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GONZALO CEBALLOS
Distant Relatives

Chapter House Lane is pleased to present *Distant Relatives*, a solo exhibition by Gonzalo Ceballos, from 6 July to 31 August. The exhibition will include new pieces made over the past year. Working across painting, sculpture, drawing and installation, *Distant Relatives* speaks to the energy and compulsion to make art that drives Ceballos' practice.

Ceballos makes work from his home-based studio, around his two children, his wife, and his late night job as a security guard. The array of works that he creates questions the archetype of the White male genius artist and notions of authenticity. He interrogates the emotional sacrifice required of yourself and of others around you to make art, and gestures towards the complex joy that can come from art making.



Image: Gonzalo Ceballos, *Land of Wolves*, 2017, synthetic polymer paint and ink on canvas, 51cm x 41cm



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Ceballos' own grand personal narrative that comes out in his work has a gravitational pull. His insertion of his own body and world into much of his work challenges the viewer to reconcile the role that non-White people have in the history of art as artists.

For *Distant Relatives*, the mountain of drawings, paintings and sculptures that have accumulated in his house will take over the window spaces of Chapter House Lane, including some collaborate pieces that he has made with his two sons.

About the artist:

Gonzalo Ceballos arrived in Melbourne at the age of four. His family fled the Pinochet regime and Chile and he grew up in the commission housing community of inner-city Melbourne. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from the Victoria College of the Arts, and has previously exhibited at the Food Court, Black Dot Gallery, c3 Contemporary Art Space, Seventh Gallery, a laundromat and a public toilet. Visit Gonzalo Ceballos' artist website: <http://www.gonzaloceballos.com>

Exhibition: 6 July – 31 August 2017

Launch: Thursday 6 July, 6–8pm

Performance by: mara <https://soundcloud.com/maramaramusic>

Location: Chapter House Lane, entry via Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Chapter House Lane is a non-profit contemporary art gallery in Melbourne. Find out more at chapterhouselane.org.au. Contact us for media enquiries, interviews or images: Andy Butler on 0406 653 854 andy@chapterhouselane.org.au

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