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Nino Mier Gallery is pleased to present *The Girls* and *The Girls' Dreams*, a two-part exhibition by Rafa Macarrón, one of the most notable emerging artists in contemporary Spanish painting. The exhibition is the gallery's first solo show with Macarrón and will be on view in Los Angeles from January 15 - February 11, 2022.

The Girls and *The Girls' Dreams* are comprised of mixed media paintings on canvas, works on paper, and one twelve-foot bronze sculpture of an elongated, kneeling dog. The thirty-two works in the exhibition are a testament to Macarrón's interest in world-building. Almost all of the works in the show feature figural portraits of the titular 'girls', isolated from one another and represented in neo-cubist abstraction. Their likenesses appear against black backgrounds that recall either the dead of night or star-filled galaxies. These figures alternatively engage the eyeline of viewers or turn away from them, reflecting a broad range of everyday postures, emotions, and dreams.

With auspices in the works of artists such as Keith Haring, Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, and Hieronymous Bosch, Macarrón's paintings cultivate an aesthetic experience structured by a direct relationship between the girls and the viewers. The girls may seem foreign to us, but through them we encounter a kind of purity and innocence that captures our gaze and becomes familiar.

Macarrón understands his smaller drawings and large-scale multimedia paintings on canvas as parallel practices. The drawings are opportunities to zero in on each girl's face and identity; when reconfigured on canvas, they begin to appear harmonious and fluid, and to have a greater sense of presence. By placing his figures against black backgrounds in chiaroscuro, the intricate geometries that comprise their bodies becomes illuminated. In this way, the girls become the protagonists of Macarrón's nonlinear narrative. They stand alone with only their thoughts and dreams. The exhibition presents these dreamers as floating bodies in abstraction, and their dreams as what captures and transports us into the sublime abyss that is the tender and frayed memory of early life.

Rafa Macarrón (b. 1982, Spain; lives and works in Madrid) has exhibited at CAC, Málaga, Spain; Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Alicante, Spain; Museo DA2, Salamanca, Spain; and his work is collected by institutions worldwide, including the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, New York; Fundación BMW, Spain; Caja Campo, Valladolid, Spain; and Colección Mercadona, Spain; among others.

THE GIRLS



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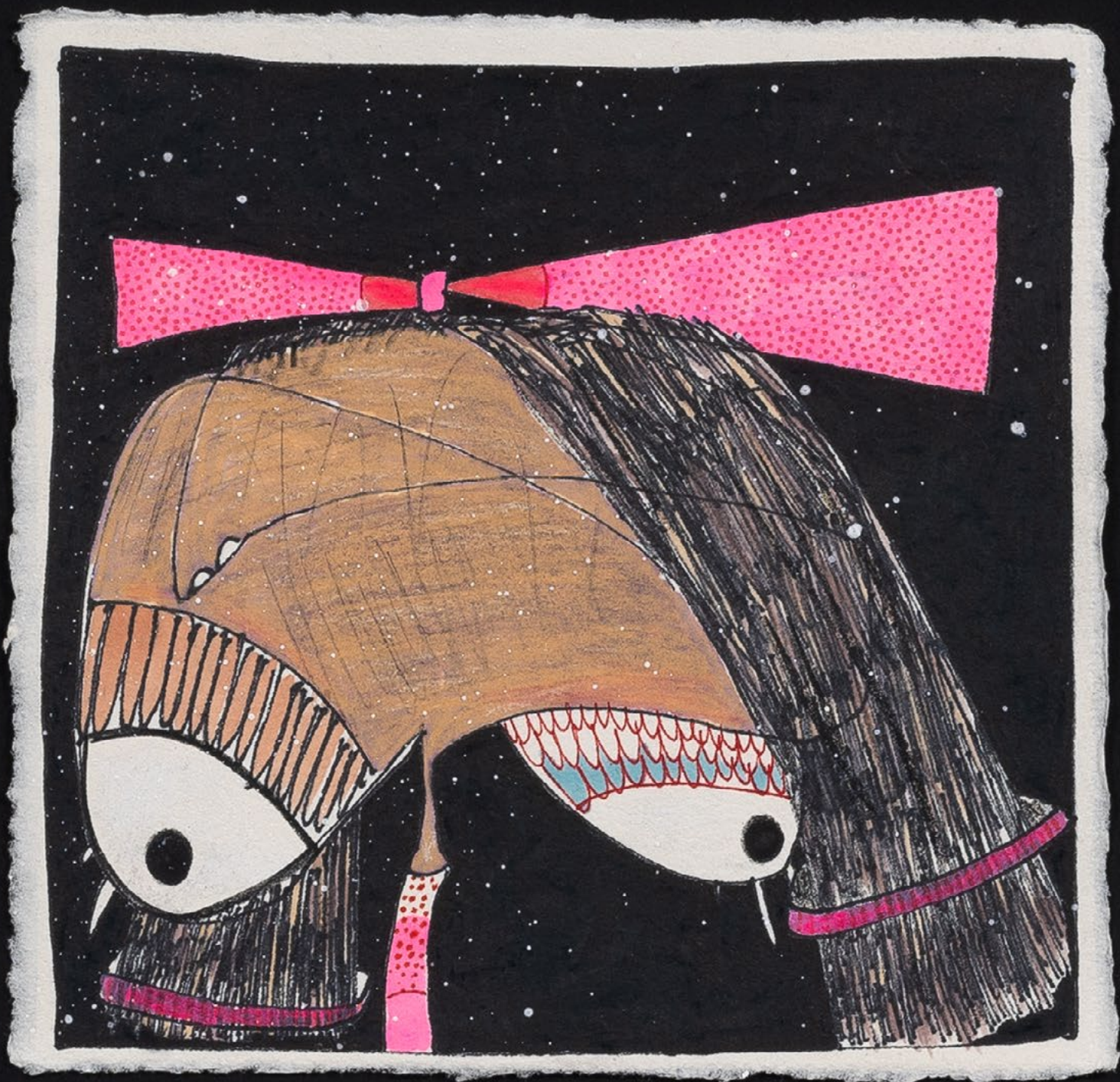


Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.021)



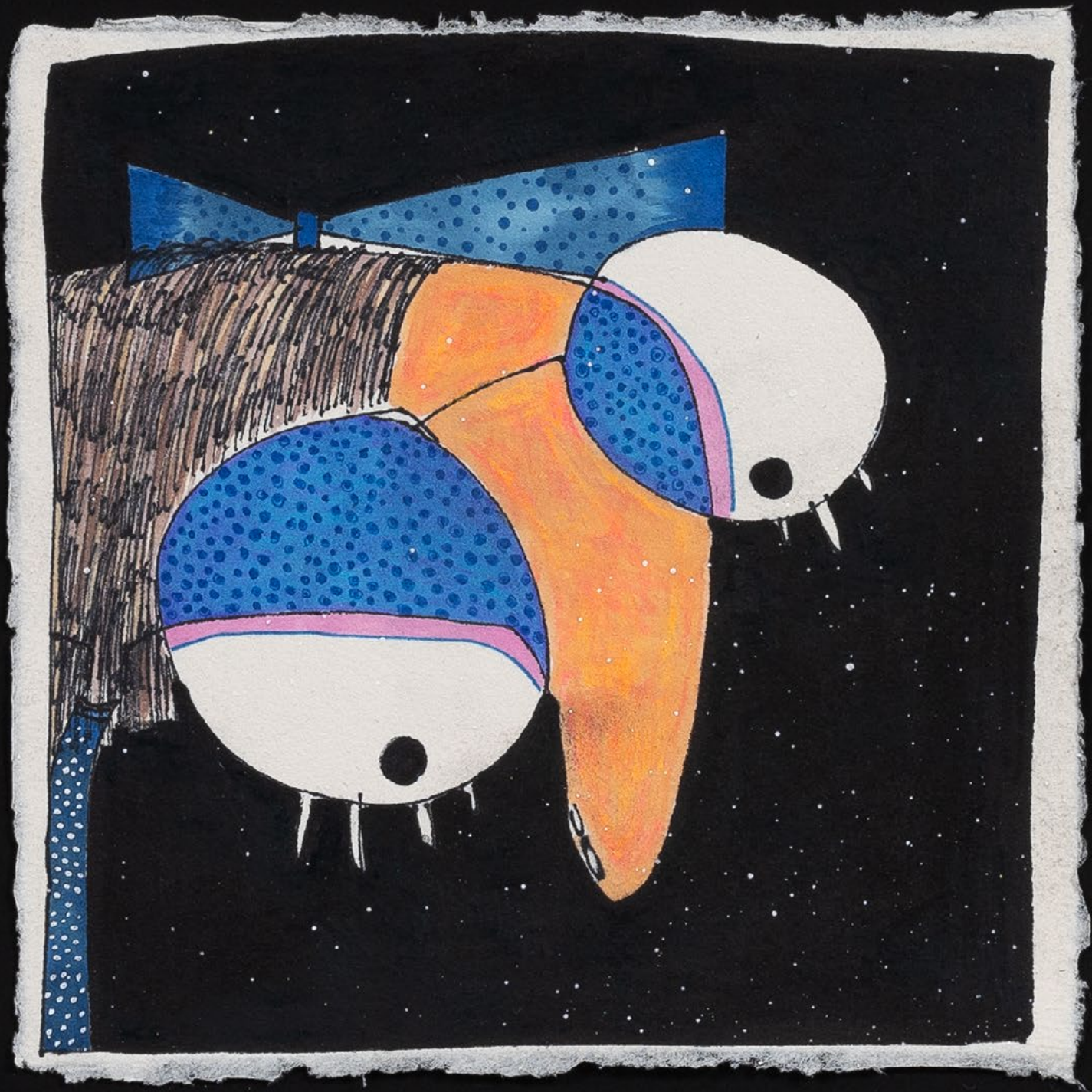


Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.023)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.024)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.014)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.017)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.019)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.025)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.029)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.016)

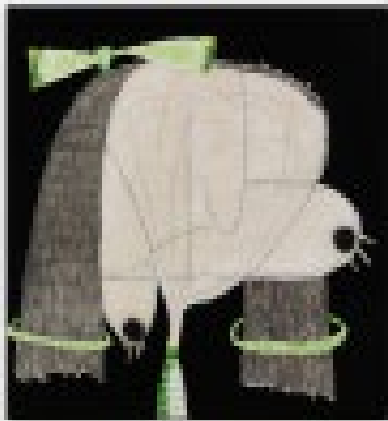




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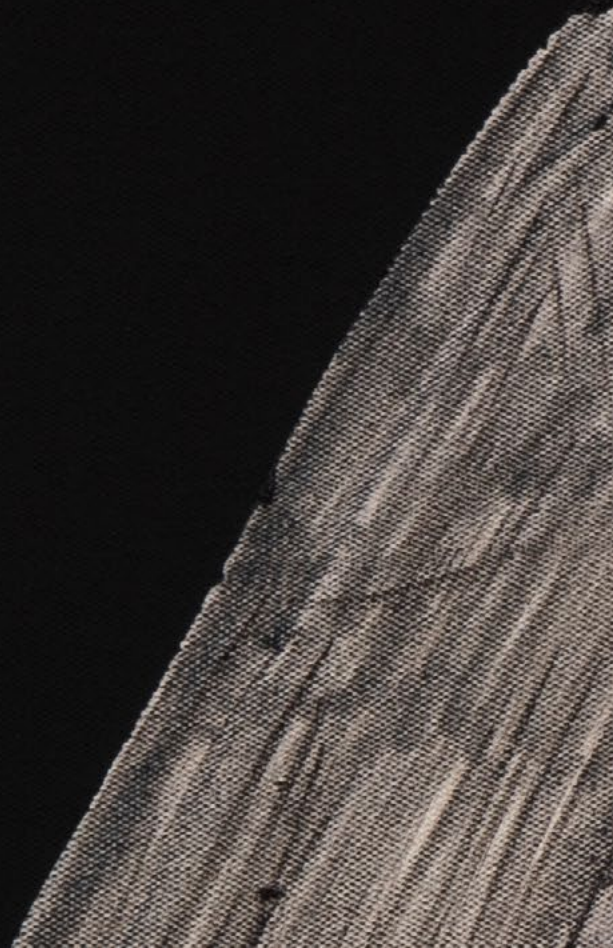
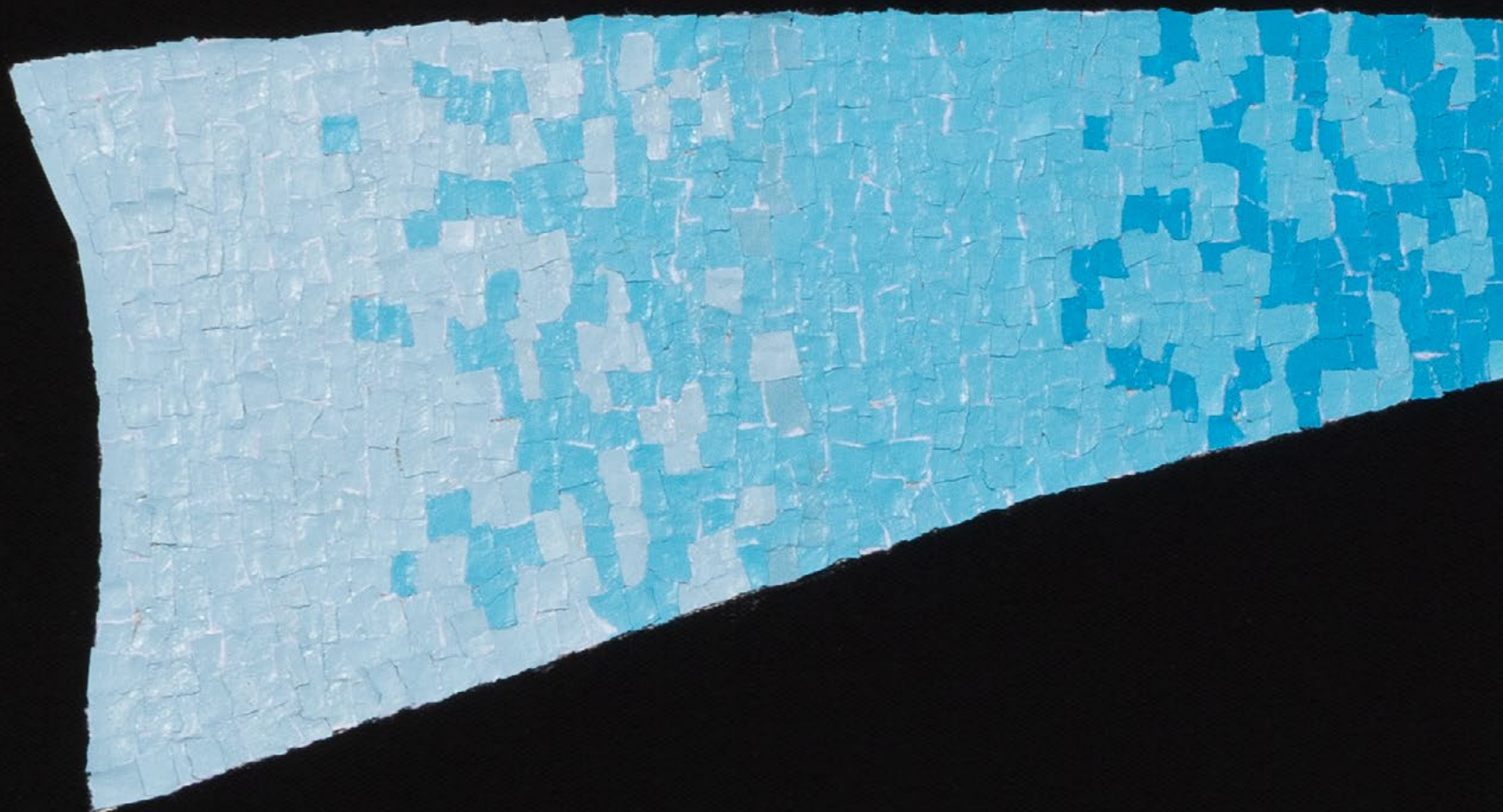


Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niña 5)*, 2021 | Mixed media on canvas | 55 1/8 x 55 1/8 in, 140 x 140 cm | (RMA21.009)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niña 4)*, 2021 | Mixed media on canvas | 55 1/8 x 55 1/8 in, 140 x 140 cm | (RMA21.012)
Price on request





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Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niña 1)*, 2021 | Mixed media on canvas | 89 x 89 in, 226 x 226 cm | (RMA21.008)





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Rafa Macarrón | *Perro IV*, 2021 | Bronze, edition of 3 | 26 3/4 x 144 1/2 x 37 3/4 in, 68 x 367 x 96 cm
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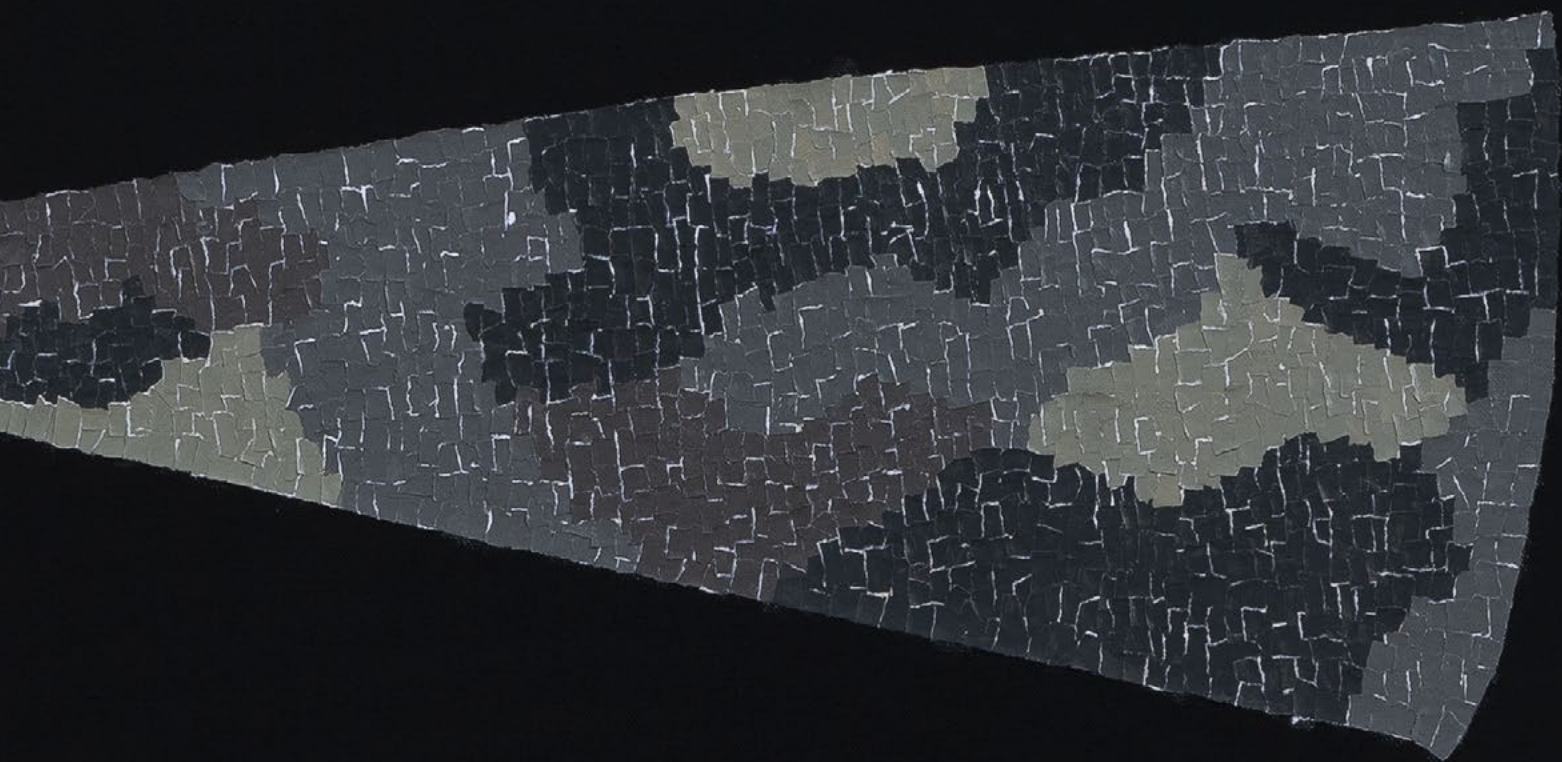




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Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niña 6)*, 2021 | Mixed media on canvas | 55 1/8 x 44 1/2 in, 140 x 113 cm | (RMA21.013)

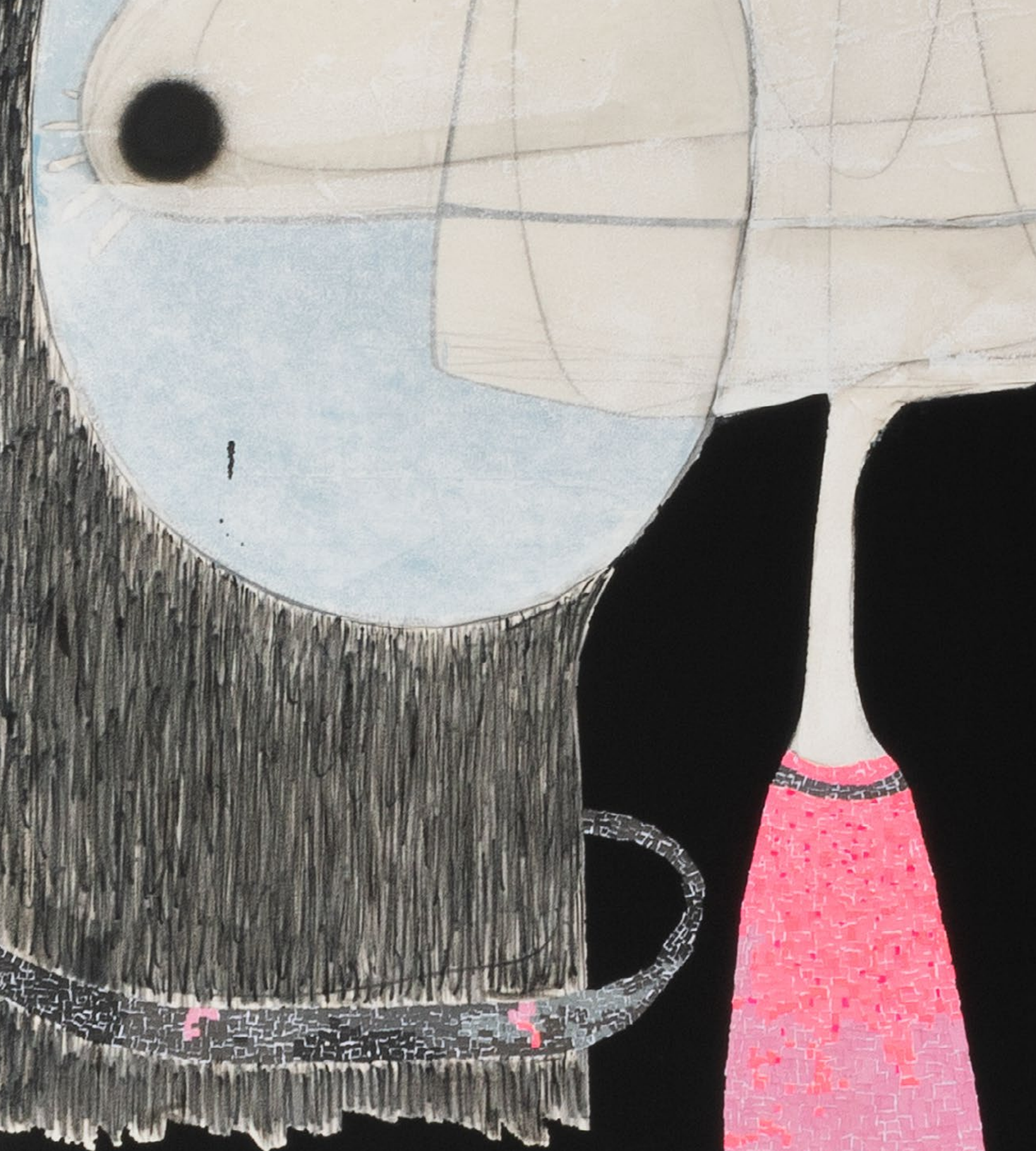




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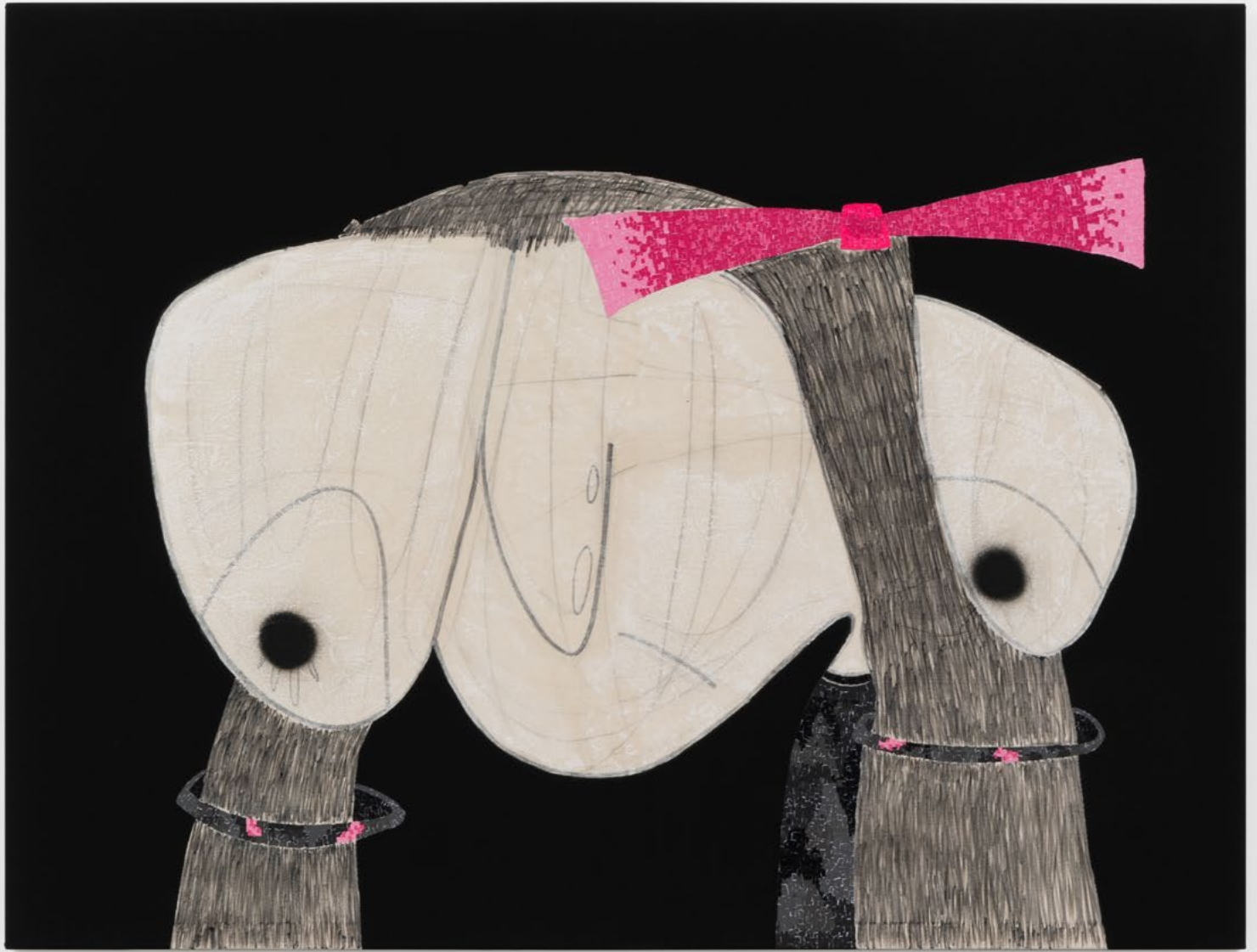


Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niña 2)*, 2021 | Mixed media on canvas | 89 x 89 in, 226 x 226 cm | (RMA21.010)





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Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niña 3)*, 2021 | Mixed media on canvas | 55 1/8 x 72 1/8 in | 140 x 183 cm | (RMA21.011)





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Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 27 1/2 x 39 3/8 in, 70 x 100 cm | (RMA21.018)





Rafa Macarrón | Untitled, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 11 3/4 x 15 3/4 in, 30 x 40 cm | (RMA21.035)



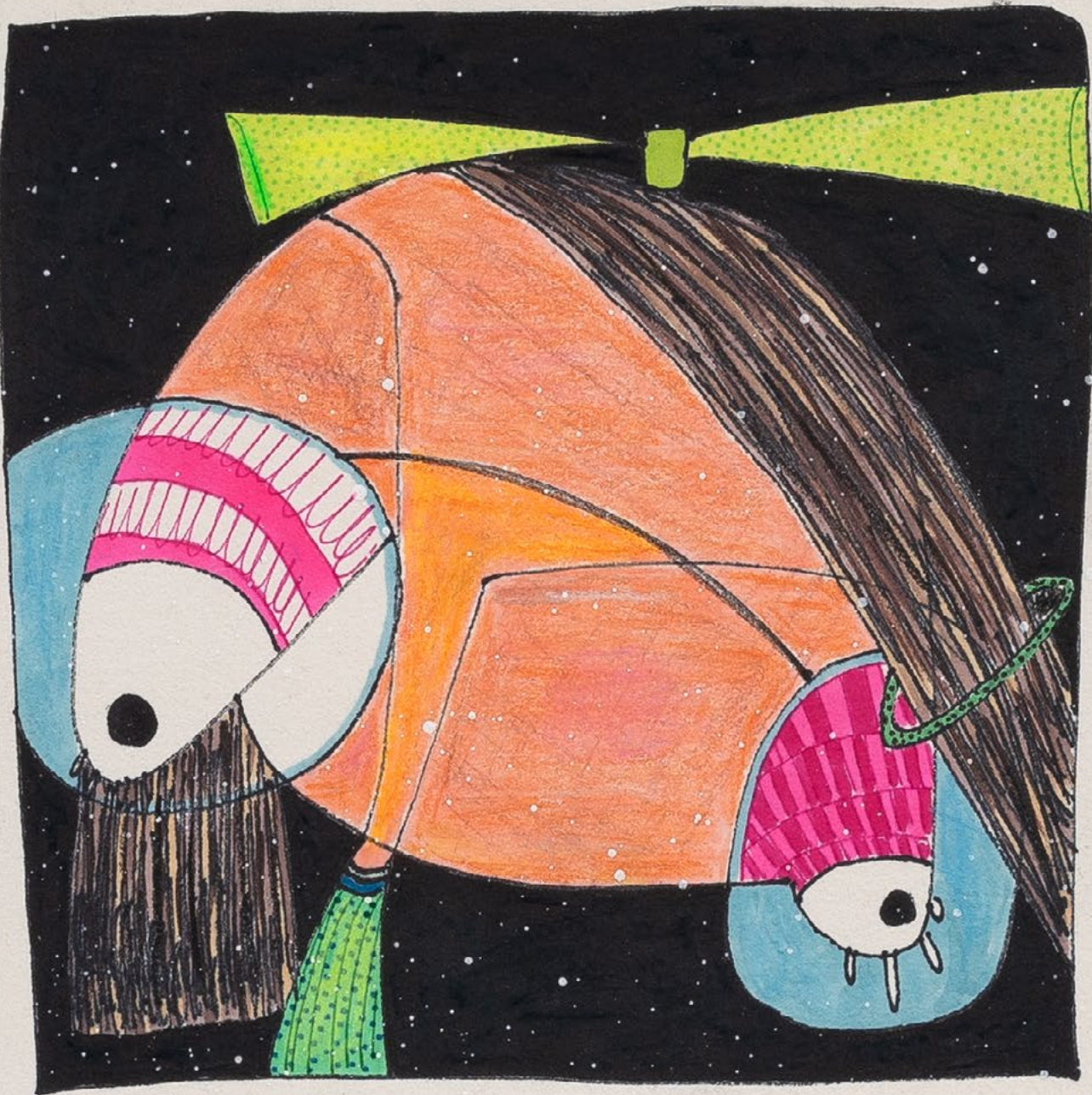
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Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.026)



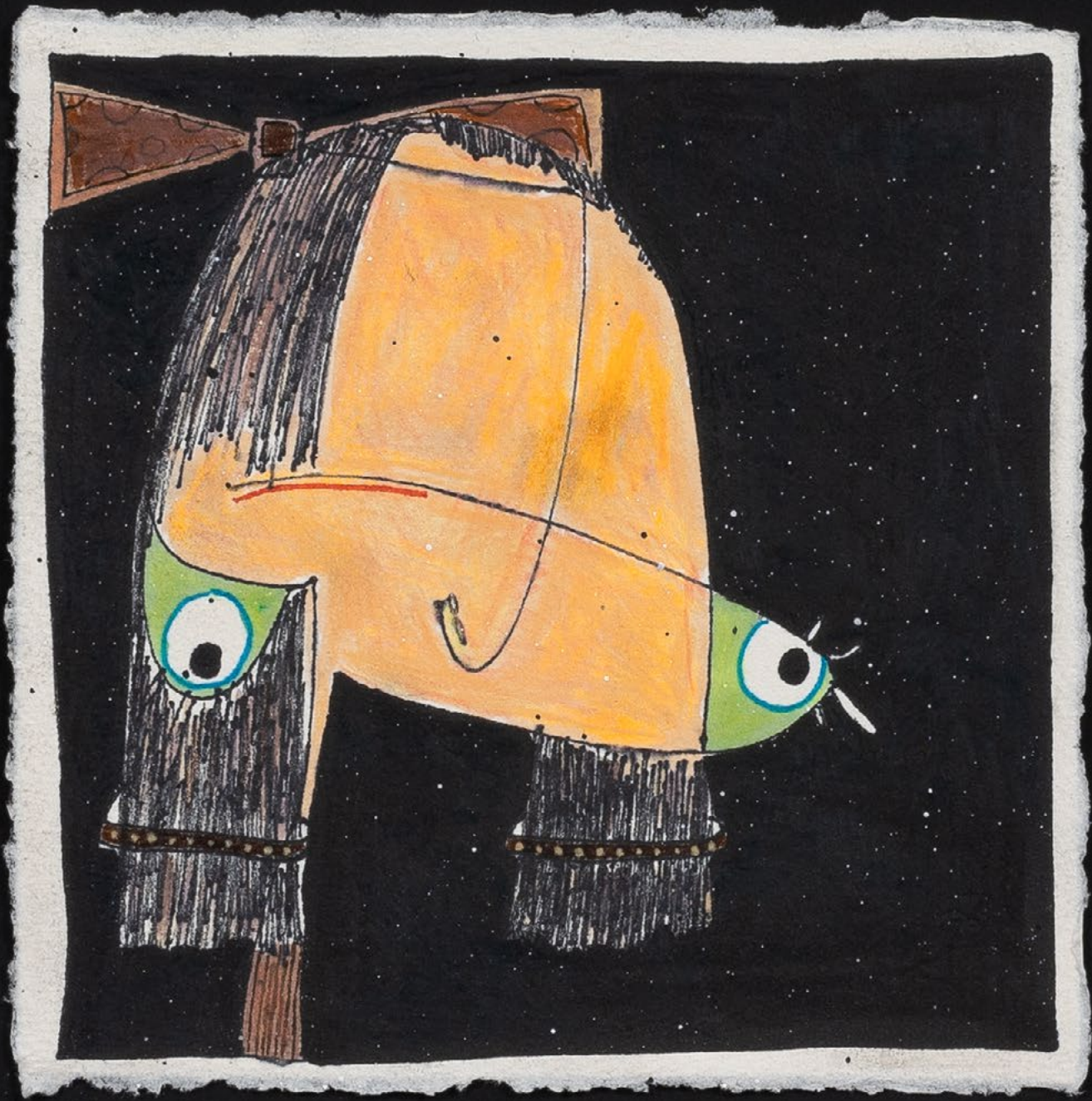


Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.028)



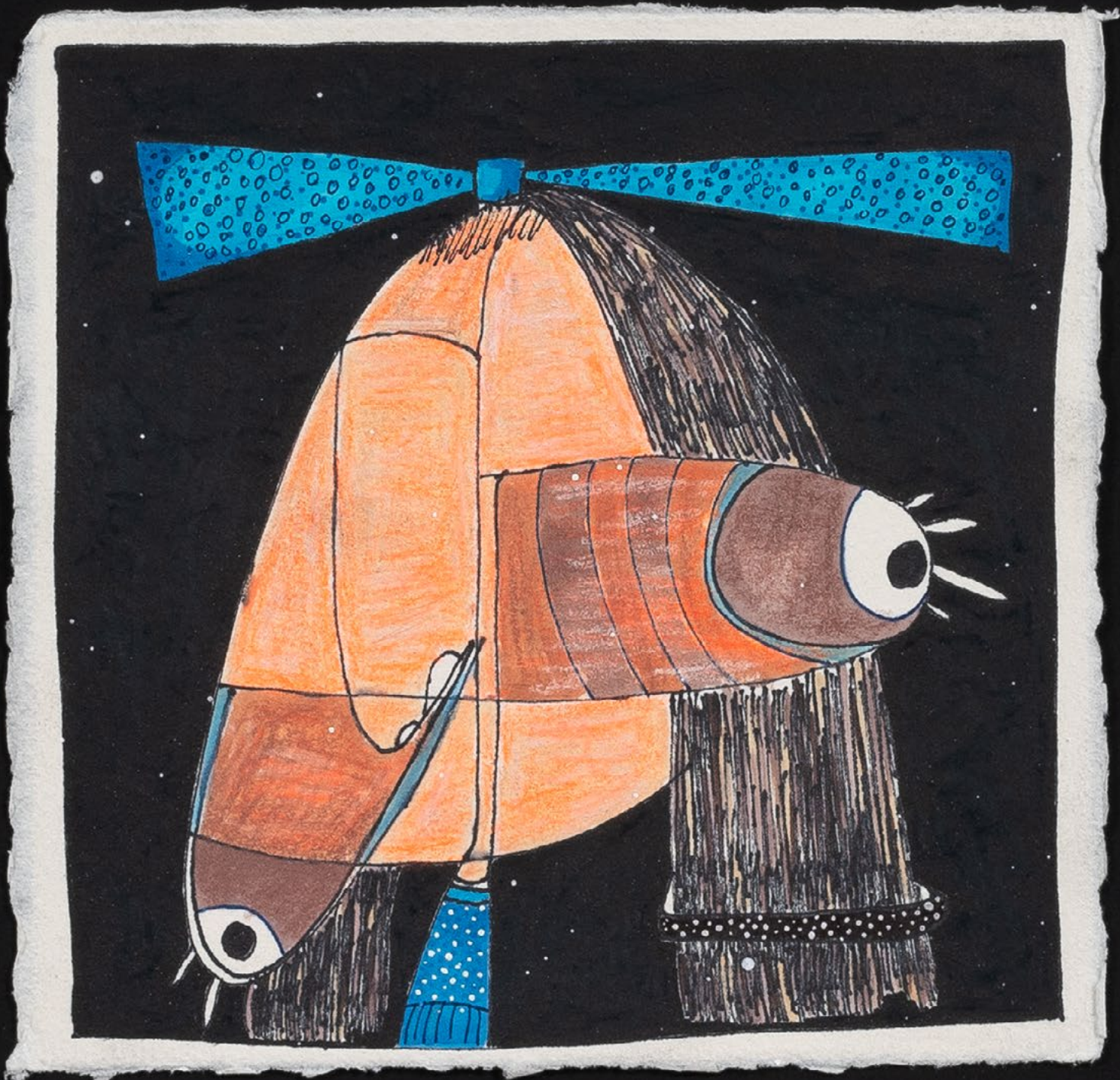


Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.031)





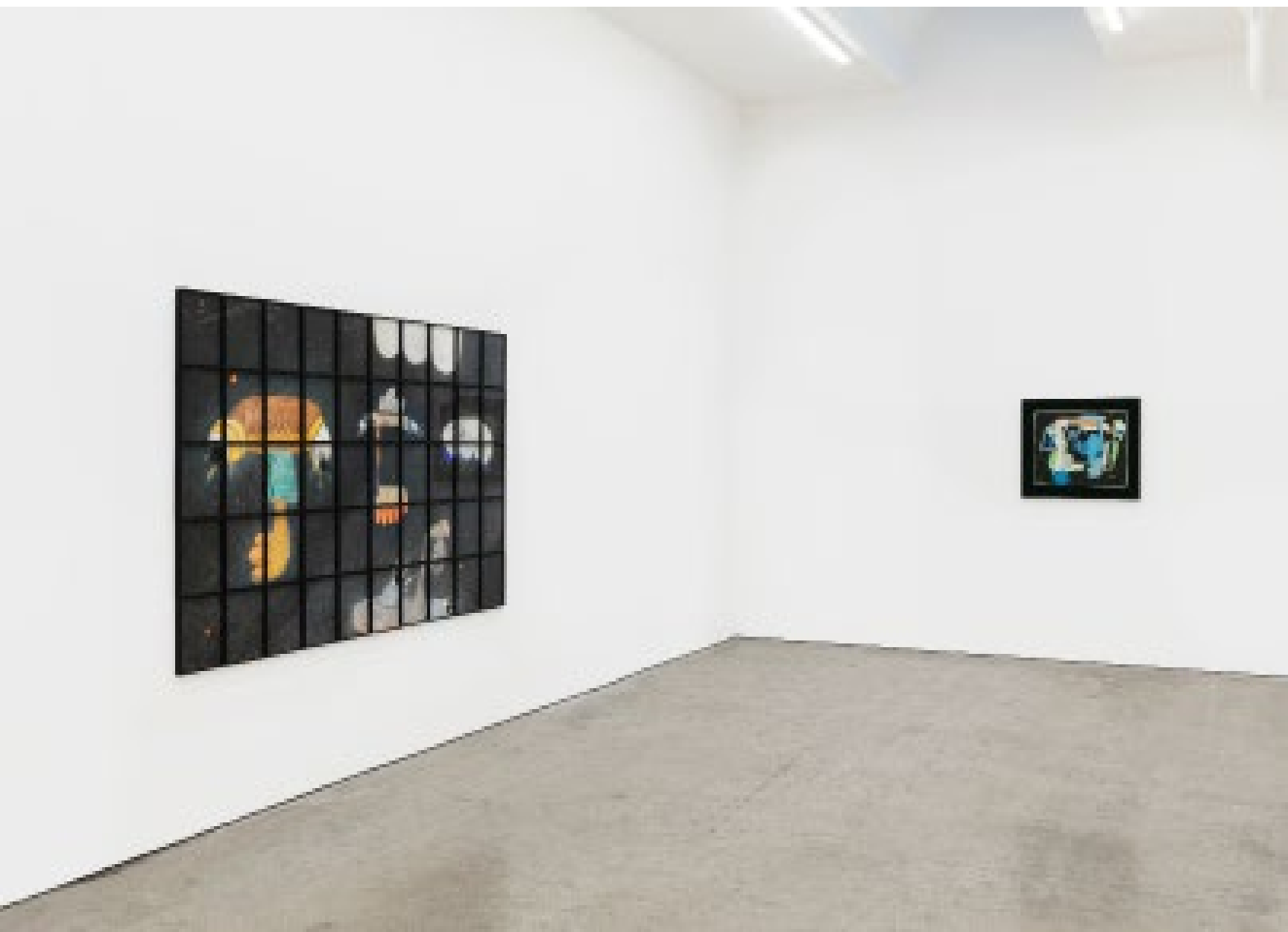
Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.027)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.030)





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Rafa Macarrón | Untitled, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 19 7/8 x 25 3/4 in, 50.5 x 65.5 cm | (RMA21.038)





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Rafa Macarrón | Untitled, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 19 7/8 x 25 3/4 in, 50.5 x 65.5 cm | (RMA21.034)





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Rafa Macarrón | Untitled, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 11 3/4 x 15 3/4 in, 30 x 40 cm | (RMA21.036)



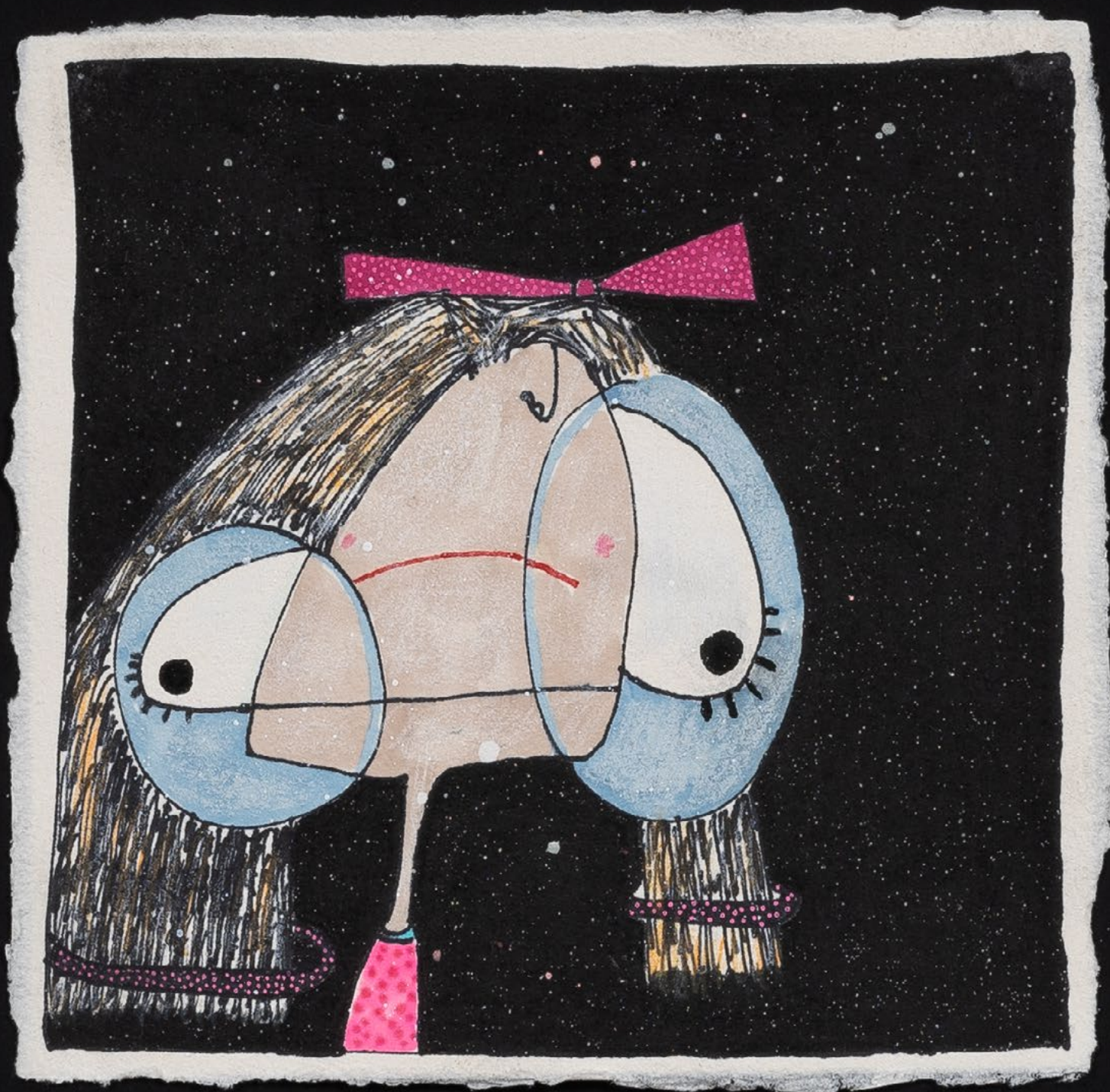


Rafa Macarrón | Untitled, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 19 7/8 x 25 3/4 in, 50.5 x 65.5 cm | (RMA21.038)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 5 7/8 x 5 7/8 in, 15 x 15 cm | (RMA21.015)





Rafa Macarrón | *Untitled (Niñas)*, 2021 | Mixed media on paper | 7 3/4 x 5 1/2 in, 19.7 x 14 cm | (RMA21.022)





RAFA MACARRÓN

CV

Born 1981, Madrid, Spain

Lives and works in Madrid, Spain

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *The Girls*, Nino Mier Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
The Girls' Dreams, Nino Mier Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2021 *El Bañista*, La Nave Salinas, Ibiza, Spain
Quince, CAC, Centro de Arte Contemporáneo de Málaga, Spain
- 2019 *Flourescent Routine*, Allouche Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2018 *Universo tropical*, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain
Proyecto individual, Gerhardt Braun Gallery, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 2017 *Cuando un hombre entra en una habitación lleva toda su vida con él*, Galería Marga Cervera, Madrid, Spain
- 2016 *The Lilies in the Field and the Birds of the Air*, Allouche Gallery, NY, USA
La vida comienza donde termina el miedo, Gerhardt Braun, Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- 2015 *En familia*, Galería Juan Silió, Santander, Spain
- 2014 *Spain Take off*, Galería O. Ascanio, Miami, USA
- 2013 *El reino de la fantasía no puede morir*, Galería Distrito 4, Madrid, Spain
- 2011 *La Ciudad Acabada*, Galería Distrito 4, Madrid, Spain
Busa Silencio y lo Encontrarás, Palacio de Garcigrande, Salamanca, Spain
- 2010 *En las nubes*, Galería Adora Calvo, Salamanca, Spain

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Stand Still - A Still Life Show*, Allouche Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2015 *Luz del Mediterráneo*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Alicante, Spain
- 2014 *Jóvenes pintores Fundación Gaceta*, Museo DA2, Salamanca, Spain
- 2013 *Casa de las Bóvedas*, Universidad de Puebla, Mexico
- 2011 *ARTENAVAS*, Convento de Santo Domingo y San Pablo, Ávila, Spain
- 2010 *La memoria del laberinto Homenaje a Miguel Hernández*, Centro de Congresos Elche, Spain
- 2009 *Paisajes contemporáneos*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Elche, Spain

COLLECTIONS

Cristina Masaveu Paterson, Spain

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, New York

Fundación BMW, Spain

Fundación Vivanco, LA Rioja, Spain

Caja Campo, Valladolid, Spain

Cooperativa Virgen de las Viñas, Tomelloso, Spain

Colección Pilar Citoler, Spain

Colección Mercadona, Spain

