

# Clima

Jason Gomez

## *Terra incognita*

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My dog is me, I'm the plants that I grow. The studio is a factory for disembodiment and re-embodiment. The real work is in reanimation. Cherry stem ovaries, cast orchid jewels, a vocabulary, an index of feelings, metaphoric operants sown in the field. The gardener's interconnected knowledge at play with the sculptor's pursuit of the grid. Let's continue living.

Terracotta is a life-sustaining medium. Some cultures eat it. Hands in clay, I think about Palaeolithic terracotta figurines buried underground and all of the history of clay. Charles Darwin had a fine collection of terracotta pots.

We compartmentalize the natural world and we showcase it. I wanted to exhibit a body of work bred for, always growing despite the times. A greenhouse collection of orchids cast in acrylic. Rarefied symbols, dichotomies glowing. The lightboxes in the exhibition frame cast specimens, they are signifiers projecting ideals, seed for tomorrow. Controlling genes is sick. Genetic expression is tolerated.

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**Jason Gomez** ( Los Angeles, 1986) lives and works in Los Angeles, CA. He has an MFA in Sculpture from UCLA, Los Angeles and a BFA from California State University, Long Beach.

Recent solo exhibitions: Gut Garden, Escolar, Santa Rosa CA(2019); Addio al Passato, Clima, Milan, IT; MFA thesis show at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA(2017);-opsis, Clima, Milan, IT (2016); The Domestic Archivist, Magazijn, Amsterdam, NL; RijksakademieOPEN 2014, Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, NL; Parallel Pictures, Almanac Inn, Turin, IT(2014).

Recent group exhibitions: Forever Never Comes, curated by Lapo Simeoni, Museo Archeologico della Maremma, MAM, Grosseto, IT (2017); Condensed Matter Community, in collaboration with Kate Levant. Curated by Kristof Wickman and Evan Gruzis, Synchrotron Radiation Center, Stoughton, WI; color my life with the chaos of trouble, Clima, Milan, IT; Evil Under the Sun, curated by Milovan Farronato and Lucy Mckenzie, Volcano Extravaganza Fiorucci Art Trust, Stromboli, IT.