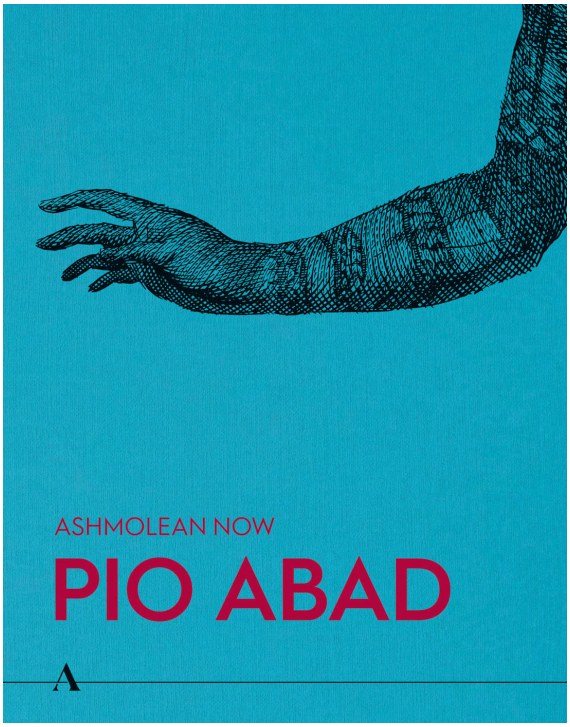
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- First Oxford show for Pio Abad
- Inspiration for the art includes Benin bronzes, and discussed by Dan Hicks (author of *The British Museum*)
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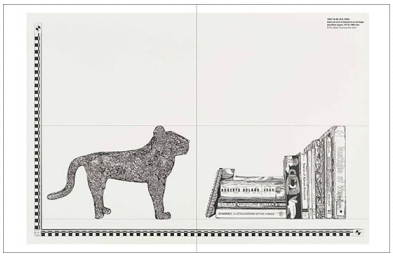
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Pio Abad (b. 1983, Manila, lives and works in London) began his art studies at the University of the Philippines before receiving a BA from Glasgow School of Art and an MA from the Royal Academy Schools, London. He has exhibited at Centre for Contemporary Arts Glasgow; Gasworks, London; Whitechapel Gallery, London; Mackintosh Museum, Glasgow; EVA International Biennial, Limerick; Kadist, Paris; e-flux, New York City; Asia Art Archive, Hong Kong; Para Site, Hong Kong; 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, Sydney; and the Museum of Contemporary Art and Design (MCAD) Manila.







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