



DAIRO VARGAS

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Colombian born Dairo Vargas (b 1978) created this powerful portrait series during a period of intense personal transformation.

The artist painted imaginary portraits with blurred features and ambiguous identities. Like ancients, arising from the artist's unconscious depths, their symbolic materialisation was for Vargas a cathartic process on a path to search for his true identity. Similar to an actor changing roles and personalities, the artist experienced traversing layers of his conscious and unconscious mind to finally reach his soul. By embracing the different identities of the people he creates, he expresses his own emotions on canvas.

As in nature's four seasons and the stages of life, the mind goes through changes and evolution which can be interpreted as a dance of life, death and rebirth.

In the larger paintings Vargas' characters take shape, growing into forms where movement is depicted as both physical and emotional.

The artist believes movement is always present, even when we are standing still there's movement around us and more importantly within us.

Even the tiniest movement is a reaction of what is going through a person's mind, as we move physically we move emotionally.. It's through this process that we experience life.

Observing people in every day life and how they interact with each other is an important element of Vargas' creative process.

Vargas says: "I aim to create romantic abstract work inspired by those revealing moments of life, contrasting with conflicting emotions that we all experience in different stages of our existence.

I am fascinated by the constant evolution and continuous changes in space and time of a life that's forever moving.



Warrior Acrylic on Canvas, 140cm x 100cm



Awaken Acrylic on Canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Revelation Acrylic on Canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Ephemeral Acrylic, paper, ply panel, 110cm x 120cm



Weighless Acrylic, paper, ply panel, 110cm x 120cm



Deconstructed 2 Acrylic on Canvas, 160cm x 100cm



Deconstructed 3 Acrylic on Canvas, 160cm x 100cm



Deconstructed 1 Acrylic on Canvas, 160cm x 100cm



Identities 3 Acrylic on Canvas, 92cm x 72cm



Untitled 3 Acrylic on Paper, 87cm x 67cm



Untitled 2 Acrylic on Paper, 87cm x 67cm



Untitled 1 Acrylic on Paper, 120cm x 163cm



Mindcollision Acrylic on Canvas, 140cm x 100cm



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Identities 5 Acrylic on Canvas, 92cm x 72cm



Identities 4 Acrylic on Canvas, 92cm x 72cm