



## "INVINCIBLE (UNCONQUERABLE STATE)"

CURATED BY LUIS GARCIA BROUGHT TO YOU BY MARIN MOCA

## OPENING RECEPTION: SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021 5:00 - 7:00 pm

I'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME TO A SPECIAL NEW EXHIBITION I HAVE A PAINTING IN.

CURATOR LUIS GARCIA STATES: "'ESTADO INVINCIBLE,' OR 'UNCONQUERABLE STATE' MEANS NOT CAPABLE OF BEING SUBDUED OR BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. I BELIEVE THAT 'ESTADO INVINCIBLE' IS A STATE OF MIND THAT RESIDES WITHIN ARTISTS OF COLOR AND LATINX COMMUNITIES IN GENERAL. THERE IS RESILIENCE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES, WHERE THE SPIRIT THRIVES.

THIS EXHIBITION PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE VIBRANT CULTURE, HERITAGE AND RESILIENCY OF THE LATINX DIASPORA. CURATED BY MARINMOCA ARTIST MEMBER LUIS GARCIA, IT FEATURES THE WORK OF SEVEN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ARTISTS: JUANA ALICIA, EDGAR ARTURO-CAMACHO, LARK CALDERON-GOMEZ, LUIS GARCIA, RAMONA GARCIA, MANUEL RUELAS AND PABLO VILLICANA LARA. THESE ARTISTS EXPLORE THEIR, WORLD VIEW THROUGH WORK THAT INVESTIGATES CONSTANT - AND OFTEN TABOO -THEMES IN THE LATINX COMMUNITY, INCLUDING POST-COLONIAL IDENTITY, RACISM, SEXUAL IDENTITY, GENTRIFICATION, IMMIGRATION, AND POVERTY.

WHEN I STARTED THIS PAINTING IN LATE JANUARY 2021 WE JUST HAD A VERY TURBULENT MONTH IN THIS COUNTRY. I WAS FEELING WEARY AND WANTED TO PAINT SOMETHING HEALING SO I CALLED ON "IXCHEL" FOR SOME HELP TO START. THE TITLE IS "IXCHEL, GODDESS OF HEALING." IXCHEL IS A MAYAN GODDESS WHO I LIKE TO PAINT BECAUSE I HAVE ROOTS IN THE AREA WHERE SHE IS WORSHIPPED, (MY FATHER WAS BORN IN GUATEMALA). IXCHEL IS A GODDESS OF THE MOON, OF LOVE, OF MANY OTHER THINGS AND SHE HAS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES. LOVE WAS WHAT I WAS CALLING ON FOR THIS PAINTING.

## DETAILS -

OPENING RECEPTION: JULY 24, 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM EXHIBITION DATES: JULY 24 - SEPTEMBER, 5, 2021 ARTIST TALK AND Q & A, (I'M IN ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER ARTISTS): AUGUST 19, 5:00 PM VIA ZOOM

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