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ART GALLERY

Nikoleta Sekulovic: *The Hypatia Collection*

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Nikoleta Sekulovic, *Hypatia*, 2019, acrylic and graphite on canvas, 180 x 130 cm

The Hypatia Collection is an innovative collaboration between the Madrid-based artist Nikoleta Sekulovic and London furniture company, Viaduct. This exhibition will consist of eleven paintings of female nudes, each depicted with a chair selected by Viaduct from their collections.

Restoring one of the great subjects of Western Art to the intimacy of the 'female gaze', Sekulovic has established an international reputation with her restrained yet evocative paintings of unclothed women. The images are at

once modern and timeless. The models, all known to the artist, and all fellow mothers, are given classical titles – the names of ancient Greek female poets and philosophers.

In her current body of work Sekulovic creates both a tension and a synergy from the juxtaposition of naked figures and elegant designer forms. The simple yet bold lines of the different Viaduct chairs represent both an extension of the sitter's personality and a place in which to be still and present.

'I have often observed that while the muse poses, she is, in a way, invited to just be in the present, suspended in time, something most mothers rarely get an opportunity to experience. It is unique and empowering to give her a space in time to be "still", to be a muse, neither pretending or trying to please anyone, just being uniquely herself.' – Nikoleta Sekulovic

It is fitting for the collection to be named after Hypatia, an Ancient Greek female philosopher, famous for being the greatest mathematician and astronomer of her time and overcoming the profound sexism of her society. Her boldness and powerfulness reflects the underlying vision of this collection.

Viaduct furniture represents a carefully curated selection of furniture from exceptional designers. A leading destination, Viaduct sources authentic, contemporary design straight from the world's leading brands and designers. Located in a former printworks in Clerkenwell, it is now home to a handpicked selection of furniture and lighting.

Nikoleta Sekulovic is an artist presently based in Madrid. Born in Rome to a German mother and a Serbian father, she has worked in London, Paris and New York, exhibiting across these cities. This is her second solo show at the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery.

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