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## CLAUDIA MELLI

*RESPIRA*

**Exhibition : from February 14 to March 10, 2025**

**Opening : Thursday February 13, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the presence of the artist**



Claudia Melli, *Respira 1*, 2023  
Acrylic on paper  
168 × 126 cm

Claudia Melli's pictorial practice, founded on delicacy and enigma, reveals her fascination with the discreet events underpinning our world.

For her second Parisian solo exhibition, *Respira*, the Brazilian artist unveils a series of softly strange, untrodden landscapes on paper: underwater landscapes, inspired by the ocean depths off her beloved Costa Verde. These works draw our gaze, forcing it into this universe ruled by a gentle, oneiric harmony, and lead us into dense, aquamarine-and-emerald atmospheres inhabited by fantastical plants, whose long, translucent filaments seem to dance slowly to the sound of some inner music – a melody that will echo intimately within the heart of each visitor. For Claudia Melli listens to the world: seeking to catalogue its essential elements, she approaches this peaceful undersea universe with the utmost care and concentration, and returns with good news. Beauty exists. In our world in such dire need of it. Contrasting our hurried and destructive present, her meditative illustrations reveal an entire imaginary universe bathed in silence, inviting contemplation. With this new set of works, Melli teaches us that the practice of calm may well be the fundamental secret to perceiving the intimate link.

Claudia Melli was born in 1966. She lives and works in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.