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These Are the Ascendant Artists You Need to Watch

From digital sex dolls to the colonial legacy of mining, these rising art stars address the politics of creative production within a global landscape.



Dalton Gata, Vista Desde la Ventana (View From the Window), 2020

Painting: Dalton Gata

Dalton Gata's unsettling yet humorous paintings were recently shown by Peres Projects in Art Basel's online viewing rooms. Now his work can be seen as part of Galeria Agustina Ferreyra's digital project, titled *A Watched Pot Never Boils: Meditations on Food and Time*. The Cuban artist's paintings have a surreal edge to them, recently combining harsh, rocky landscapes with still-life compositions, mythological beasts and wry nods to the contemporary world. In one particularly meta work, he depicts the back of two glamorous women's heads and shoulders as they gaze out of a window across a desolate, pink-skied terrain. Gata previously worked as a fashion designer, and his Instagram account shows off the versatility of his practice, with a selection of recent iPad sketches, expressive pencil drawings and playful, heated photo shoots. **(Emily Steer)**