

Press Release

Art for Women's Lives

Curated by **Milhas Pela Vida das Mulheres**
(**Gabriela Davies, Juliana Reis, Maíra Marques**
and Paula Borghi)

Opening: **Wednesday, December 7, 4pm - 7pm**

On view:
December 7, 2022 - January 31, 2023
Open Daily 12pm - 9pm

Location:
Paço Imperial - Praça Quinze de Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Featuring work by:

Aleta Valente, Agrade Camíz, Anna Costa e Silva & Nanda Costa, biarrittzzz, Caroline Valansi, Débora Bolsoni, Enrica Bernardelli, Fabiana Faleiros, Fernanda Gomes, Juliana dos Santos, Kalor, Kitty Paranaguá, Laura Lima, Lenora de Barros, Livia Flores, Luciana Whitaker, Maria Antonia, Maíra Marques, María Sabato, Moara Brasil Tupinambá, Rosângela Rennó and Val Souza.

Art for Women's Lives is an exhibition that features works by 24 women artists, who have been working together since November 2020 to raise funds and give visibility to the fight for the decriminalization of abortion in Brazil. The show examines situations and experiences that imprison women at all levels: bodily, psychologically and spiritually. The curation responds to the patriarchal oppression that has been colonizing women's bodies for centuries. This work begins through the non-profit organization "*Milhas Pela Vida das Mulheres*" (*Miles for Women's Life*). Founded in 2020 by filmmaker Juliana Reis, *Milhas* is an initiative to help women who want to terminate their pregnancies safely and legally, united under the motto: "Those who can, helping those who need it."

In November 2020, the "*Arte, Substantivo Feminino*" (*Art, Feminine Noun*) project began with the intention to raise funds for *Milhas*. Recognizing and modifying social patterns and systems of oppression is an ongoing task. It is with this understanding that *Art, Feminine Noun* strengthens the awareness and importance of legal, safe and free abortion through art. We consider this an ongoing, aggregating, expansive, and permanent project, active until every person has the non-negotiable human right to determine if, when, and how they create a family.

Art for Women's Lives was selected through apexart's Open Call. For the latest information on the exhibition and related events, visit apexart.org/mulheres.php or contact ash.hagerstrand@apexart.org.

Milhas Pela Vida das Mulheres is an association that guarantees the access of Brazilian women to legal abortion within Brazil in the cases provided for by law and in neighboring countries in the cases not permitted. Art for Women's Lives is an art project idealized by Gabriela Davies, Juliana Reis, Maíra Marques and Paula Borghi.

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Juliana dos Santos, *Catirina*, Ink on printing wheatpaste, 2018