

LES VOYAGE DE BOUGAINVILLIERS



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INTRODUCTION

Les Voyages de Bougainvilliers: Triptych Series A, B, C, is a new series of paintings by Todd B. Richmond, conveying migrations of imagery that once had specific origins but are ubiquitous today.

The central blossom in each painting is inspired by a bougainvillea arbor on a mango farm in Pampanga, which made a lasting impression on the artist during his first visit to the Philippines in the mid-1990s.

These works allude to the time when the bougainvillea began its global voyage, and its origins in South America. Though named after Louise-Antoine de Bougainville, the admiral of the 1766 French expedition, the colorful plant was collected by a botanist's assistant, Jeanne Baret, who disguised herself as a man to be permitted on the ship's worldwide circumnavigation.

Dispersed throughout the paintings are plumeria, originally from Central and South America, which have



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developed varying cultural symbolism over time. Mangoes, also depicted in Richmond's paintings, are indigenous to South Asia. Just as the bougainvillea and plumeria journeyed to South and Southeast Asia, the mango voyaged across to South America.

The artist often works in series, motivated by the origins and histories of the images in his large-scale paintings. The imagery of woodgrain is a nod to Richmond's work with the late artist Richard Artschwager, whose influence migrated from New York City to the international art scene. He remains an inspiration for Richmond, having been his assistant for many years.

"When I painted side-by-side with Richard Artschwager in the 1990s, he would say to me 'add, take away, add, take away'. This phrase continues to influence my approach to painting, as it implies freedom in mark-making and the subsequent actions available to painters. When I paint wood grain, it's like a continuation of a painting technique we did together." – Todd B. Richmond



(On the cover) Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers - Triptych Series A
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
2024
Installation view



Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 01 - Quiapo
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
152 x 137 cm
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Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 02 - Phipps Conservatory
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
152 x 137 cm
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Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 03 - Amazon
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
152 x 137 cm
2024



Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers - Triptych Series B
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
2024
Installation view



Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 04 - Magenta et Rose Fluo
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
137 x 152 cm
2024



Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 05 - Jaune Clair et Jaune Fluo

Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas

137 x 152 cm

2024

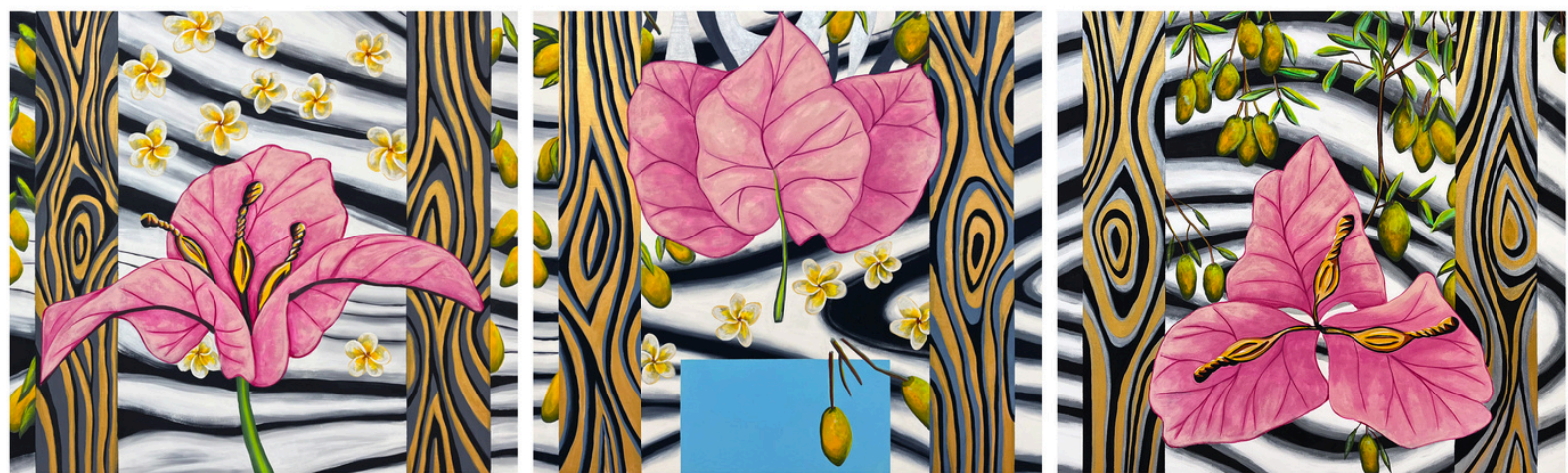


Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 06 - Violet Pastel et Rouge Fluo

Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas

137 x 152 cm

2024



Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers - Triptych Series C
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
2024
Installation view



Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 07 - Avant Avant
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
137 x 152 cm
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Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 08 - Privé Privé
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
137 x 152 cm
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Les Voyage de Bougainvilliers 09 - Haut Haut
Acrylic and vinyl on polyester canvas
137 x 152 cm
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