



Pietà, Millefleurs

A solo show by Rini Hurkmans

September 13 - October 26, 2024

Rini Hurkmans' solo show *Pietà, Millefleurs* at Lumen Travo Gallery examines contemporary ethical issues through art, focusing on themes of absence, loss, ethics, and politics. Hurkmans' exploration began during her MoMA PS1 residency in 1992 when she acquired a press photo of Michelangelo's *Pietà*, taken just after the sculpture was attacked in 1972. The image of the *Pietà*, depicting a mother holding her deceased son, symbolizes profound loss and raises questions about human interaction and ethical conduct amidst societal and environmental crises.

The exhibition also draws inspiration from *La Dame à la Licorne*, a series of six tapestries from the late 15th century, featuring the millefleurs style and symbolizing the five senses and the heart. Hurkmans brings together these tapestries' delicate floral motifs with the *Pietà* theme to explore the disruption of human values and natural harmony. The show includes 55 woven pieces inspired by white blooming spring flowers, alongside sculptures, photo and video works. By intertwining historical and contemporary art, Hurkmans invites viewers to reflect on humanity and the environment, encouraging a re-evaluation of our relationships with each other and the natural world.







Pietà, Millefleurs, Verdure (2024)

Polyester, mohair, viscose, organic cotton, merino wool, acrylic, recycled PET, polyamide
Variable dimensions between 35 x 42 cm and 29 x 29 cm (55 pieces)

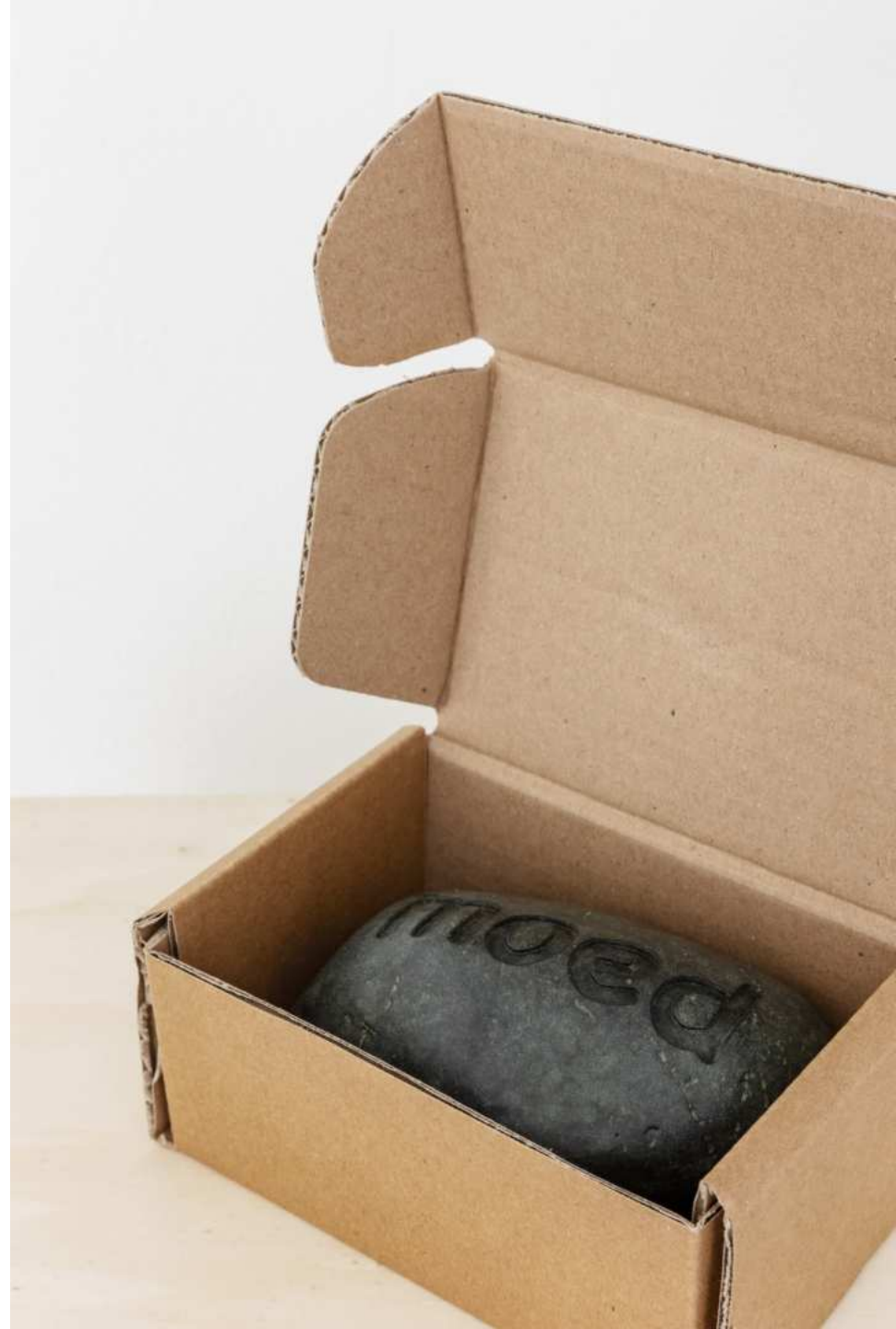


Pietà, Millefleurs (2024)
Beeswax, bronze, wood
150 x 85 x 43 cm (total with
stand)





Fortitudo (2024)
Bronze, felt, cardboard
Dimensions: 7 x 15.5 x
10 cm





Pietà, Millefleurs, del Popolo (2024)

Video work HD video

Duration: 12:33





Pietà, Millefleurs, Gesture (2024)
Bronze, beeswax
Dimensions: 14 x 20 x 29 cm



Pietà, Millefleurs, Prologue (2023)
Archival pigment-based inkjet print
Dimensions: 42 x 56 cm



Pietà, Millefleurs, Justice (2024)
Archival pigment-based inkjet print
Dimensions: 42 x 29.8 cm



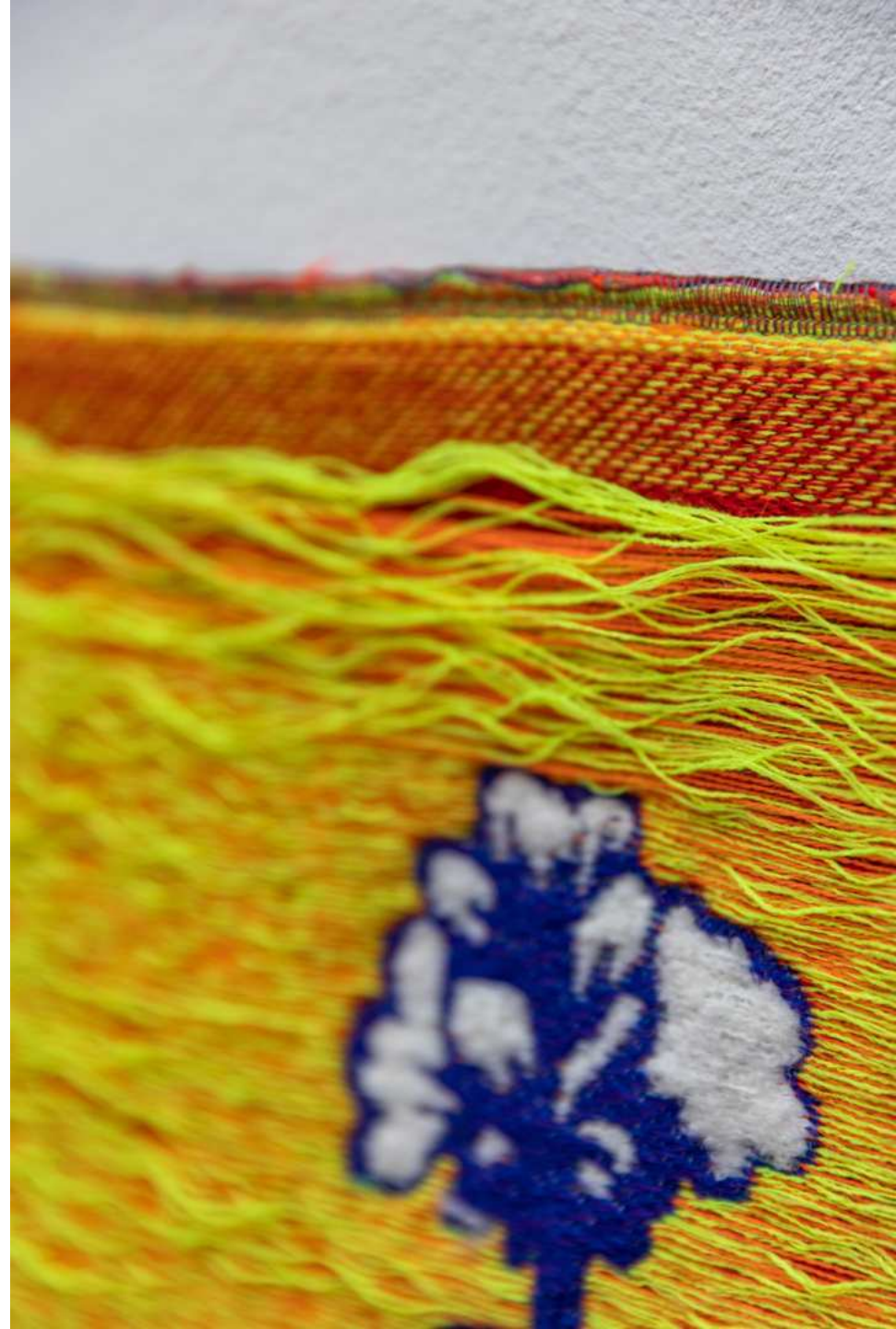


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Nachtsilene (2024)*





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Waterviolier (2024)



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44 *Amnigolus silvestris*

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45 *Spargelia angustata*

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46 *Saffraga crenulata*

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47 *Chrysanthemum laurantiifolium*

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48 *Compositae unguiculata*

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51 *Yucca eremita*

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52 *Gallium Aparite*

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53 *Spargelia eremita*

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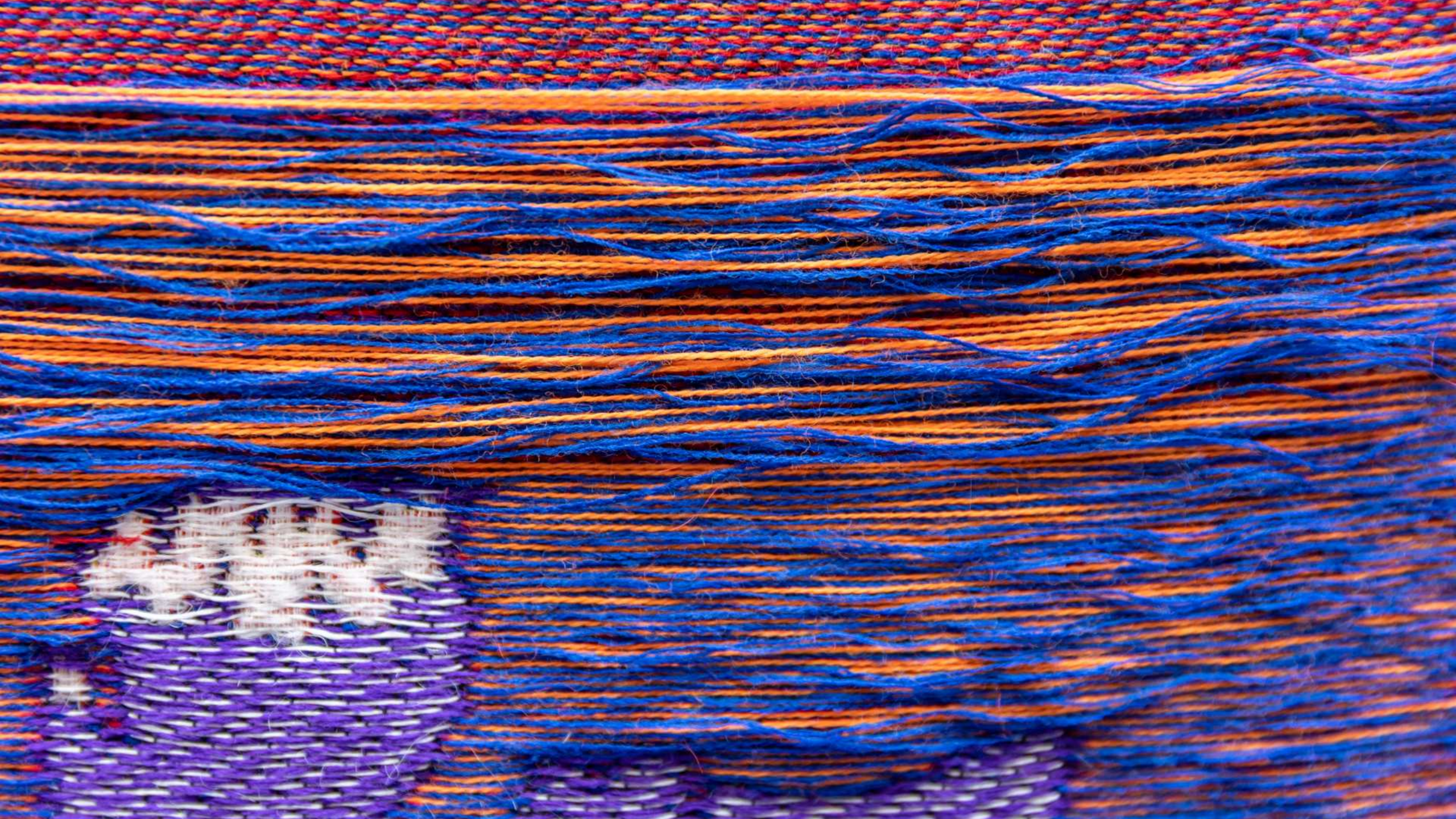


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