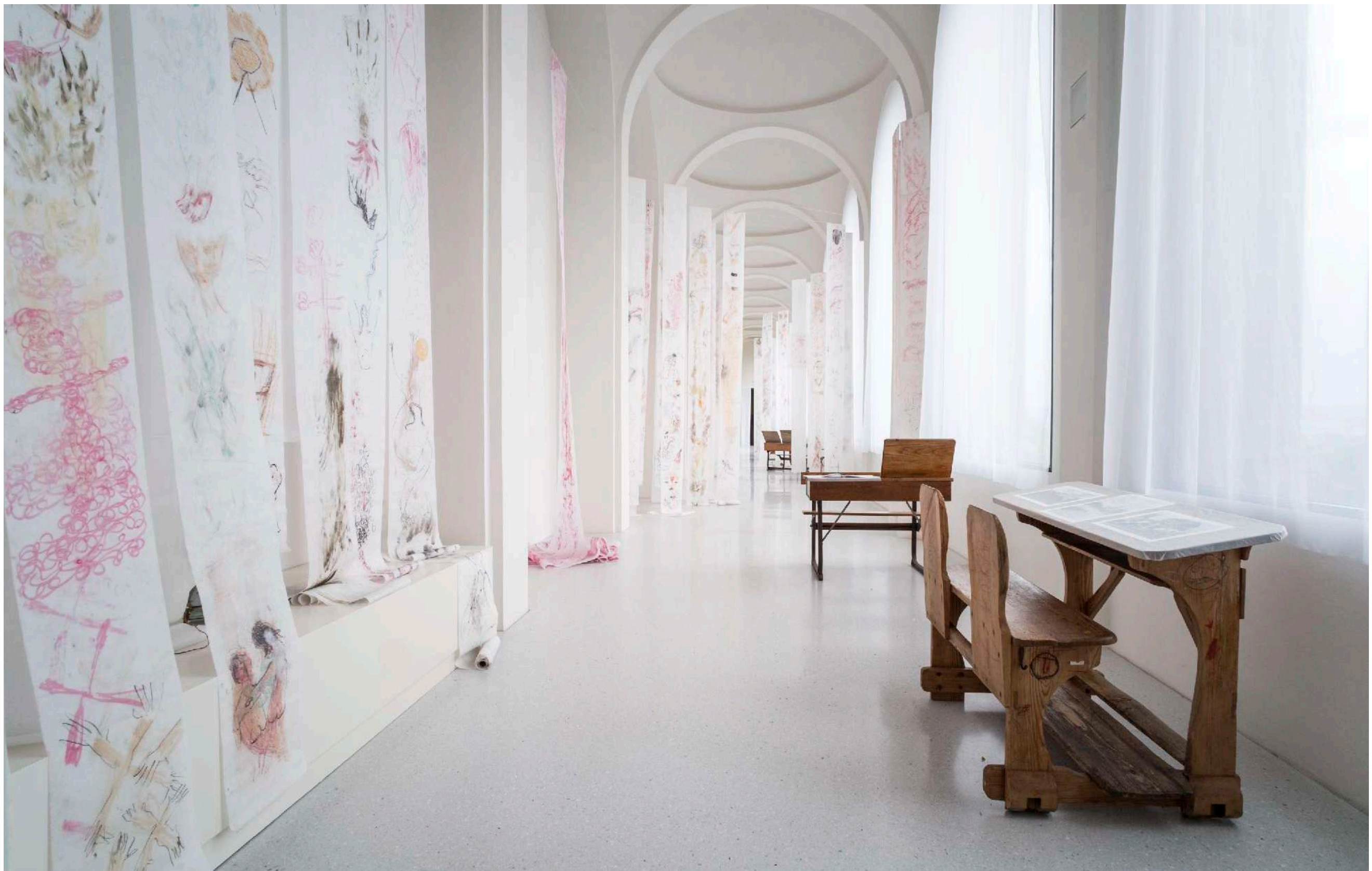
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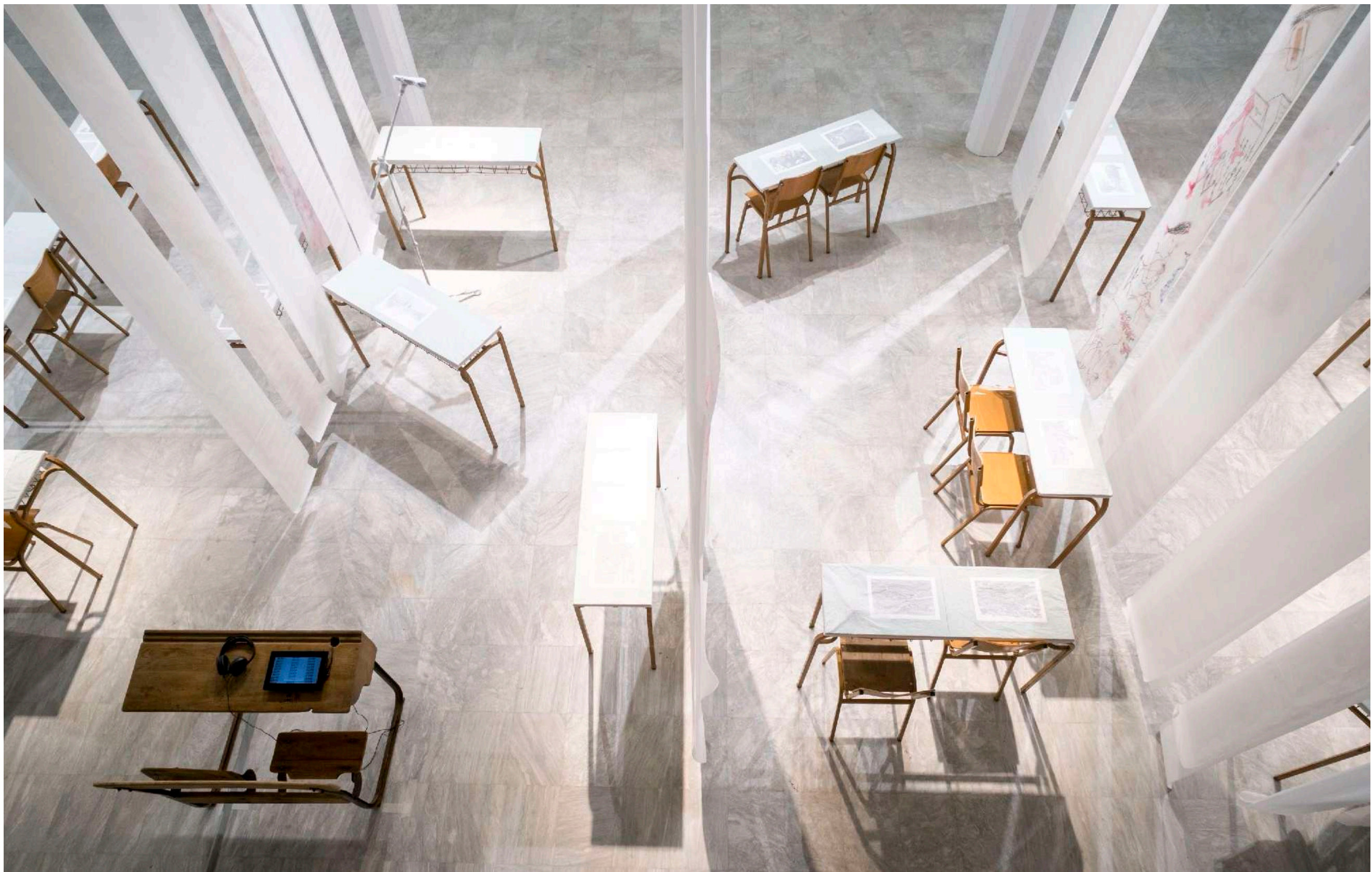
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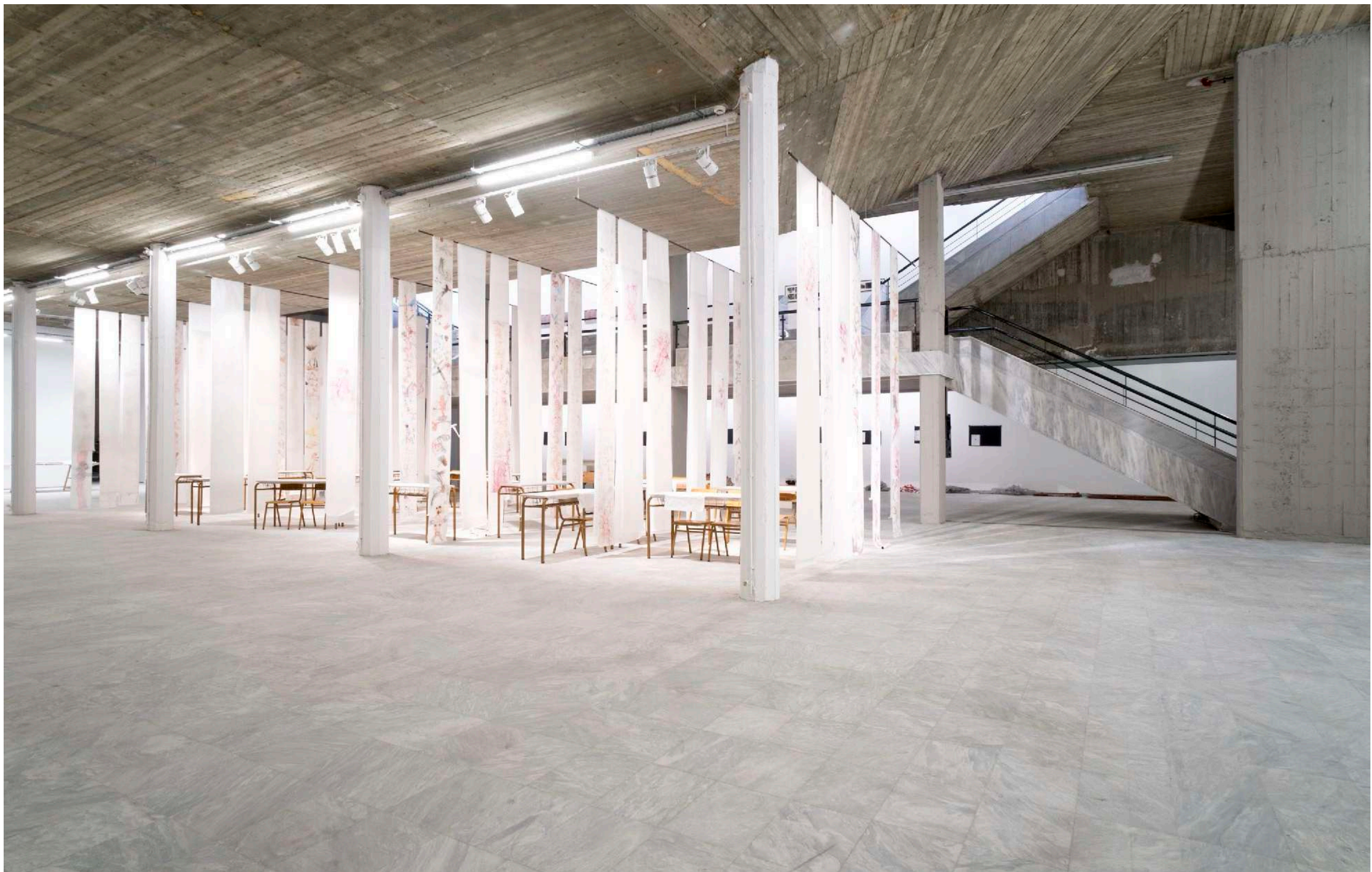
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