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Image: Nicolas Lobo, *Triple Rose Mask Residue Test* (Rose water hydrogel, gooseberry hydrator, Cannabis pain creme, double phalaenopsis), 2019. UV ink on aluminum, 12x18 in. Image courtesy of Nina Johnson Gallery.

## EXHIBITION

# NICOLAS LOBO: *WELLNESS CENTER*

MIKE KELLEY'S  
*MOBILE HOMESTEAD*  
May 10 – August 4, 2019

Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD) Presents  
Nicolas Lobo: *Wellness Center*

Opening Reception:  
Friday, May 10, 2019, 7-11PM  
Member Preview 5-7pm

Detroit, MI – Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit presents *Wellness Center*, a solo exhibition by Miami-based artist Nicolas Lobo based on contemporary wellness therapies and the socioeconomics of the wellness industry.

The placement of *Wellness Center* inside Mike Kelley's *Mobile Homestead* builds upon the idea that a home is understood by many as a place for healing, from a variety of collective and environmental harms. The project also references the conventional home-based practices of chiropractors, massage therapists, life coaches, acupressurists, acupuncturists, and many others who repurpose their domestic space as a place for wellness.

All of the artwork in the exhibition is part of Lobo's direct therapeutic work with individuals in his studio in Miami, using familiar products and objects common within the wellness ecosystem. Cannabis pain cream, rose kaolin, prickly pear, activated charcoal, medical grade honey, and hydrogel beauty masks take on the typical role of paint in Lobo's series of "Hydrogel Paintings". Made by applying wellness products to glass windows and then photographing them at various times of day, the translucence of the materials evoke slides under a microscope—reflecting on the physical properties commodified by the wellness industry.

*Juice Trade* is a new video work that explores the tension between economies of scale and safety in beverages as told through the circulation of bottled drinks sold at traffic lights and high end juice processing and consumption. *Wellness Center* also features functional sculptures designed to provide water based wellness services to visitors. A limited number of appointments to take part in these treatments will be available throughout the exhibition and those who are interested in participating are asked to inquire in person at the *Mobile Homestead* during public hours.

**MIKE KELLEY'S *MOBILE HOMESTEAD* HOURS**  
Friday – Sunday: 11am-5pm

### MORE ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Nicolas Lobo: *Wellness Center* at Mike Kelley's *Mobile Homestead* is organized by Amy Corle, Curator of Education and Public Engagement, with insights from Larry Ossei-Mensah, Susanne Feld Hilberry Senior Curator. Generous support is provided by John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and by The Ellies, Miami's visual arts awards, presented by Oolite Arts. Mike Kelley's *Mobile Homestead* is commissioned by Artangel in association with MOCAD, LUMA Foundation, and Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts, with the generous support of the Artangel International Circle. Support for Mike Kelley's *Mobile Homestead* is provided by the Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts and the MOCAD Leadership Circle.

### ABOUT NICOLAS LOBO

Nicolas Lobo received a BFA from The Cooper Union in 2004, he now lives and works in Miami. He has exhibited at internationally recognized venues including the Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, Miami Art Museum, Marlborough Chelsea, the de la Cruz collection, Lisa Cooley Gallery, the NADA art fair, ARTIS in the Netherlands and Ines Barrenechea in Madrid. In addition, Lobo has recently published an artist book through [Name] publications.

### ABOUT Mike Kelley's *Mobile Homestead*

Mike Kelley's *Mobile Homestead* is a permanent artwork by the late artist Mike Kelley. Located on the grounds of the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, it is a full-scale replica of the home in which Kelley grew up: a single-story, ranch-style house in the Detroit suburb of Westland. Kelley, who died in Los Angeles in 2012, sought to ensure that the *Mobile Homestead* remain relevant to the cultural interests and concerns of its local communities. In that spirit, the home was designed to serve

as a community gallery and gathering place featuring programming organized by and for a diverse public, as Kelley intended. The *Mobile Homestead* was built with a detachable facade, allowing it to be driven to neighborhoods throughout the city, offering public services during its travels.

### ABOUT MOCAD

The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD) is an innovative addition to Detroit's vibrant Midtown neighborhood, and functions as a hub for the exploration of emerging ideas in the contemporary arts. As a non-collecting institution, MOCAD is responsive to the cultural content of our time, fueling crucial dialogue, collaboration, and public engagement. The Museum is located between the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Detroit Institute of the Arts, Wayne State University, and the College for Creative Studies. The cavernous 22,000 square foot building, a former auto dealership, has been simply renovated to maintain its raw historic character. MOCAD's ambitious series of public programs includes lectures, musical performances, films, literary readings, and educational activities for area youth. MOCAD is generously supported by individual members, private and corporate foundations, and government agencies. More information can be found at [mocadetroit.org](http://mocadetroit.org).

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