



# RUIZ-HEALY ART

Contemporary Art from Latin America & Texas

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## ***BECOMING***

New Works by Jesse Amado

On View March 16 through April 29, 2017

RUIZ-HEALY ART 201-A East Olmos Drive, San Antonio Texas 78212

**Public Opening Reception Thursday, March 16, 2017 6 - 8pm**

Artist Talk 2:00pm Saturday, March 25 moderated by Rainey Knudson

Catalogue with Essay by Rainey Knudson

Ruiz-Healy Art is pleased to announce a solo exhibition highlighting a new series of work by Jesse Amado. *BECOMING* opens to the public on Thursday, March 16, 2017 with a reception from 6-8pm and the artist will be in attendance. An Artist talk contextualizing the exhibition will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 2:00pm.

Amado recently returned from Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum's Berlin Residency Program in partnership with Künstlerhaus Bethanien in Germany. Known for art that is conceptually based and highly formal Amado states "A synthesis is underway. Developing into a progression; steered by compositions and colorings ... These current works represent seemingly the spiritual... Present with vestiges of beautiful Catholicism. It's rituals and iconography. Subsequently appearing is the Metaphysical... presence of the natural with it's necessary result of ART and it is all that exists."

*BECOMING* features politically themed "block letters", textile "colorings", his signature virgin wool felt "tablets", trompe-l'oeil prints by Hare & Hound Press, and a garment "closet."

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, he received his BA in English from the University of Texas at Austin and his BFA and MFA from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Amado resided in both Texas and New York City for many years.

Amado's art can be found in various private and public collections throughout Texas, the United States and internationally, including the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington D.C.; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX; Dallas Museum of Art, TX; Blanton Museum, Austin, TX; San Antonio Museum of Art, TX; Linda Pace Foundation, San Antonio, TX; and El Museo Del Barrio, New York, NY.



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Founded in 2004, and located in the historic Olmos Park District of San Antonio, Ruiz-Healy Art specializes in contemporary art with an emphasis on Latin American and Texas connected artists. To request high-resolution images and more information about the exhibition, please contact the gallery at 210-804-2219. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 -4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

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