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Connecting Lines by Frank Coffie

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Opening reception, Thursday April 28th, 6-9 pm



Allouche Gallery Los Angeles is proud to present Frank Coffie's debut solo exhibition, *Connecting Lines*, featuring portraits of oil paint, plastic, and yarn on linen.

Conceptually, Coffie has explored the idea of belonging through his representation of bodies in fleeting, almost dream-like spaces. He is working through the ideas of positivity and opportunity. When asked about what he strives to convey in this current body of work, Coffie states, "I want the viewer to feel strength in a moment of defeat... a positive side to a negative moment."

The idea of strength in defeat comes through strongly in his portraiture. Referencing iconic imagery such as Michelangelo's *Pieta*, his piece *Floral Console* (pictured above, left) re-frames the evocation of loss between parent and child. Instead, he suggests a moment of newness, of opportunity, a moment to reflect. Perhaps there's a moment of peace, a possibility of life instead of loss - a lens in which he views his own experiences.

Coffie states, "The inspiration for my paintings comes from nature and my life. I love the colors and the process I go through when painting. But, knowing how to finish can be a challenge... because when I think I'm done, I get more ideas of different ways to conclude a composition."

The body of work exhibited at Allouche Gallery Los Angeles will display Coffie's inspired evolution from painting with acrylic to his current use of oil, plastic, and yarn. Coffie's oil paintings combined with the use of yarn and embroidery enhance the expressions of his subjects, producing an energy tangible within each work.

Frank Coffie [b. 1992] currently resides in his hometown of Accra, Ghana. Coffie has studied at Ghanatta College of Arts and Design, and continued on to Ruth Prowse School of Art in South Africa, studying fine art and finding his signature sewn canvas technique.



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