



Pilar Tobón: "La Dignidad Del Fuego" 2024 - Textile- -80" X 60 - Fuego



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MIFA Presents "Weaving the Past into the Present" – A Retrospective by Resident Artist Pilar Tobón

Dates: March 6 - 29, 2025

Opening Reception: Thursday, March 6, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA)

Miami, FL – Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA) proudly presents *Weaving the Past into the Present*, a retrospective exhibition honoring the distinguished Colombian artist Pilar Tobón, founder and president of World Textile Art (WTA). As a resident artist at MIFA, Tobón presents this body of work as a testament to her lifelong dedication to textile art, deeply rooted in Colombia's ancestral symbology and cultural heritage. Curated by María Ortega and Yosi Anaya, this exhibition highlights her artistic evolution, from baroque-style tapestries to innovative textile sculptures and large-scale installations.

Tobón's artistic practice has embraced a diverse range of materials, including fibers, metals, silks, and feathers. Her creations reinterpret ceremonial garments from various cultures, such as royal chest pieces, shamanic cloaks, Andean mantles, and Guajira textiles. Through a unique artistic language that blends tradition with contemporary vision, her work not only honors the past but redefines it in a modern context.

The exhibition culminates with "*Senderos de un Pasado*", a monumental installation representing gold offerings made to spirits in bodies of water such as rivers and lakes—an ancient ritual deeply embedded in indigenous worldviews. This piece immerses the viewer in a realm where art, spirituality, and history converge.

As Ecuadorian curator Violeta de Arrantia notes, "*Tobón's works do not define but evoke; they continuously flow between the tangible reality of materials and techniques and the poetic associations they inspire.*"

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