

MONTI8

RICARDO PARTIDA / EMILY MANWARING

What We Doin'

8th - 20th June 2023

Via V. Monti 8

Gallery space

MONTI8 is pleased to announce *What We Doin'*, a two person show featuring the works of **Ricardo Partida** and **Emily Manwaring**, running through June 20.

For the first time exhibiting together, both artists present a selection of mid-size as well as large scale paintings characterized by the vibrancy of tones and figures which populate the canvases.

The title *What We Doin'* refers to the song title by American rap duo City Girls saucy anthem about linking up with a friend on a Friday night to have fun and let loose. The show consists of 7 paintings of characters commuting and hanging out with a "pre game" calm before the storm vibe that can usually be experienced when in intimate spaces amongst close friends.

Ricardo Partida (1990, Mexico City, lives and works in Chicago) invented his own iconography. He always represents himself in different situations and attitudes wearing flashy clothes, sometimes playing roles like dancers, superheroes, mythical creatures and so many others, combining elements from the Classical culture - like mythology - and his personal life, also inspired by the style of the Old Masters.

The relationship with his personal life and experience is marked. As he has written for this show: "Living and working in Chicago is so special in the sense that while I do get to work hard the city nightlife also allows me to play hard, haha it's great to be able to see your favorite DJ spin or pop star play at the local venue after a long day of painting"

Emily Manwaring (1999, New York, lives and works in New York) celebrates the joy of life through colorful canvases, mostly filled with attractive women or groups of people, which refers to her origins.

In her scenes, she draws inspiration from the New York Caribbean community, that she depicts as a way to be connected to her identity. In the larger piece from the show *We Ready for de Road*, for instance, she represents a few dancing Black figures dressed for the Caribbean Carnival parade, a scene imbued with so much energy and happiness.

The show will be on view through June 20 at the gallery main space.