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### **"Colorful Feathers of Hope" – Solo Exhibition by Pilar Naranjo at MIFA**

**Miami, FL** – Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA) is excited to announce the solo exhibition "Colorful Feathers of Hope" by Pilar Naranjo, curated by Sonia Hidalgo as part of the MIFA MXM Advanced Program. The exhibition will run from October 5 to October 26, 2024, in Room D, with the opening reception taking place on Saturday, October 5, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

**About the Exhibition:** "Colorful Feathers of Hope" presents a deeply personal collection of ten artworks where Pilar Naranjo uses birds as metaphors for survival, liberation, and hope. Fascinated by the beauty of birds, from their vibrant plumage to their mastery of flight and song, Naranjo's work transcends the traditional scientific or symbolic depictions of birds in art history. Instead, she explores themes of emotional resilience and her evolving relationship with the creative process, drawing on life's pivotal moments as inspiration.

Drawing from Emily Dickinson's iconic poem, "Hope" is the Thing with Feathers, Pilar's birds represent more than just symbols of hope—they embody a "thing with feathers" that perches within us, ready to take flight, rising above life's storms. These storms, much like the personal challenges we face, demand strength and perseverance. Naranjo's birds are peaceful yet resilient, colorful creatures who have weathered their own tempests and soared to freedom, triumphing over adversity.

Her dynamic use of the palette knife brings each bird to life with vibrant energy, as warm and cool hues dance across the canvas, creating a sense of movement and optimism. Bold, expressive strokes reflect her journey toward emotional freedom, highlighting the triumph of hope and strength over limiting beliefs.

**Curator's Statement by Sonia Hidalgo:** "In 'Colorful Feathers of Hope,' Pilar Naranjo offers a deeply moving and personal interpretation of birds as symbols of survival and liberation. These works are not just about beauty, but about resilience, strength, and the ability to rise above life's challenges. They invite us to reflect on our own journey, encouraging us to find the hope that lies within and the strength to overcome any storm."

**Event Details:**

- Exhibition Dates: October 5-26, 2024
- Opening Reception: Saturday, October 5, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Location: Room D, Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA)

**About Miami International Fine Arts (MIFA):** Miami International Fine Arts is a hub of artistic innovation and celebration in Miami, dedicated to inclusivity, collaboration, and strengthening community ties through art. MIFA offers a platform for both emerging and established artists, with a mission to promote creativity, dialogue, and learning through its diverse programs and exhibitions.

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For more information about the exhibition and other events, please visit [www.mifamiami.com](http://www.mifamiami.com).

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Join us at MIFA to explore "Colorful Feathers of Hope" and witness Pilar Naranjo's journey of resilience, creativity, and liberation through her captivating artwork.