

A REACTION TO OUR TIMES by Ornella Ridone



Allá Abajo/Down Below is a visual response to Philadelphia by artist Ornella Ridone. She is the first recipient of the Julia Zagar Residency for Women Artists, a program that supports contemporary female artists working in the tradition of handcrafting and folk art. Ridone, who lives in Oaxaca, Mexico, was invited to stay in Philadelphia in early 2017. Her pieces, all sewn on discarded clothing, feature stories from both Mexican and American residents, and will illustrate the complex, multilayered relationship between the two countries.





Escudo Nacional 1Embroidery on fabric | 16.5 x 16.5 | \$300

Escudo Nacional 2Embroidery on fabric | 16.5 x 16.5 | \$300





Escudo Nacional 3Embroidery on fabric | 16.5 x 16.5 | \$300











Allá Abajo (Floor Installation)
Embroidery on clothing | Size varies | NFS





















Septa LandscapeEmbroidery on fabric | 14 x 14.5 | \$600

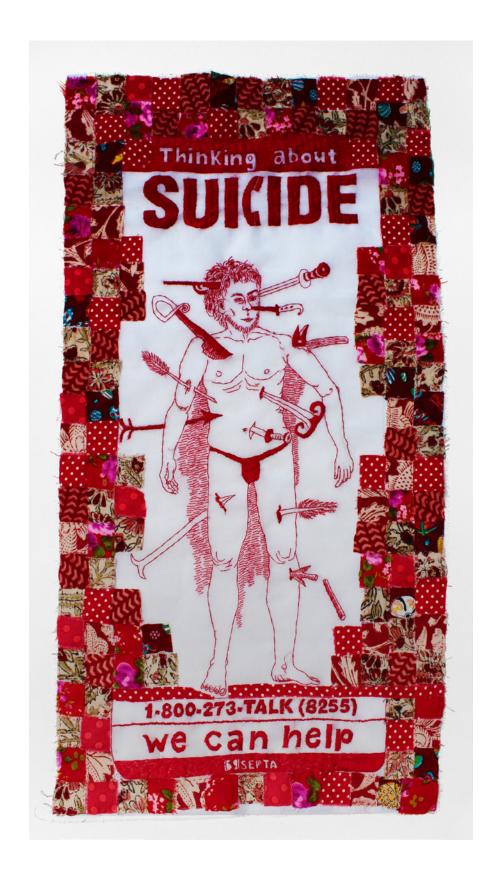
Male Archetype Embroidery on fabric | 14.5 x 27 | \$600





Más Vale Embroidery on fabric | 19.5 x 19.5 | \$500

Mutter 1
Embroidery on fabric | 15 x 27.5 | \$800









Buddhist Temple Embroidery on fabric | 15 x 23 | \$600

Mutter 3
Embroidery on overalls | 14.5 x 29 | \$800



Más es Siempre Mejor Embroidery on overalls | 36 x 36 x 64 | \$2,000



ABOUT PHILADEPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens (PMG) is a nonprofit visionary art environment and community arts center located in Isaiah Zagar's largest public artwork.

Spanning half a block on Philadelphia's famous South Street, the museum includes an immersive outdoor art installation and indoor galleries. Zagar created the space using nontraditional materials such as folk art statues, found objects, bicycle wheels, colorful glass bottles, hand-made tiles, and thousands of glittering mirrors. The site is enveloped in visual anecdotes and personal narratives that refer to Zagar's life, family, and community, as well as references from the wider world such as influential art history figures and other visionary artists and environments.

PMG is a unique Philadelphia destination that inspires creativity and community engagement by providing educational opportunities and diverse public programming to thousands of visitors each year. For more information, visit www.phillymagicgardens.org