

# HG Contemporary Presents - Smile: A Collaborative Show from Alejandro Sanz and Domingo Zapata

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Hours 6:00-9:00pm

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Chelsea, NYC - HG Contemporary presents Smile, a collaborative exhibit showcasing the joint work of renown contemporary artist Domingo Zapata and singer-songwriter Alejandro Sanz. Both fabulously successful artists in their own rights, between Sanz's musical background and Zapata's visual artistic language, this joint exhibition is a superb meeting of the minds. Each piece was worked on simultaneously by both artists. Figurative, expressive, and suggestively abstract, Sanz and Zapata's joint style uses bold color, energetic line-work to create an enticing feel of graffiti. The riot of lines and texture in each piece are juxtaposed, and contained or exploded with areas of solid color. The show is deluge of inventiveness and vision.

"Collaboration produces some very interesting artistic work, and particularly what Sanz and Zapata have created together evokes the spirit of Picasso and Condo with that certain flair," says Philippe Hoerle-Guggenheim, HG Contemporary Gallery Founder & Owner. "I'm thrilled to be hosting such an innovative exhibition, with a world-renowned musician, which is obviously an art form in itself, who expresses himself so purely on canvas. For a musician breaking ground in this art form, a collaboration with Domingo, who has been on the big stage for so long, is the perfect pairing and unfolded just beautifully. Together they have created an ingenious and inventive show."

Alejandro Sanz

Latin musician Alejandro Sanz has had a star-studded musical career with 17 Latin Grammy awards, three Grammy Awards, and three Latin Grammy Album of the Year awards, more than any other artist. Born in Madrid, the singer-songwriter began his illustrious career at just 19, with his breakout success in 1997. Working with everyone from Shakira to MTV Unplugged, he has become a renown artist and household name.

This exhibition will be one of his first foray's into the art world, redirecting his artistic musical talent into something more tangible. He brings the same creativity which has made him such a success in the music world to the canvas.

#### Domingo Zapata

A true renaissance man, Zapata has worked in everything from sculpture, painting, music, murals, and fashion. This joint exhibition is just another addition to a wildly popular and diverse career, this time exploring the world of music with renown musician Alejandro Sanz.

Born in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, Zapata splits his time between his studios in New York, Miami and Hollywood creating Neo-Expressionist paintings in both oil and acrylic with the incorporation of mixed-media, collage and graffiti featuring often. Famous world-wide, Zapata's work is sought after from starlets and world monuments alike with a panel planned for the restored colosseum in Rome, and called the "new Andy Warhol" by the New York Post.

For over two decades Zapata has been building up an impressive oeuvre exploring themes of sexuality, opulence, and vitality in his signature style. Layering fantasy and reality, Zapata lured the viewer into a cosmically beautiful world. A songwriter himself, Zapata has helped write lyrics for artists such as Michael Jackson and Jon Secada, This exhibition reaches deep into that poetic imagination.

#### About HG Contemporary

Hoerle-Guggenheim Contemporary is a breakthrough gallery founded by Philippe Hoerle-Guggenheim in 2014. The gallery has built a reputation for unearthing distinct artists and producing shows that embrace groundbreaking aesthetics and concepts. HG Contemporary has produced exhibitions featuring: RETNA, Tim Bengel, Stuart McAlpine Miller, Jason Dussault, Massimo Agostinelli, Olga Tobreluts among many others.

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