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**HG Contemporary Presents:**

## **SMILE**

A Collaborative Show from Alejandro Sanz and Domingo Zapata

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Chelsea, NYC - HG Contemporary presents SMILE, a collaborative exhibit showcasing the joint work of renown contemporary artists Domingo Zapata and singer-songwriter Alejandro Sanz. Both fabulously successful artists in their own rights, between Sanz's musical background and Zapata's visual artistic language, this joint exhibition is a superb meeting of the minds. Both artists worked on each piece simultaneously. Figurative, expressive, and suggestively abstract, Sanz and Zapata's joint style uses bold color, energetic line-work to create an enticing feel of graffiti. The riot of lines and texture in each piece are juxtaposed, and contained or exploded with areas of solid color. The show is a deluge of inventiveness and vision.

“Collaboration produces some very interesting artistic work, and particularly what Sanz and Zapata have created together evokes the spirit of Picasso and Condo with that certain flair,” says Philippe Hoerle-Guggenheim, HG Contemporary Gallery Founder & Owner. “I’m thrilled to be hosting such an innovative exhibition, with a world-renowned musician, which is obviously an art form in itself, who expresses himself so purely on canvas. For a musician breaking ground in this art form, a collaboration with Domingo, who has been on the big stage for so long, is the perfect pairing and unfolded just beautifully. Together they have created an ingenious and inventive show.”

### **Alejandro Sanz**

Since his debut in 1991 with *Viviendo Deprisa* through his most recent live album, 2017's *Más Es Más El Concierto*, Sanz has established himself as one of the most renowned and influential artists worldwide with more than 25 million records sold. All 16 of his albums have gone multi-platinum in Spain, Latin America or the United States.

Throughout his career, Sanz has collaborated with several leading performers from around the globe, including Alicia Keys, Shakira, Destiny's Child, Laura Pausini, the Corrs, Ivete Sangalo, Emeli Sandé, Juanes, Juan Luis Guerra, Marc Anthony, Alejandro Fernández, and Tony Bennett.

In 2013, he received an honorary doctorate from Berklee College of Music in Boston in recognition of his contributions to music and international culture. In 2017, Sanz received the Gold Medal of the Community of Madrid for his talent, his support of humanitarian causes and his ability to surmount obstacles. He has also received the Gold Medal for Merit in the Fine Arts granted by the Spanish Ministry of Culture, and the Vision Award bestowed by the White House through the Hispanic Heritage Foundation in recognition of his notable contributions to Latin music.

Alejandro Sanz was honored as the **2017 Latin Recording Academy Person of the Year** during a prestigious gala held on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Las Vegas. An 20-time Latin GRAMMY® and three-time GRAMMY winner, Sanz was honored for his artistry and substantial philanthropic contributions to organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children and Greenpeace, among others.

Sanz currently has the largest Twitter following (more than 19 million) among Spanish artists. In addition, he has more than 6 million followers on Facebook and 2 million followers on Instagram.

### **Domingo Zapata**

A true renaissance man, Zapata has worked in everything from sculpture, painting, music, murals, and fashion. This joint exhibition is just another addition to a wildly popular and diverse career, this time exploring the world of music with renown musician Alejandro Sanz.

Born in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, Zapata splits his time between his studios in New York, Miami and Hollywood creating Neo-Expressionist paintings in both oil and acrylic with the incorporation of mixed media, collage and graffiti featuring often. Famous worldwide, Zapata's work is sought after from starlets and world monuments alike with a panel planned for the restored colosseum in Rome, and called the "New Andy Warhol" by the New York Post.

For over two decades Zapata has been building up an impressive oeuvre exploring themes of sexuality, opulence, and vitality in his signature style. Layering fantasy and reality, Zapata lured the viewer into a cosmically beautiful world. A songwriter himself, Zapata has helped write lyrics for artists such as Michael Jackson and Jon Secada, This exhibition reaches deep into that poetic imagination.

### **About HG Contemporary**

Hoerle-Guggenheim Contemporary is a breakthrough gallery founded by Philippe Hoerle-Guggenheim in 2014. The gallery has built a reputation for unearthing distinct artists and producing shows that embrace groundbreaking aesthetics and concepts. HG Contemporary has produced exhibitions featuring: RETNA, Tim Bengel, Stuart McAlpine Miller, Jason Dussault, Massimo Agostinelli, Olga Tobreluts among many others.

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