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SPECIAL THANKS TO KATHY AND SARA FOR CREATING IDIOMART, A PLACE WHERE ALL THE ARTS CONVERGE, WHERE I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME CREATING "FINDING IDENTITY" PIECES IN CUENCA.

TO ALL ART COLLECTORS, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EMERGING ARTISTS, YOU ARE THE REASON WE CAN KEEP CREATING.

TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING MY NOMAD LIFESTYLE IN THE SEARCH OF BECOMING AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED ARTISTS.

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FINDING IDENTITY

ALTHOUGH MIGRATION ALLOWS PEOPLE TO CREATE NEW LIVES AND FIND NEW WORK, MIGRANTS ALSO EXPERIENCE STRESSES THAT IMPACT THEIR EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, INTERRUPTING CULTURAL NORMS, RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS, AND SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS. MIGRANTS MUST, IN ADJUSTING TO NEW CULTURES, REDEFINE IDENTITY AND ACCEPT SELVES THAT INEVITABLY EVOLVE.

IDENTITY CLEARLY IMPACTS HOW WE VIEW OURSELVES AS UNIQUE FROM OTHERS. BUT RACE, CULTURE, AND ETHNICITY ALSO AFFECT IDENTITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAKE OF MIGRATION AND ACCULTURATION, SINCE IT IS THROUGH BOTH MEMORY AND NEW EXPERIENCE THAT THE SELF EVOLVES.

IN THIS EXHIBIT I USE MY MEMORIES, IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCES, AND RELIGIOUS VIEWS TO EXPLORE EXACTLY THIS PROCESS, A JOURNEY I IMAGE IN BOTH PAINTINGS AND LINOCUTS. I USE A PALETTE OF BOLD, PRIMARY COLORS THAT ARE COMPLEMENTED BY SOLID, COLD ONES. THESE CREATE GEOMETRIC FORMS THAT EXPLORE HOW MEMORY AND MIGRATION HAVE AFFECTED WHO I AM STILL BECOMING. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNIVERSALITY OF MY IMAGES WILL ALSO SPEAK TO VIEWERS FROM OTHER CULTURAL CONTEXTS. IN THIS WAY LARGER AUDIENCES CAN APPRECIATE HOW MY ART MIGHT ECHO THEIR OWN MEMORIES AND ARTICULATE PARTS OF THEIR OWN EVOLVING IDENTITIES.

"WE ARE OUR MEMORIES, WE ARE THAT CHIMERIC MUSEUM OF INCONSTANT FORMS, A COLLECTION OF BROKEN MIRRORS."
- JORGE LUIS BORGES

"CONCRETE JUNGLE", 55 X 69 IN. ACRYLIC ON CANVAS, 2019

"EL CARIBE"

8 X 10 IN

LINOCUT PRINTS

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"LO URBANO", 8 X 10 IN, LINOCUT PRINTS, LIMITED SERIES

"LA SELVA"
8 X 10 IN
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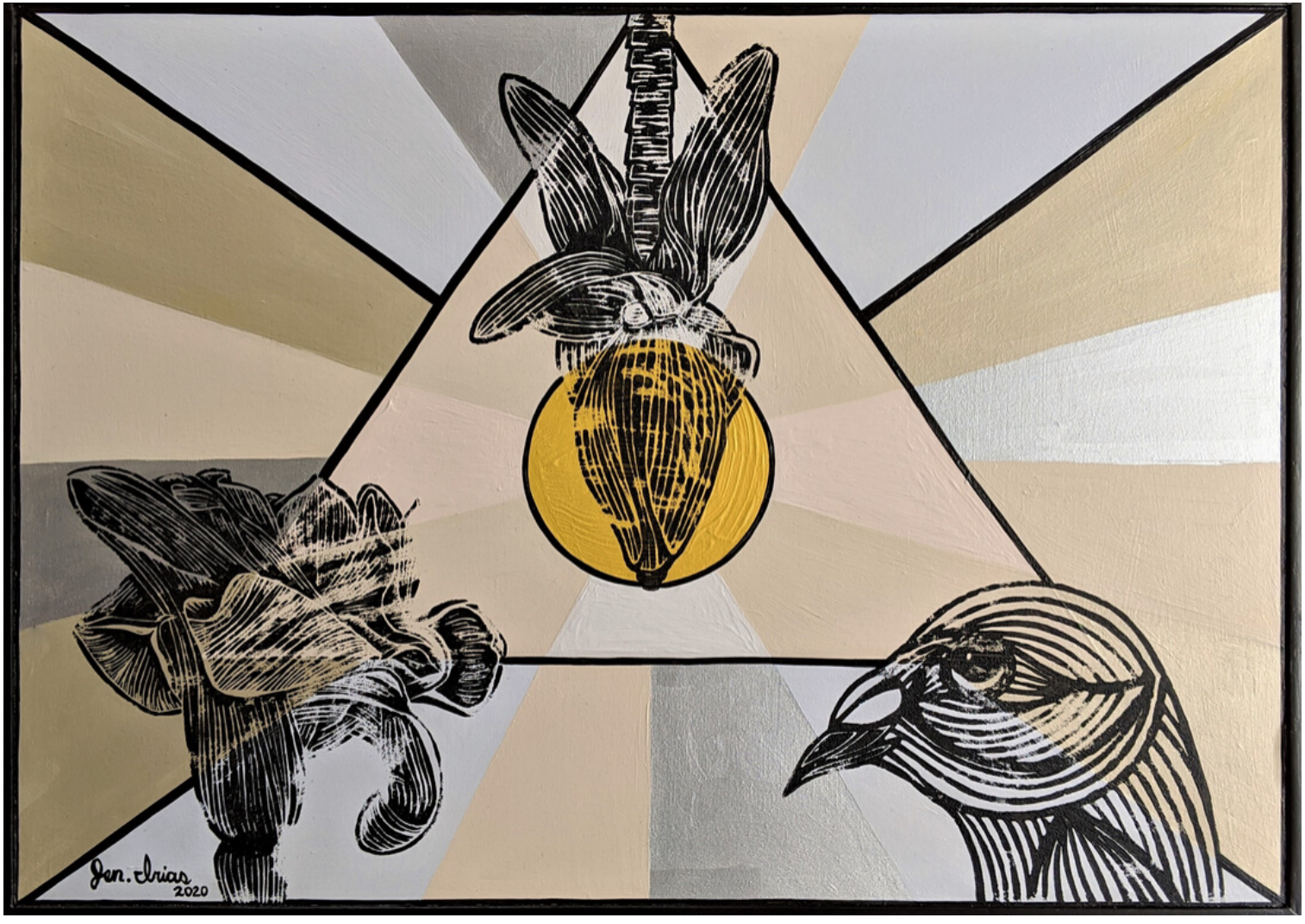

"LO URBANO", 11 3/4 X 16 1/2 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2020

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"MOTHER PIGEONS"
60 X 48 IN
ACRYLIC ON CANVAS
2019

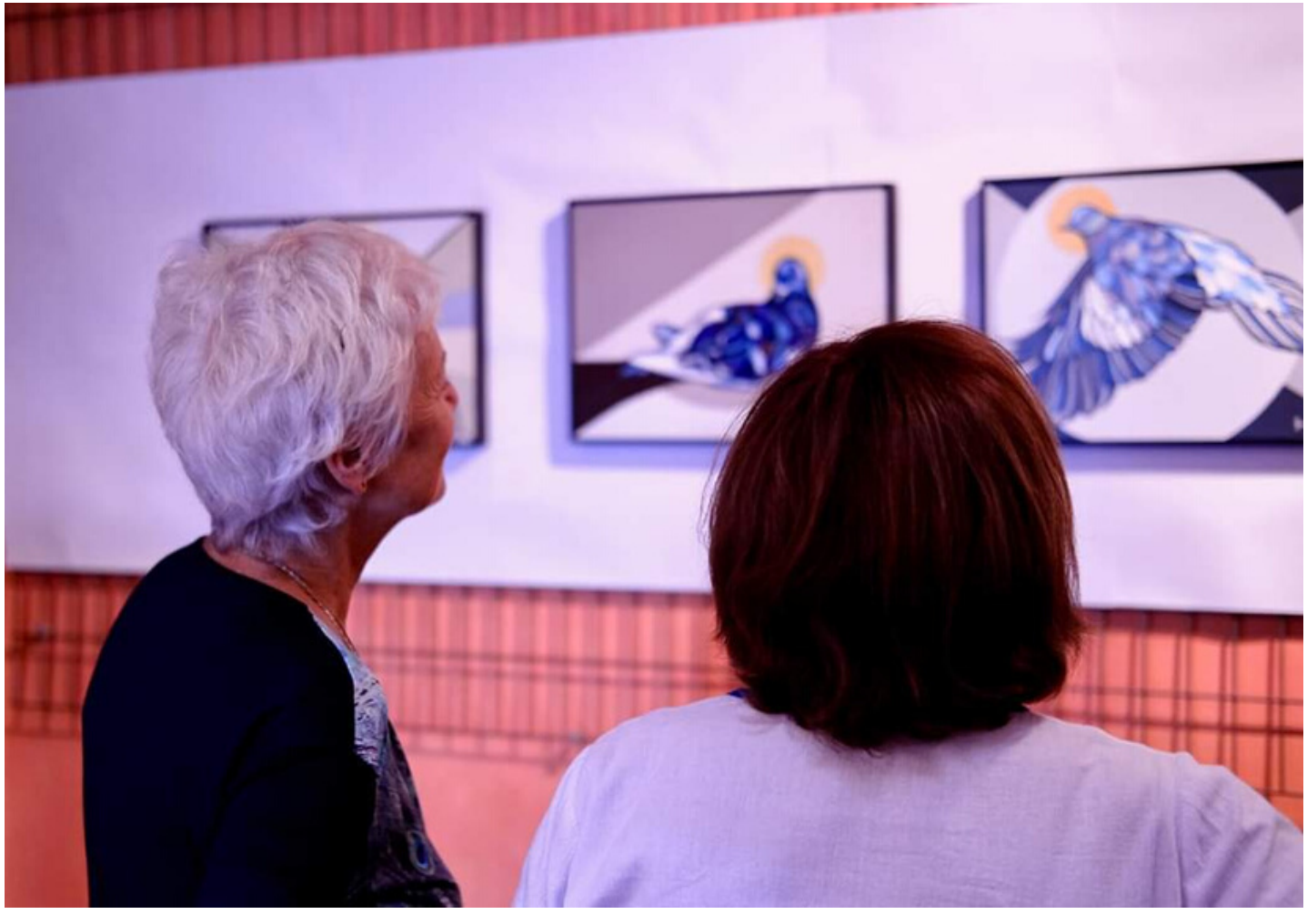
"URBAN PIGEONS I", 8 1/4 X 11 3/4 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2020

"URBAN PIGEONS II", 8 1/4 X 11 3/4 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2020

"PRIMARY PIGEONS I", 8 1/4 X 11 3/4 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2020

"PRIMARY PIGEONS II", 8 1/4 X 11 3/4 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2020

"FINDING IDENTITY", 11 3/4 X 16 1/2 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2019



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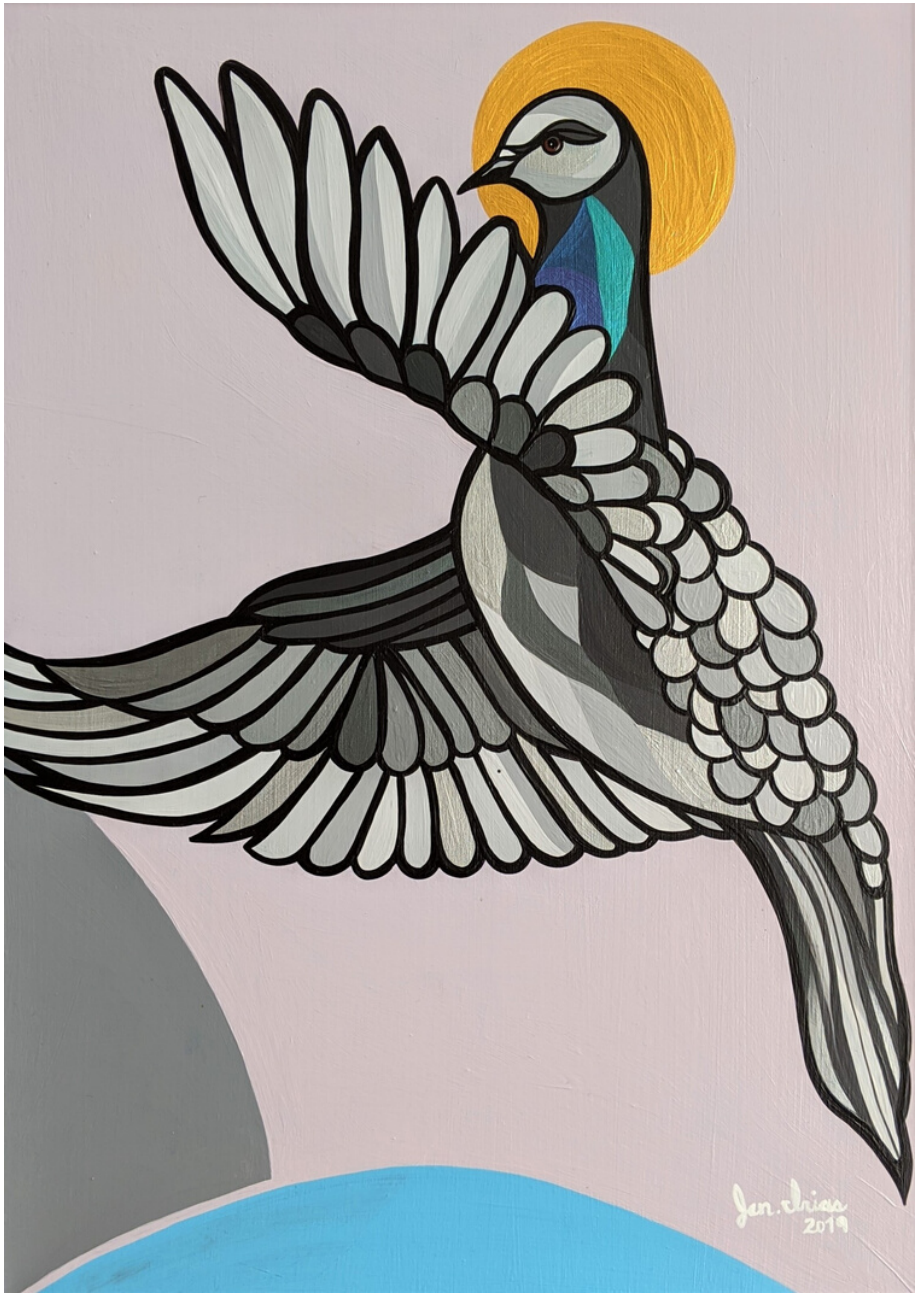


"HOLY PIGEON I"

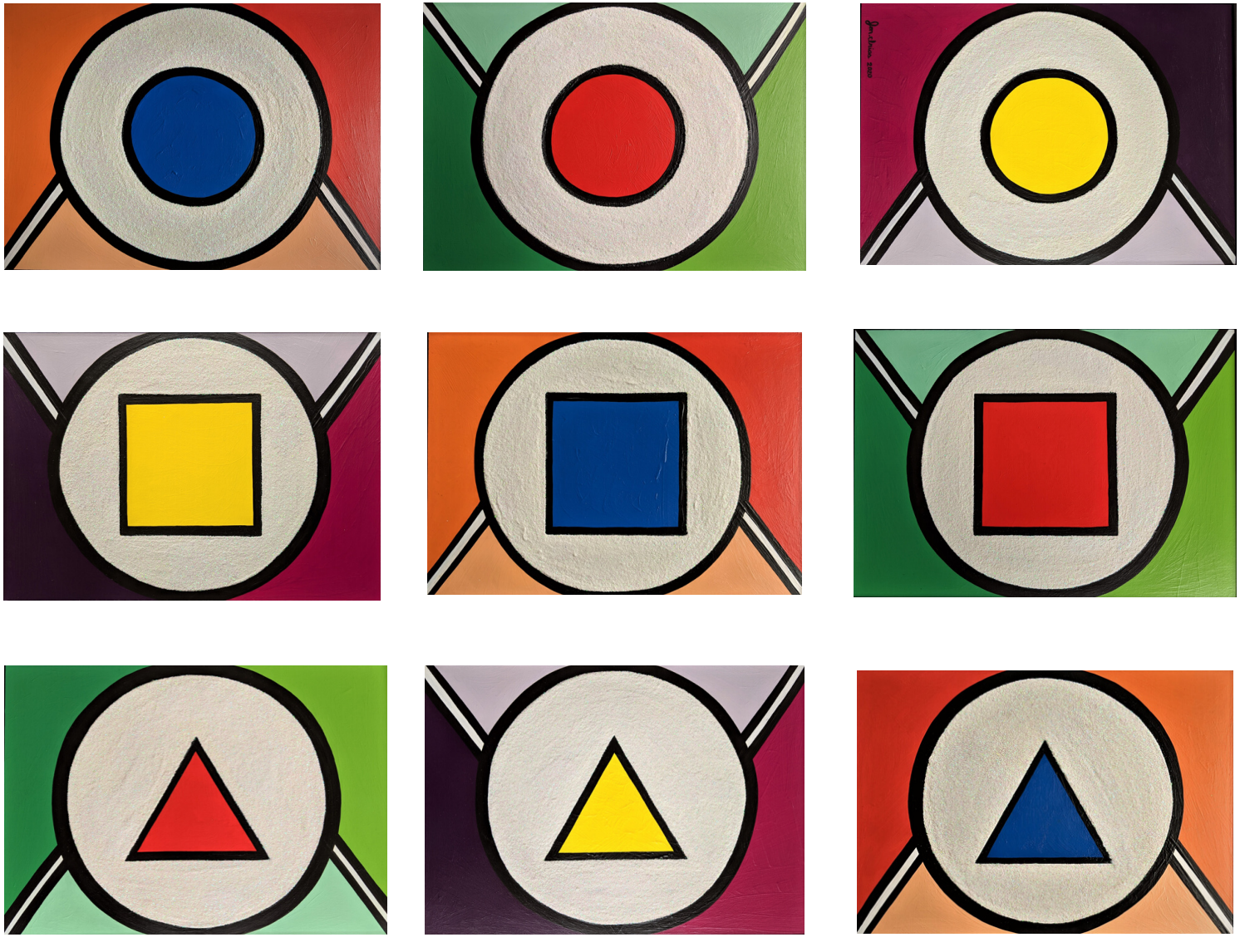
11 3/4 X 16 1/2 IN.

ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL

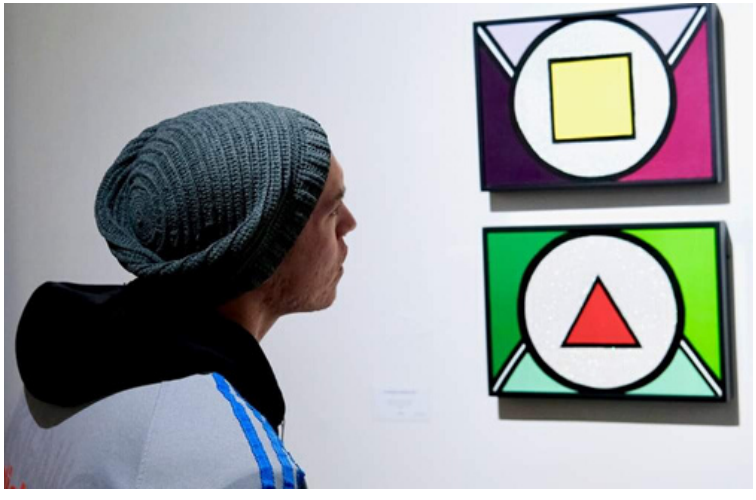
2019

"HOLY PIGEON II", 11 3/4 X 16 1/2 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2019

"HOLY PIGEON III", 11 3/4 X 16 1/2 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2019



"KINDER SORPRESA", 30 3/4 X 41 1/2 IN. ACRYLIC ON MDF PANEL, 2020



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