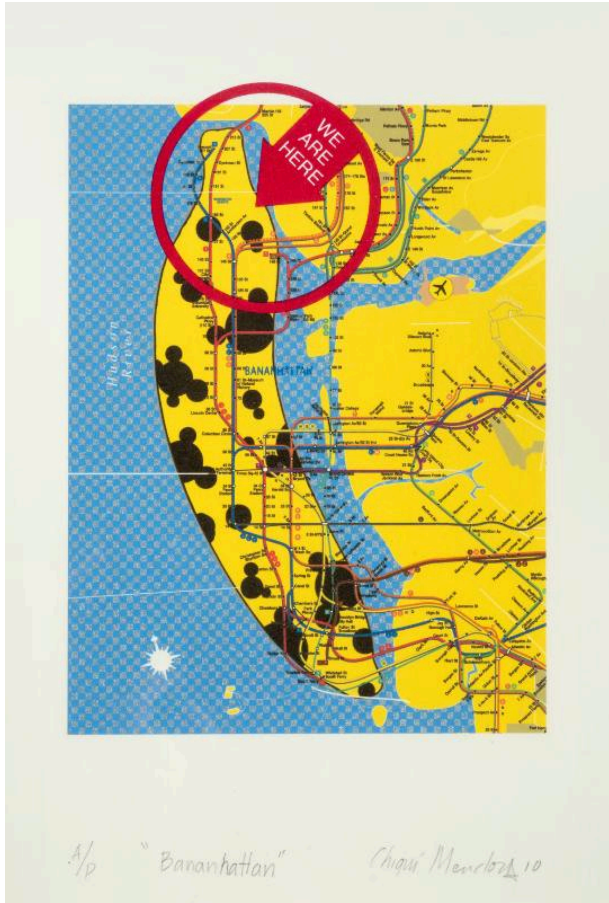


Basic Detail Report



Bananhattan (from the "Manifestaciones" portfolio by the Dominican York Proyecto Grafica collective)

Date

2010

Primary Maker

Mendoza, Yuniór Chiqui

Medium

screenprint on paper

Description

Verticle, rectangular print of a map of the island of Manhattan, transformed into a yellow banana. The banana imagery plays on the city's fruit-themed nickname the Big Apple and illustrates the city's history as a major port for banana shipments since the nineteenth century. The

banana's brown spots highlight neighborhoods where Dominican immigrants settled. The area of Washington Heights, a center for Dominicans in New York, is prominently circled and labeled with a bold red arrow. The words "WE ARE HERE" in the arrow is a variation on the phrase "you are here", replacing the usual you with we and highlighting the artist's identity as one of those Dominican immigrants. Mendoza's choice of a map illustrating subway lines speaks to the experience of those who use public transportation, particularly the working class, and alludes to the movement of people, such as immigrants moving to the city.

Dimensions

image: 9 1/2 × 7 in. (24.1 × 17.8 cm) sheet: 15 × 11 in. (38.1 × 27.9 cm) frame: 21 1/4 × 17 1/4 in. (54 × 43.8 cm)