

UPRISE ART PRESENTS

FABRICATING DESERT

A digital exhibition

Uprise Art is pleased to present *Fabricating Desert*, a solo exhibition of photography by Sinziana Velicescu. This exhibition presents work that explores the tension between the built environment and the natural landscape of the American Southwest. Velicescu's carefully composed images create an ambiguous sense of scale; the adobe and stucco walls of Pueblo-style buildings echo the texture of the windswept desert sands that surround them. Her color-blocked compositions allow her subject matter to transcend its objecthood, transforming into saturated fields of pigment. Cloudless skies become wide swaths of cerulean, while sun-worn brick shifts to scumbled rose madder and desert sand turns to coarse ochre with painterly abstraction. Underscoring illusion and flatness, Velicescu's photographs present the constructed reality of

the contemporary Southwestern landscape, engaging the viewer with the evershifting confluence between the built environment and the natural world.

Sinziana Velicescu is a Los-Angeles, California-based photographer and filmmaker. Her works capture overlooked moments in the cityscape she calls home, as well as the unique aesthetic and utilitarian contrast of architecture within the sprawling landscape. Minimalistic in nature and inspired by abstract expressionism as well as the structural elements of graphic design, Sinziana's works use architecture to examine political, social, and environmental change.

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