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## RICARDO MAFFEI

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**NEW YORK, NEW YORK:** The Directors of Marlborough Gallery are pleased to announce Ricardo Maffei's upcoming solo exhibition, opening on Wednesday, January 11th with a reception from 6 – 8 pm. It will remain on view through February 4th. Maffei is renowned for his reductive compositions of exquisite verisimilitude. This will be the artist's sixth solo exhibition with Marlborough Gallery, and will feature eleven recent still lifes in pastel.

The objects depicted in the works of Ricardo Maffei are often detached from their original purpose, and always convey their true essence. In these works, Maffei ennobles each object through a cultivated sense of austerity. By working in natural light, the artist achieves a luminosity derived from the subtle variations of light that are manifest through the day. This will be the first exhibition to feature Maffei's still lifes with metal wire, such as *Construcción de alambre* (2016), which appear as gestural drawings of light within the confined space of the composition.

Ricardo Maffei was born in Santiago de Chile in 1953. He studied painting with Miguel Venegas Cifuentes, who also taught Claudio Bravo, his compatriot with whom he would also study some years later in Morocco.

Maffei's work has been exhibited in New York, Madrid, Monte Carlo, Colombia, El Salvador, Paris, Dubai, Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile for over thirty years. The work was most recently shown in a solo exhibition organized by AMS Marlborough in Santiago de Chile. Maffei's body of work can be found in notable private and public international collections including those Museo de Artes Visuales de Santiago, General Electric, Nestlé and Telefónica.



*Construcción de alambre*, 2016  
pastel on paper  
29 2/8 x 25 3/8 in., 74.2 x 64.3 cm

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