



## Isabelle Albuquerque x Bárbara Sánchez-Kane x Frieda Toranzo Jaeger

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Together we made the blessed descent:

Our bodies knew the way to the waiting ruin. Our bodies knew the sound of metallic breath. Our bodies knew the taste of ashen thirst. We gave ourselves up to the sanctuary, and we entered.

Our parents greeted us as wolves, Coatlque's sentinels laden with talismans from beyond the borderlands. Trembling, we emptied our pockets into theirs.

A spotlight haloed the icon in enraptured repose. Dressed in black locustwood, ~~Lupa~~ Lupa wore the rings of their years. They gave drink to their children: their cubs. Their sex was lovely with ornaments, their lips like lilies. Their name was oil poured out. Behold, you are beautiful, my love, behold, you are beautiful!

And the great wings opened before us. Fire licked the limbs of a metal beast in the garden of final delights. Revelers mounted its gaping shafts. Elemental emissions breached the pistons.

Its rage was a rave. Our bodies knew the way to them: to times that come to ends.

The great machine exhaled, and blistered pearls.

We knelt at the altar and offered blooms. In return, its surface smiled; its mouth spread wide to show us where the great volcano slept! Threads grew from its belly and sewed blossoms tenfold over its expanse. The revelers rolled in carnal vegetation. Their fury was water poured out.

We joined in their wild ablutions. We drank up the waters and became its carriers. And to this day we pour it out. Thus do we consecrate this sanctuary.

So welcome, todxs, ye who enter here: our pilgrims, our siblings, our whores. Heed nothing but the motto on your altar's wings: A la verga todo. It is written: fuck everything.



*Silenciadx, desgastadx y divinxs llegaron. Con la carga inmenconable de tiempos tras tiempos de rechazo y silencio. Su resplandor una inundación. Su rabia una juerga. De rodillas lxs elogiamos, lxs cubríamos de ofrendas y lxs hicimos...*

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## AN EXHIBITION BY LAR ARTS

LAR Arts is pleased to present its first US exhibition at **Human Resources**, Los Angeles, CA. From July 17, 2021 - August 21, 2021, all are invited to the ritual site of *Nuestrxs Putxs*. Revel in the power of the femme, rejoice in the timelessness of *cuir* impurity, and purchase talismans from our sanctuary's *Sacred Rose Mercado*. *Nuestrxs Putxs* proffers icons for those who have so long been denied the graven image that is their due.

*Nuestrxs Putxs* is a ritual site dedicated to the history, performance, and veneration of female passion. Cultic monuments by a trinity of women masters —Isabelle Albuquerque, Bárbara Sánchez-Kane, and Frieda Toranzo Jaeger— enshrine a realm that exists outside of linear time. Both prelapsarian and post-apocalyptic, the ruins of *Nuestrxs Putxs* contain threads from indigenous Mexican histories, Catholic devotional art, BDSM, social media, and more.

Pilgrims to *Nuestrxs Putxs* will also encounter the *Sacred Rose Mercado*, which is filled with new collaborations and limited editions from a borderless community of artists, designers, and publishers from Mexico City to Los Angeles. These elements of art, design, and participatory programming are integral to the conceptual landscape of the *Nuestrxs Putxs* universe. They acknowledge the symbiotic histories of religious sites and the marketplace, and serve to situate the work of Albuquerque, Sánchez-Kane, Toranzo Jaeger within a decolonial and diasporic context. A formal interpretative chronicle of the *Nuestrxs Putxs* tradition will be released after the close of the show.



## EXHIBITION CREDITS

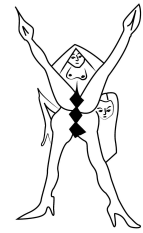
*Nuestrxs Putxs* is organized by LAR Arts and curated by Nika Chilewich and Sara Lent Frier. The *Nuestrxs Putxs Sacred Rose Mercado* is curated by Anita Herrera. Lorena Vega designed the exhibition's graphic identity. Jason Tyler Burns is the exhibition designer and Gerardo Delgado is the exhibition coordinator.

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## ISABELLE ALBUQUERQUE

(b. 1981 in Los Angeles, lives and works in Los Angeles)

Isabelle Albuquerque is a Los Angeles-based sculptor and performer. *Orgy for Ten People in One Body* is her current sculptural journey in which she uses state-of-the-art 3D scanning and casting techniques to create full-scale headless replicas of her own body in different materials. Her series unpacks deeply personal and poetic moments to set them against history, myth, and wider contemporary socio-political movements. The work explores emergent systems of intrapersonal communion from outside the body, invoking collective identity, transhumanism, simultaneous emotional states, plurality, love, loss of self, relocation of memory, pleasure, and intimacy. The first six sculptures for *Orgy for Ten People in One Body* were exhibited as *Sextet* with Nicodim Gallery in September 2020. Albuquerque most recently appeared in conversation with Arthur Jafa in *AUTRE Magazine's The Edge of Chaos* issue.

Albuquerque was also a founding member of the music and performance duo Hecuba. She is currently a co-director of Osk, a collaborative studio that develops artificial and alien intelligence to create and approach art and individual experience through new human and nonhuman perspectives.

## BÁRBARA SÁNCHEZ-KANE

(b. 1987 in Mérida, lives and works in Mexico City)

Bárbara Sánchez-Kane is a Mexican visual artist working across the mediums of experimental apparel, installation, and performance. Wielding a conceptual arsenal of poetic kitsch forms, she relentlessly defies the usual comforting distinctions between male and female, natural and artificial, ugly and beautiful, fantasy and reality, high and low. Influenced by Mexican contemporaneity and folklore, Sánchez-Kane sets up a visual universe that is a homeland for rejects. The denizens of this world are unashamed of fear and slime, ugliness and brutality: all that we have been taught to hide. Through this new race, which Sánchez-Kane terms “macho sentimental”—a human of any gender that is no longer denying its impulses—she diverts our gaze towards social pariahs and the dismissed. The disenfranchised crowds, the ideal woman, the crass man, and the body-pierced androgyne all marshal the poetics of the gutter. They turn into ambassadors of a nation that belongs not to the beautiful, but to the achingly sensitive and the brave.

Her artworks and garment collections have been exhibited in Los Angeles, Maastricht, Mérida, Mexico City, Milan, New York, Paris, and most recently, Vienna.



## FRIEDA TORANZO JAEGER

(b. 1988 in Mexico City, lives and works in Mexico City)

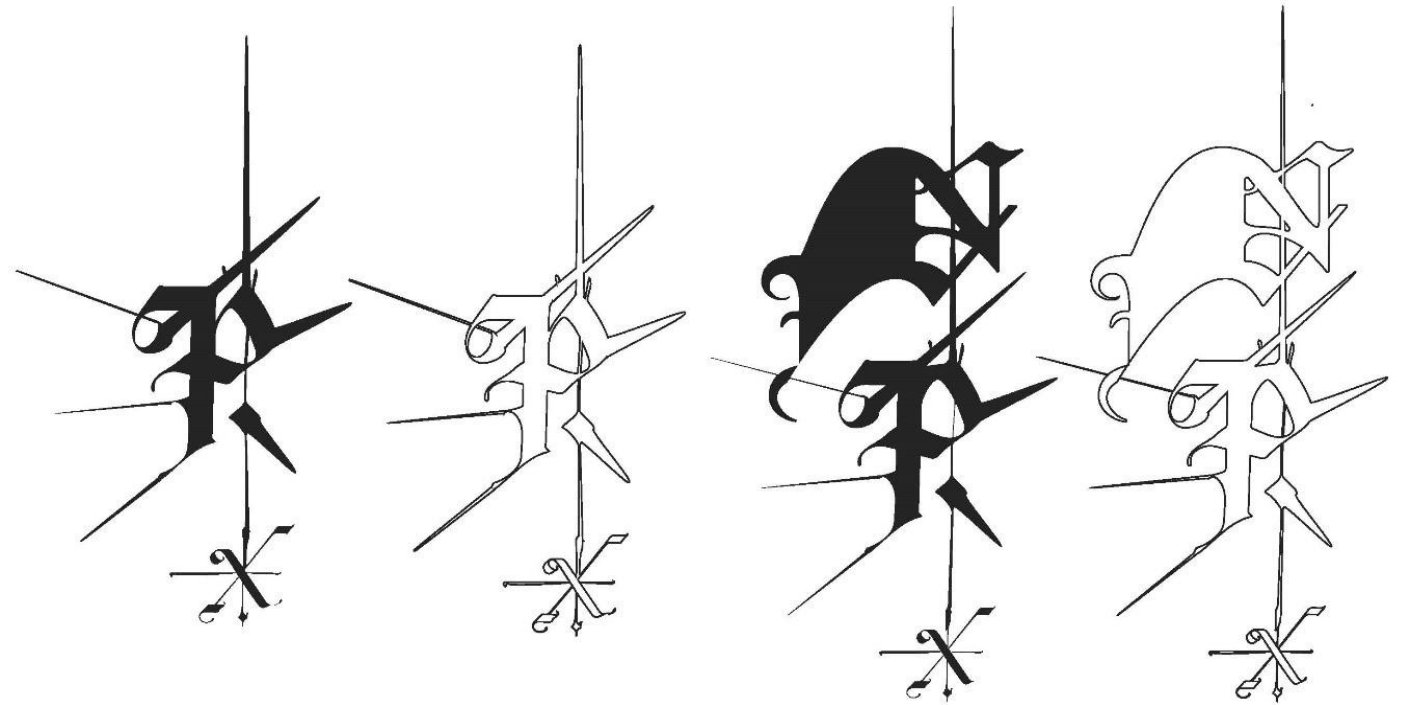
Frieda Toranzo is a native Mexico City, where she currently resides. Her pictorial work with feminist and postcolonial issues also questions the formal structures of medium itself. In 2016 Torzano was awarded the HISCOX Art Prize and a year later she obtained her postgraduate degree from the Hochschule für Bildende Künste Hamburg, after having also completed her professional studies there. Frieda has had the opportunity to participate in group and solo exhibitions internationally: she has exhibited at Kunst Werke Berlin, at MoMA Warsaw, and at Palais de Tokyo in Paris. Her work has been published in editorials like *Frieze* (2019), *Art in America* (2018), and *Mousse 60* (2017).

Recently, Toranzo participated in group show *De Por Vida* at Company Gallery, and opened a solo exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art titled *The Perpetual Sense of Redness*.



## ABOUT LAR

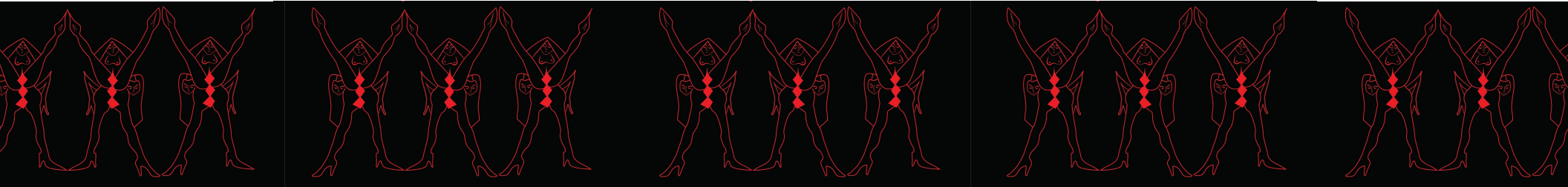
LAR is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit that creates new opportunities for female-identifying individuals in the contemporary arts. Gender inequality remains one of the art world's most pervasive problems. Although over 50% of students pursuing MFA's in the United States are female-identifying, they overwhelmingly lack proportional opportunities, representation, and pay in institutional settings. LAR creates immersive, itinerant curatorial and educational experiences that offer an international community of female and non-binary artists an unprecedented platform for conceiving, creating and exhibiting their work. We are an alternative incubator for emerging and under-recognized artists that generates new opportunities for women through curatorial and educational programs. LAR's mission emerges from the conviction that gender disparities in the arts intersect with other forms of cultural inequity. Supporting international female-identifying artists and bringing long-overdue awareness to marginalized creative communities serves LAR's overarching goal of diversifying cultural institutions. LAR's experiential programming creates value by leveraging a strong network of female-identifying artists, curators, educators, and supporters, whose work inspires public interest in---and ultimately support for---all modes of intersectional cultural expression.



## LORENA VEGA

The cultic iconography in *Nuestrxs Putxs* was designed by Mexico-City-based artist and fashion designer Lorena Vega. Her imagery mirrors the graphic universe of existing religious iconography and can be seen throughout the exhibition: on talismans and souvenirs in the *Sacred Rose Mercado*, and on digital content in a gesture that mirrors the use of religious symbolism as a marketing device.

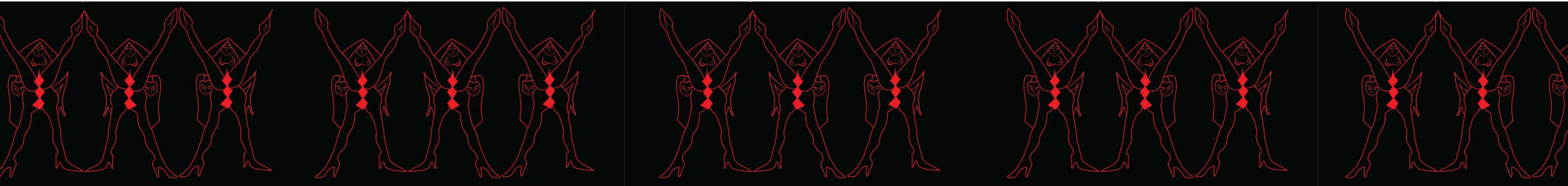
*Nuestrxs Putxs* is the artist's second collaboration with LAR: in 2019, Vega ideated a similar intervention for *B L I S S*. Vega is also the founder and designer for Ketvoid, a fashion label that produces limited-edition clothing inspired by the grit of Mexico City's marketplaces and nightlife culture. Hand-printed pieces from her 2021 line are also featured in the *Sacred Rose Mercado*.



## ***ROSA SAGRADA MARKET***

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## ***SACRED ROSE MERCADO***



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