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**ARTIST STATEMENT** In using digital applications to create modified imagery, much time is spent looking through the screen, which plays into the layered narratives involving the surrealism of modern times, folklore, and questions the possibilities to come. The vastness and infinite of the universe has inspired me to push my expectations of familiarity in the surrealism of existence beyond our own. Inspired by the grace and chaos of a super nova, characters exist surrounded by vibrant events consisting of stardust.

Portraiture plays another strong role as the longest challenge most fervently practiced. Inspired by tattoo culture, the human form is immersed in symbolism creating more possibilities to play into the narrative and provides the challenges of capturing images on the skin.

Venezuela stays through memories of tropical landscapes and respect to the Amazon. Surrounded by plants and disciplined by a vegan lifestyle, environmental considerations are an everyday practice. Nature plays a strong role in the work existing as metaphors or even reminders.