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WANAMAKER
G A L E R I A S

CHASING PEARLS

by Ale Rambar

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NORTH AMERICAN-COSTA RICAN CULTURAL CENTER,
SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

ABOUT

Ale Rambar is a Costa Rican artist whose work is based on the topographic analysis of the human form through three dimensional compositions made with layers of paper. Rambar's pieces are created by analyzing human bodies topographically, just like a topographer would analyze mountains, valleys or rivers.

Each piece is cut separately, layer by layer and then assembled by hand to create "human topographies". This technique was developed by Rambar throughout his career as an architect. He found a fascination with topographic maps, their sinuosity and their ability to be transformed into three-dimensional elements.

This artistic technique is used to talk about tolerance, respect among us and respect for the planet. These art pieces seek to open spaces for dialogue in favor of respect and tolerance of all humans.

In the last 5 years Rambar's work has been presented in Costa Rica's National Gallery, Costa Rica's Central Bank Museum, Cartago Museum, and in multiple biennales, such as the Beijing International Art Biennale. Rambar also created the Award for Gender Equality presented by the European Union in Costa Rica, created a design that Costa Rica's Olympic team wore during the Inauguration of the Olympics of Rio de Janeiro.

← **Chao**, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm



ALE RAMBAR

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2013 **Architect** - Véritas University, Costa Rica

2015 **Postgraduate** - Branding, vitrinism and commercial design - Véritas University, Costa Rica

2017 **Diploma** - Program of professionalization of emerging artists - NODE Center, Berlín

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

2019 **Ambassador of the European Union in Costa Rica** - Pelayo Castro Zuzuarregui. Current ambassador 2015-2019.

2019 **President and First Lady of Costa Rica** - Carlos Alvarado and Claudia Dobles. Current government 2018-2022.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 **Nuestra tolerancia [Our tolerance]**- Grand Hotel Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica.

2019 **Nigüentxs Unisex** - Festival Colors of the People, Neon Ice, San José, Costa Rica.

2019 **Award for Gender Equality of the European Union in Costa Rica** - Creator of the award, selected by the ambassadors of the European Union Countries in Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica.

2019 **Topografías humanas [Human topographies]** - Museum of Cartago, Cartago, Costa Rica.

2018 **La tolerancia del papel [The tolerance of paper]** - National Gallery, San José, Costa Rica.

2018 **La tolerancia del papel [The tolerance of paper]** - Omar Dengo Cultural Center, San José, Costa Rica.

2018 **La tolerancia del papel [The tolerance of paper]** - Creativa University, San José, Costa Rica.

2017 **La topografía de un cuerpo [The topography of a human body]**- Tamarindo Art Wave Festival, Tamarindo, Costa Rica.

2017 **Geodesia Humana [Human Geodesy]** - Galerie Hior, Digital.

2016 **Geografía Humana [Human Geography]** - Aloft Hotel, Lindora, Costa Rica.

2016 **Déndera** - Lindora, Costa Rica.

2014 **Deaquí y Deallá [From here and there]**- San Pedro, Costa Rica.

2013-14 **Columna ilustrada [Illustrated column]** - AmeliaRueda.com, Digital.

2012 **Caída Libre Film** - Short film.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019 **2019 Bidimensional Biennale Marco Aurelio Aguilar** - Cartago Museum, Costa Rica.

2019 **Beijing International Art Biennale** - National Art Museum of China. Beijing, China.

2019 **V Annual Exposition of the Costa Rican Association of Visual Artists**. Cartago Museum, Costa Rica.

2019 **Diversity** - Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica.

2019 **Human Suit** - Cultural Center Spain, San José, Costa Rica.

2018 **XXI Three Dimensional Biennale Marco Aurelio Aguilar** - Cartago Museum, Costa Rica.

2018 **IV Annual Exposition of the Costa Rican Association of Visual Artists** - Winner of the third place. Historical Museum Juan Santamaría. Alajuela, Costa Rica.

2018 **Valoarte Biennale of Art** - Avenida Escazú, Costa Rica.

2018 **La No Bienal** - URBN Escalante, San José, Costa Rica.

2018 **Amazons fighting for life** - National Gallery, San José Costa Rica.

2018 **Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** - Costa Rican Association of Visual Artists for the United Nations. San José, Costa Rica.

2018 **Tamarindo Art Wave Festival** - Tamarindo, Costa Rica.

2017 **Archetypes of consciousness** - Kroma Gallery, Combai, Costa Rica.

2017 **No more than 35** - Artflow Gallery, Avenida Escazú, Costa Rica.

2016 **The heritage dresses us** - Museums of the Central Bank, Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, San José, Costa Rica.

2016 **San José our runway** - Museums of the Central Bank, Plaza de la Cultura, San José, Costa Rica.

2016 **Foto Urbana** - Museums of the Central Bank, 2nd Avenue, San José, Costa Rica.

2016 **La No Bienal** - Kroma Gallery, Escazú, Costa Rica.

2016 **Inauguration of the Olympics of Rio de Janeiro** - Rio de Janeiro, Brasil.

2016 **Valoarte Biennial of Art** - Avenida Escazú, Costa Rica.

2016 **ArtWalk** - Artflow Gallery, Avenida Escazú, Costa Rica.

2016 **International Design Festival** - Museum of Contemporary Art. Exhibition with Había Una Vez. San José, Costa Rica.

2016 **New York Fashion Week** - Fashion show with Fabrizio Berrocal. New York, EEUU.

2015 **The heritage dresses us** - Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, Central Bank Museums. San José, Costa Rica.

2015 **San José our runway** - Plaza de la Cultura, Central Bank Museums. San José, Costa Rica.

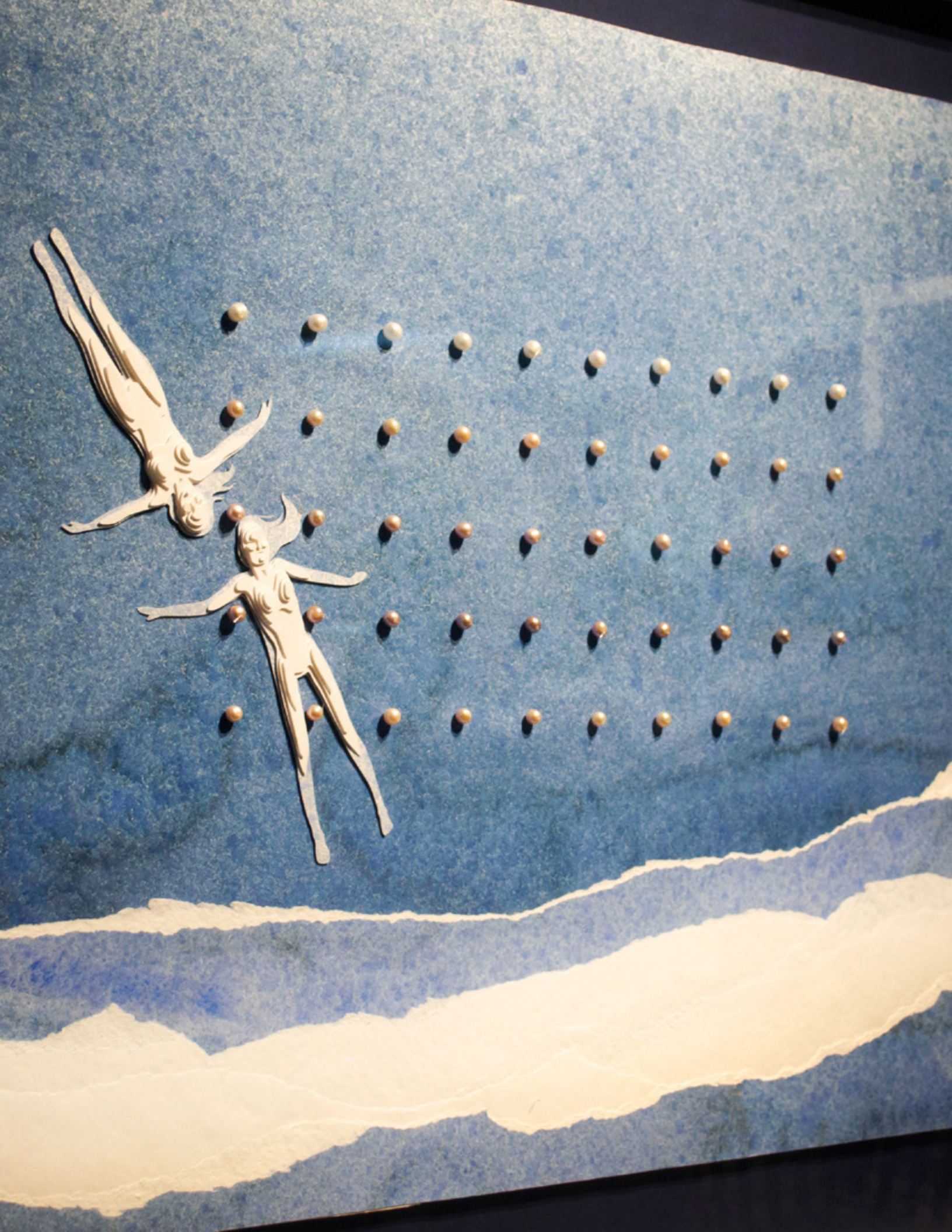
2015 **VICEVERSA** - Cultural Space Julio Le Parc, Mendoza, Argentina.

2015 **ArtWalk** - Artflow Gallery, Avenida Escazú, Costa Rica.

2015 **International Design Festival** - Museum of Contemporary Art. Exhibition with Había Una Vez. San José, Costa Rica.

2014 **Costa Rica Fashion Week** - Exhibition with Yurika. San José, Costa Rica.

2007 **Véritas Biennale** - Véritas University, Costa Rica.



CHASING PEARLS

In ancient china, dragons were traditionally represented chasing spheres of fire, also known as pearls of wisdom, power, prosperity, immortality or nature.

Today we all chase our own pearls: ideals of knowledge and lifestyle that may seem unreachable. Situations that we dream of even though we have not experienced them.

“Chasing Pearls” is a representation of these contemporary dragons through art pieces created in italian papers and pearls from Beijing.

One ideal following another.
One world chasing the next one.



Self-portrait in the train, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$1.000



Chao, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$800



Chasing Pearls, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$1,000





Compact, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$1.100



Observing you, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$1.200



Right, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$800

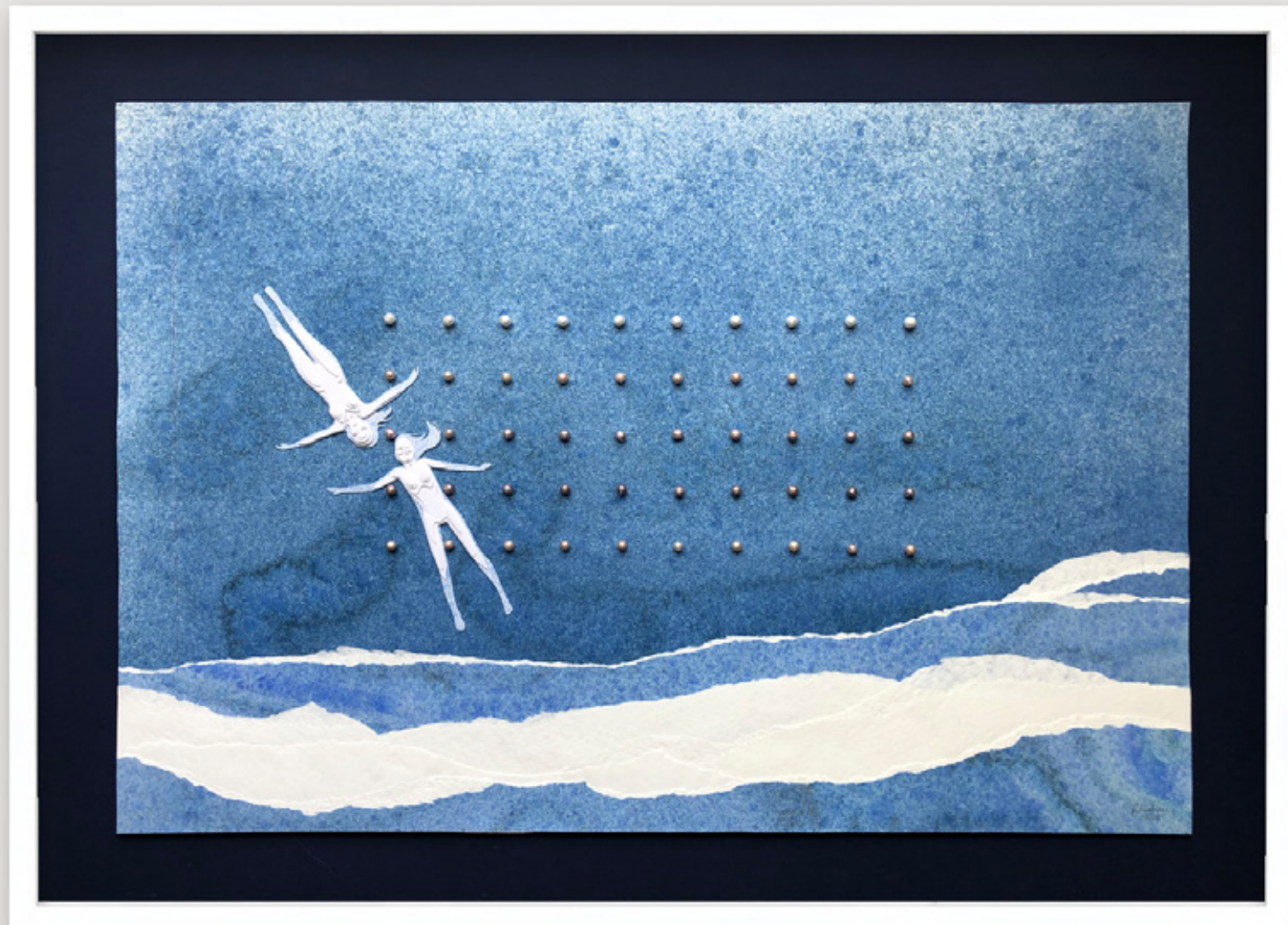


Of paper and wind, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and feathers
60 x 60 cm
\$1.100





Bzz, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
60 x 60 cm
\$800



Everything, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
110 x 80 cm
\$1.600



Running Mountain Ranges, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
110 x 80 cm
\$1.200



Here, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
110 x 80 cm
\$1.800

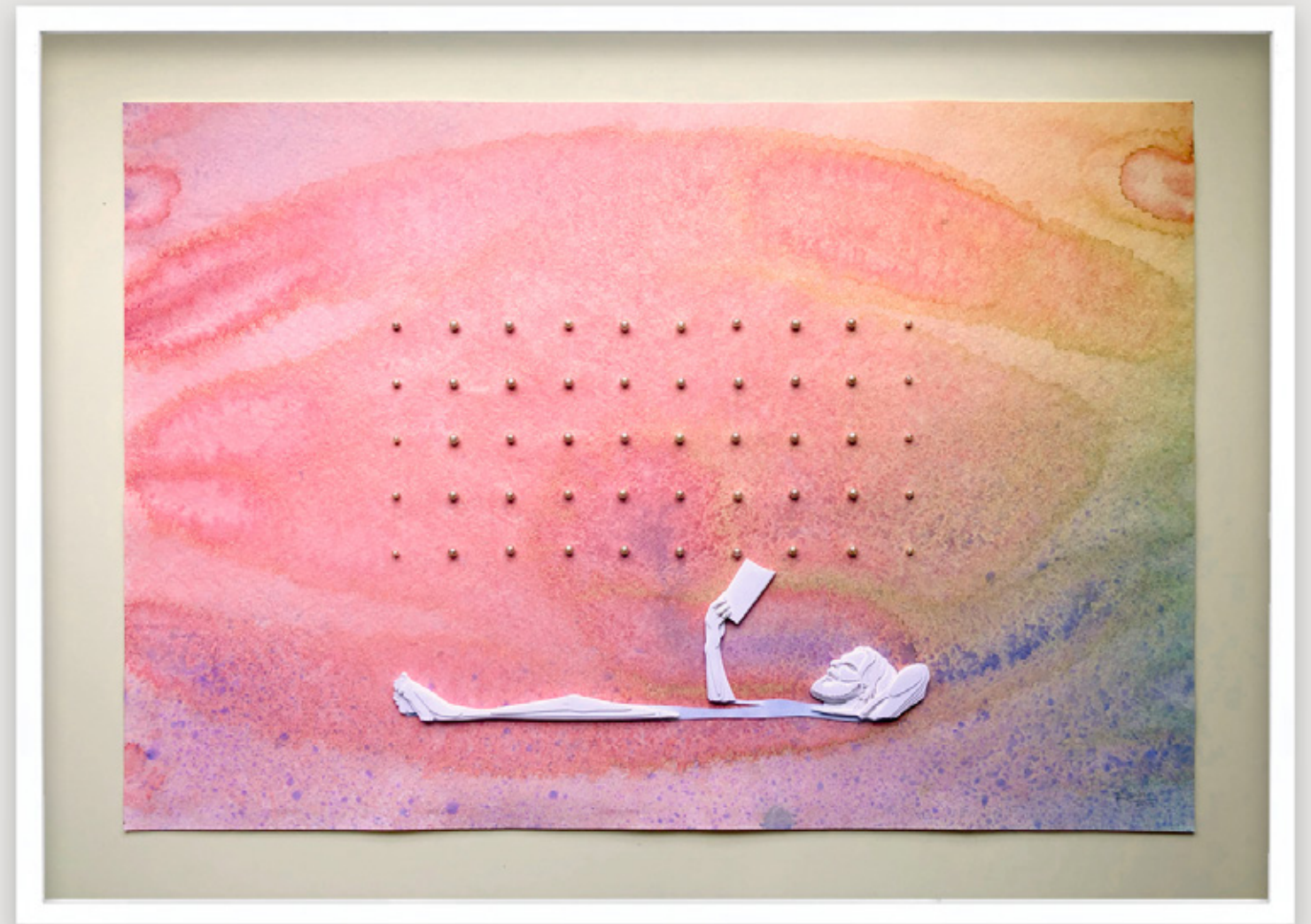




Aquí. 2019

Artista: Ale Rambar
Composición en papel, acuarela
110 x 80 cm
\$1.800

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Saturday, 2019
Three-dimensional composition on layers of paper and pearls
110 x 80 cm
\$1.200

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