

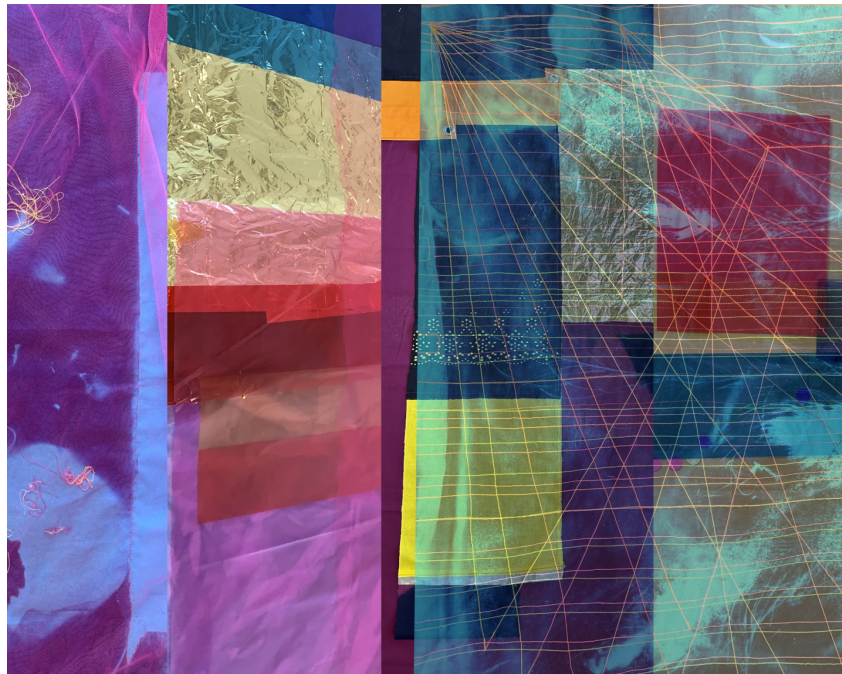


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## For Immediate Release

*Wall of wonder and wishing*  
Isela Aguirre

Exhibition Dates: April 15, 2023 – May 20, 2023  
Opening Reception and Artist Talk: 2 – 4 PM Saturday, April 15, 2023  
PLATFORM



Isela Aguirre, *Wall of wonder and wishing* (detail), 2023, mixed-media textile painting  
Image courtesy of the artist

April 11, 2023. Houston, TX - Art League Houston (ALH) proudly presents *Wall of wonder and wishing*, a public art installation by Houston-based artist Isela Aguirre. Using nature as a key part of her practice, Aguirre infuses cyanotype photography, thread, vinyl, lights, and found materials to leave behind a visual snapshot of the diary of her life experiences. As the project weathers the Houston climate, the ephemerality of the piece reflects the ever-fleeting memories that evolve over time.

*Wall of wonder and wishing* embraces light and color both naturally and synthetically by capturing shadows and silhouettes through a cyanotype process and through the usage



of LED lights. Since the presence of natural light creates a duality to the piece, Aguirre encourages the viewer to visit the installation at different times of the day. *Wall of wonder and wishing* breathes life into Aguirre's experiences as she returns the piece back to nature to fully actualize the work.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Isela Aguirre is a multi-disciplinary artist born and raised in Houston, Texas. She uses camera-less photography, textiles, color, and installation in her work. Her work is colorful, playful, and portable, with an air of the ephemeral and non-precious. Aguirre is interested in the exciting freewheeling feeling that comes with not knowing exactly how a painting will evolve. The process of physically making an idea materialize is a spiritual experience that is, at times, exciting and celebratory and is always healing.

Aguirre earned her BFA in Photography and Digital Media in 2001 from the University of Houston. She has taught at the Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Glassell Junior School, and Rienzi House Museum for European Decorative Arts. Aguirre is currently a teaching fellow and MFA Painting candidate at The University of Houston. Her work has been featured at the Blaffer Art Museum, Lawndale Art Center, and the Galveston Art Center, among others.

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