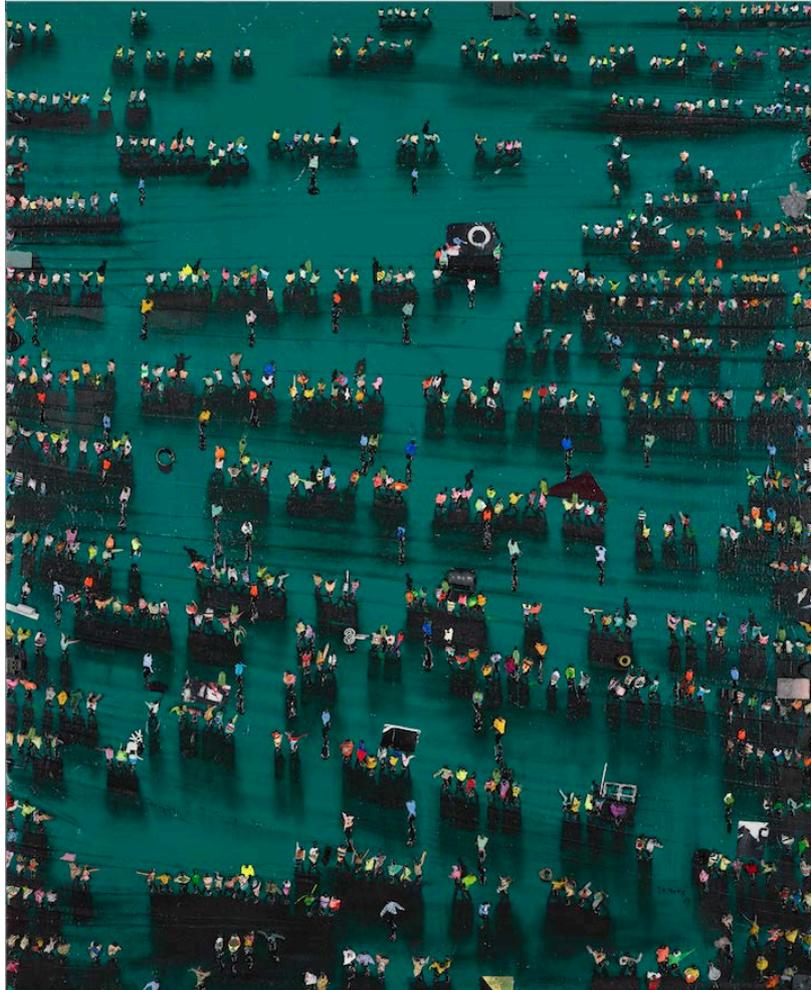


## Juan Genovés "Ágora"

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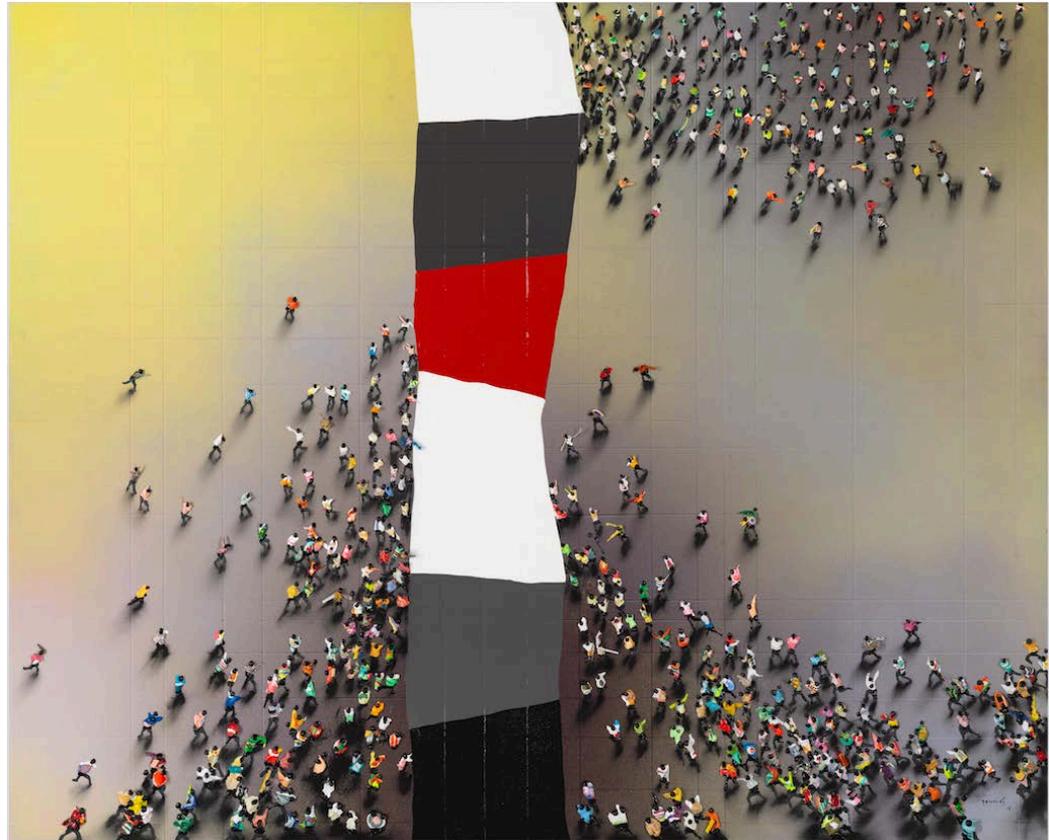
17 November - 10 December 2023



Juan Genovés, *Correlaciones*, 2017  
Acrylic on canvas on board, 160 x 130 cm

Opera Gallery Singapore is pleased to present a first-of-its-kind, specially curated exhibition of paintings, giclée prints and sculptures by Juan Genovés, titled *Ágora*. This exclusive showcase will run from 17 November to 10 December 2023.

One of Spain's best-known contemporary artists, Juan Genovés' works are rooted in social realism, adopting expressionist and figurative artistic styles and in the process rejecting the "elitism of abstraction" and Informalism. The result was a body of works that were unabashedly political and portrayed his criticisms of the fascist Franco regime.



*Desplegable*, 2018 , 130 x 160 cm

There are two important subjects that feature in this series: the 'individual', which he depicted through collage, and the 'crowd', which he painted in a cinematographic style. These depictions, often captured from an aerial view, are often taken out of locational and situational context, as if granting the viewer the power of omnipotence over swarms of anonymous multitudes. Suspended in time and in space, these figures are devoid of direction and of narrative, but they seem to be held together by a common sense of communality. A metaphor of the horrors of dictatorship perhaps, or sanguine messages of unity and camaraderie? Nonetheless, Genovés' works embodied more than just political ideas, they represented the realities and apprehensions of a world made kinetic, compelling and frenetic with its people and their movements.

Ever potent and relevant, Genovés' works are landmarks of socially-engaged contemporary art, mesmerising reflections of what lies at the epicentre of all societies, past, present and future – the hopes and importance of the people and their communities.



Juan Genovés, photo courtesy of Jordi Socias

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