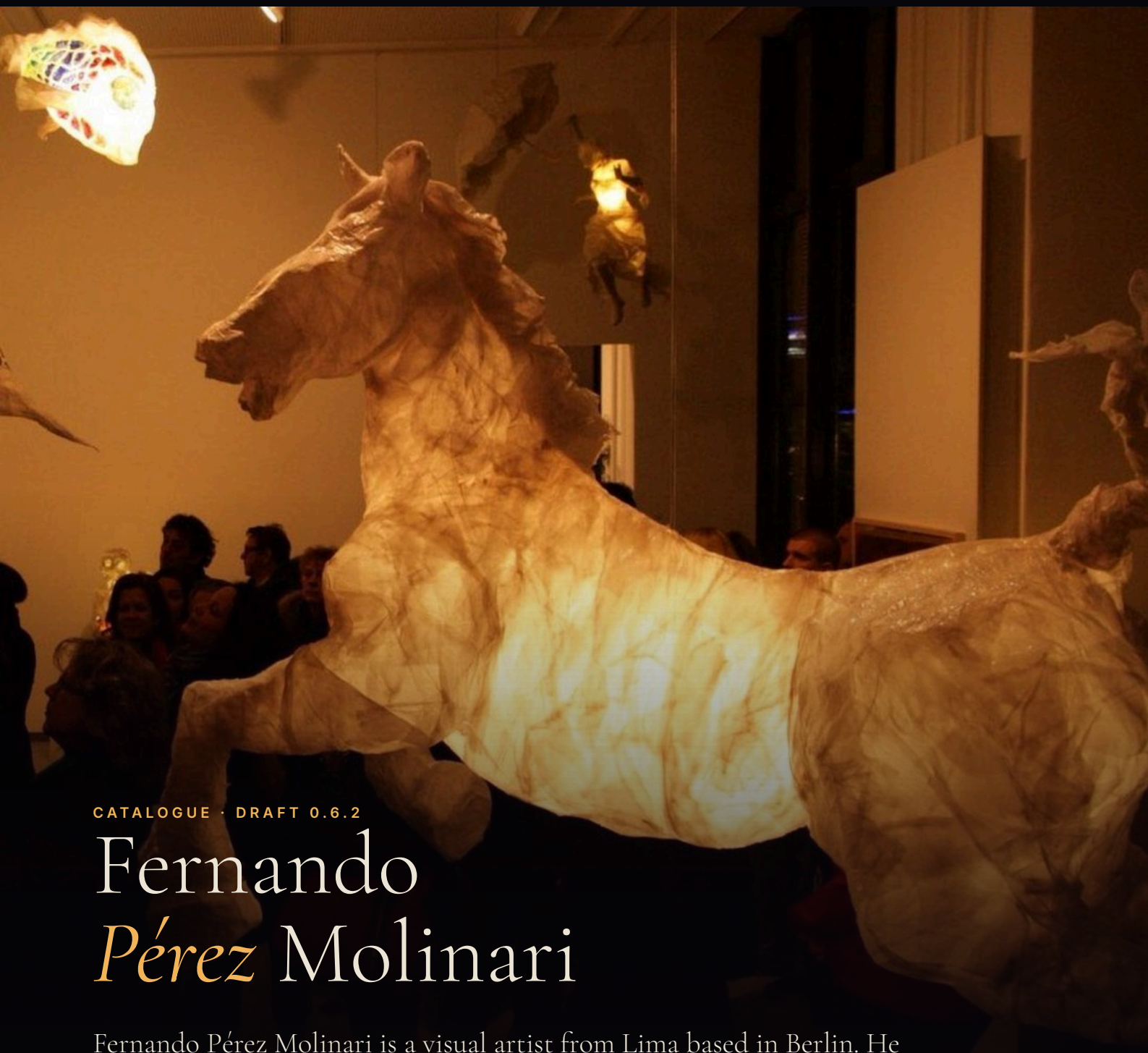


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Fernando *Pérez* Molinari

Fernando Pérez Molinari is a visual artist from Lima based in Berlin. He makes sculptures and puppets of light from paper and wire, for galleries and the stage.

Horse of light · Photo: Bert Herden (BERTinBERLIN.de)

Artist statement

This proposal I put forward as Fernando Pérez Molinari, both as sculptural installations and as a stage proposal. It explores the relationship between light, shadow, and self-knowledge, inspired by analytical psychology. The figures are sculptures of paper and wire, hollowed from within, so that light can inhabit them.

In the installations and on stage, these luminous figures meet actors who interact with their own projections. The work questions identity as an illuminated surface versus unconscious depth. The visual dramaturgy frames the movement from exterior to interior as an act of psychic awakening. What can be seen is the lit surface; the path of the work is the passage inward, where shadow and self-knowledge meet.

These are Geschichten aus Licht, stories of light, from Lima to Berlin. I try to play with the light that ordinary people carry inside, because light is movement. The figures do not replace the darkness; they ask it to become conscious.

> “One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious.”
>
> CARL GUSTAV JUNG

Biography

Fernando Pérez Molinari (Lima, 1972) is a visual artist. He studied fine arts, specialising in painting, at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, and since 2003 he has worked in Berlin as a freelance artist. Since 2002 he has made sculptures and figures of light from paper and wire, which he shows in exhibitions and brings to the stage in figure theatre, performances and festivals. He leads workshops in schools and, since 2015, has worked as a puppeteer with children and patients, among others at the Charité and with the Caritas children's hospice service.

Born in 1972 in Lima, Peru, Fernando Pérez Molinari completed the art faculty of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú with a bachelor's degree in fine arts, specialising in painting. From his student years he took part in various exhibitions in Peru and in 1997 began training as an art educator. He taught art at various schools and universities and worked as an illustrator in journalism. He also worked with various theatre groups in Peru as a set and costume designer. In 2002 he began making sculptures of light under the name "NOKTILUCA". Since 2003 he has been a freelance artist in Berlin and, besides exhibitions, makes art and theatre projects, including for primary and special-needs schools. Since 2015 he has also worked as a puppeteer and, with his animation programme, visits children and patients at the Charité Campus Virchow-Klinikum, in the Caritas children's hospice and in care homes such as Life Cure and Haus 1, in Berlin.



Painting a paper sculpture of light.



Working on a paper sculpture.



Preparing the paper.



Working the wire.



In the studio, among paper sculptures.



With a paper figure in the studio.

Photographs: courtesy of the artist.

Works



Horse of light

A paper sculpture of light in the form of a horse. A horse of light also features on the invitation to “Lichtskulpturen”, Galerie Café Tirree, Berlin, 2014.

Photograph: Bert Herden (BERTinBERLIN.de)





“Luna” is a work by Daniela Duarte.

The One

ORIGINAL TITLE: *El Uno*

A recurring character in Fernando’s stories of light: “messenger and depositary of universal hope”, in the artist’s words. In two of the photographs he appears beside “Luna”, a work by Daniela Duarte.

Courtesy of the artist

Works





The Labyrinth Guardian

A light figure photographed by Bert Herden at Galerie Wedding. A work with a related title, “The Guardian of the Invisible Labyrinth, his demons and his gods”, was shown at Spiegel Salon, Berlin, in 2011.

Photograph: Bert Herden (BERTinBERLIN.de)



Andean hummingbird

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Picaflor de los Andes*

Wire sculpture. Commissioned for the Karneval der Kulturen, Berlin, 2005.

Courtesy of the artist

Works



Full view, unlit



Detail, illuminated

The Bon Vivant

ORIGINAL TITLE: *El Vividor*

Also titled: Drinker

A figure seated on a bench with a bottle, shown unlit and lit.

Courtesy of the artist





Parallel miracles

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Milagros paralelos*

Courtesy of the artist

Works





Cloud woman

Photographs of the work in progress.

Courtesy of the artist



The Rape of Europa · The Rapture of Europa

Courtesy of the artist

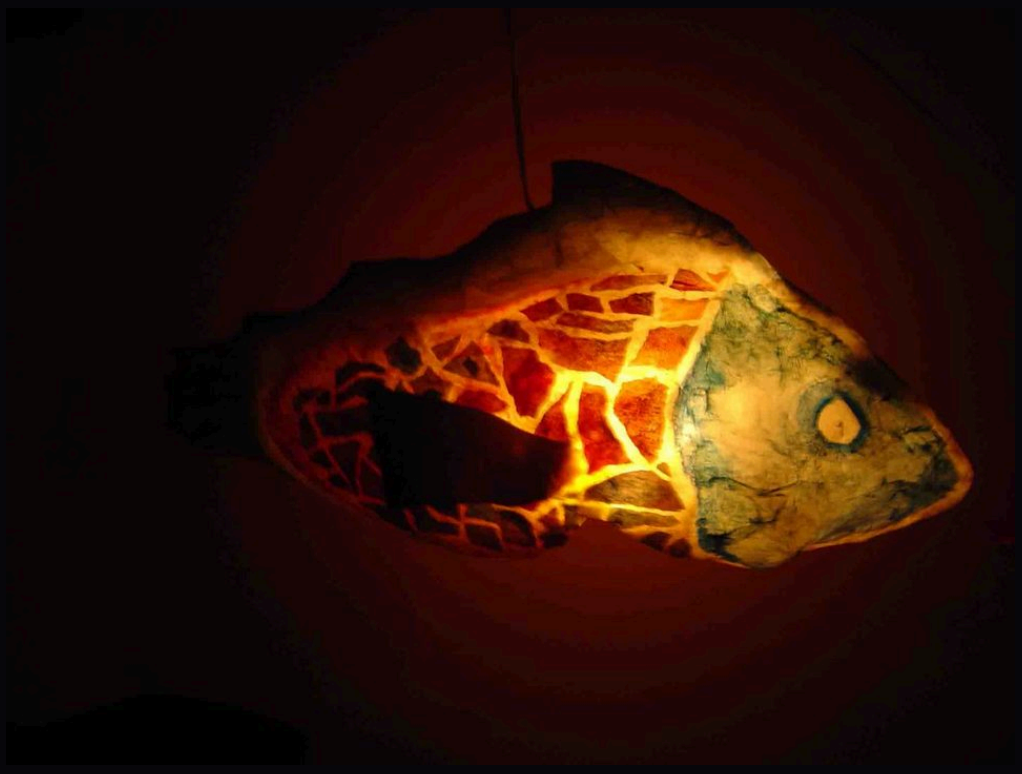
Works



Guardian angel

Also titled: Angel dance

Courtesy of the artist



Fish of light

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Pez de luz*

Also titled: Pez Yoko

Courtesy of the artist

Works







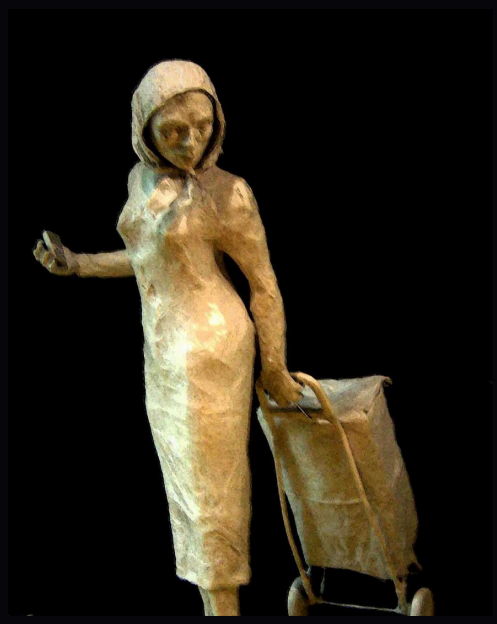
Frog of light

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Rana de luz*

Also titled: Rana voladora

Courtesy of the artist





Citizen with migrant past

Courtesy of the artist

Works



Remedy for insomnia

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Mittel gegen die Schlaflosigkeit*

Also titled: Insomnia

Lamp sculpture.

Courtesy of the artist



«No, mofo, I'm not Mary Poppins»

Courtesy of the artist

Works





The Bismarck spider, small puppet

When the sun doesn't shine

Courtesy of the artist

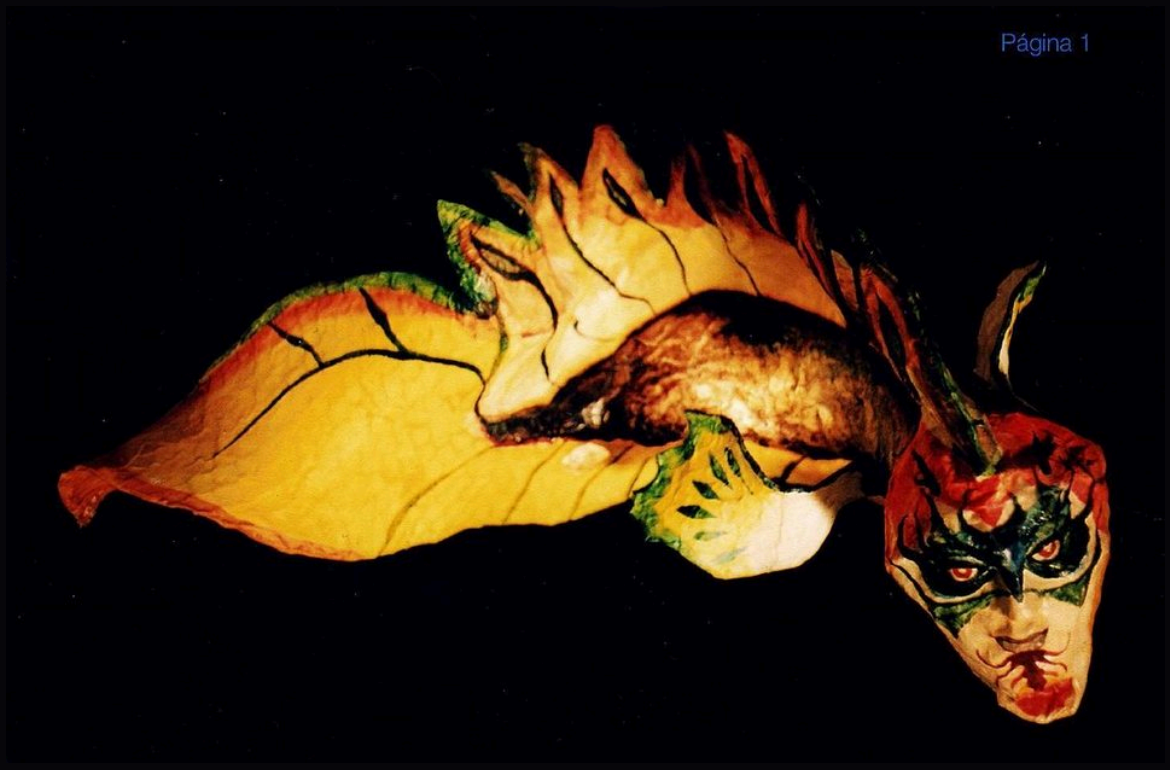


Being from my forest

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Ser de mi bosque*

Photograph: Bert Herden (BERTinBERLIN.de)

Works



Paiche

The paiche is a large Amazonian fish.

Courtesy of the artist



Samurai crab costume

Costume.

Courtesy of the artist

Works





Blue women

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Mujeres azules*

An improvised surreal installation.

Courtesy of the artist

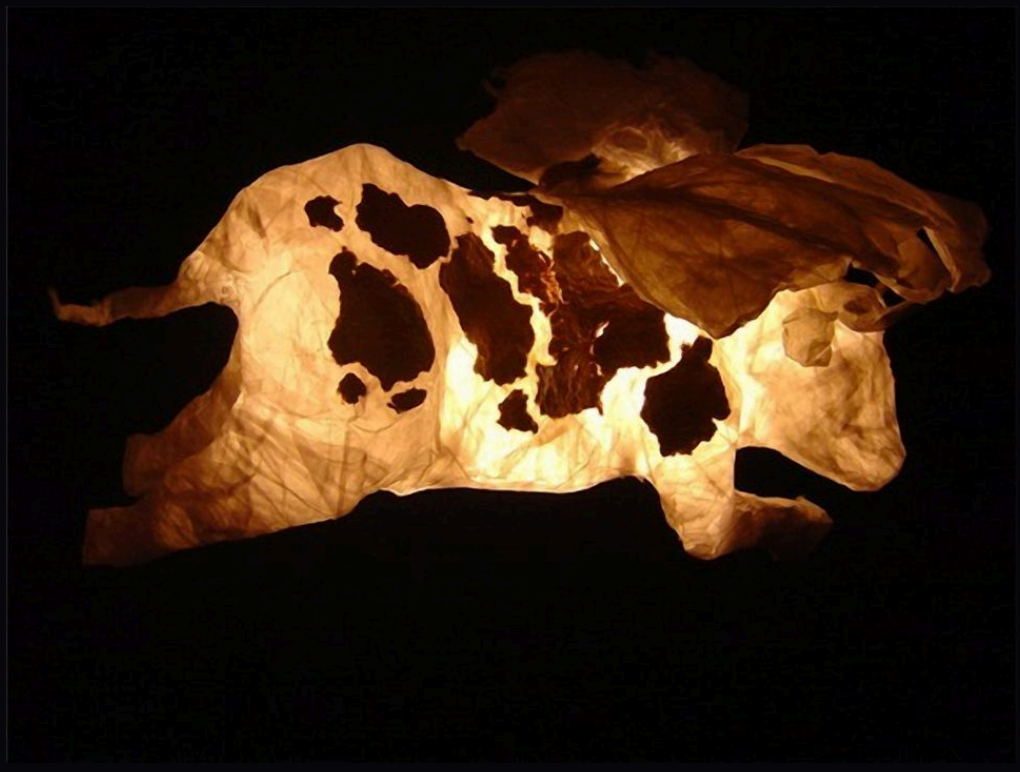


Diego · The return journey

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Diego · El viaje de regreso*

Courtesy of the artist

Works



Flying cow

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Fliegende Kuh*

Sculpture of light, 2007.

Courtesy of the artist



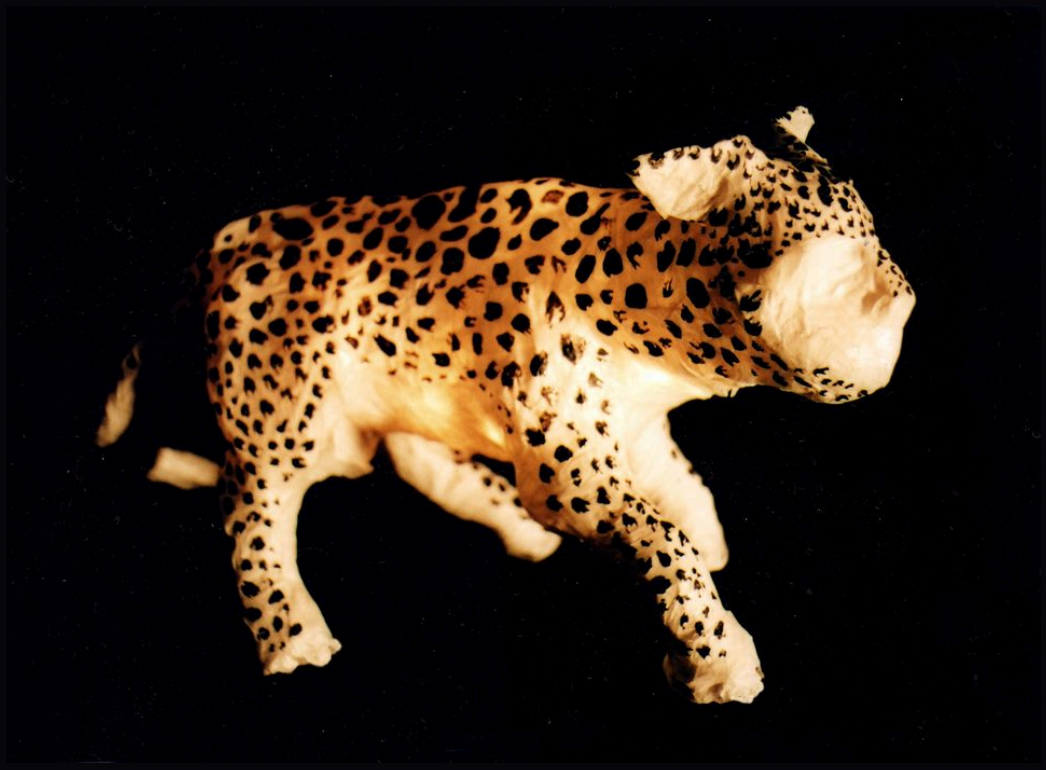
Milking

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Melken*

FERNANDO PÉREZ MOLINARI

Sculpture of light shown in “Heiliges Spiel”, Galerie Noir, Berlin, 2006.

Works



Otorongo

The otorongo is the Amazonian jaguar.

Courtesy of the artist





Últimas noticias, unlit

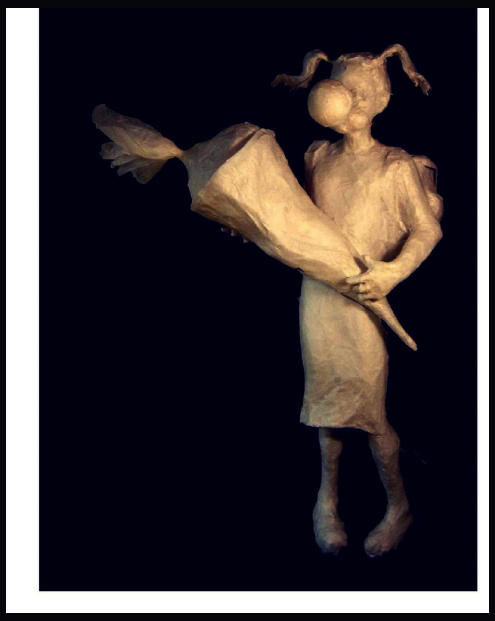
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Courtesy of the artist

Works





School enrolment

ORIGINAL TITLE: *Einschulung*

Also titled: School enrolment

Courtesy of the artist

Exhibitions, stage and workshops

2026

MASK **Mask for the Chuncheon mime festival** — Chuncheon (South Korea)
The festival credits him “for building the mask”.

2025

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **FoKo Walking-Act · Subardo Festival** — Luppa
Walking act with Luise Grell, with Fernando’s figures (August 2025).

2024

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **Easter workshops · Caritas** — Alt-Lietzow 31, Berlin
Clay-sculpture and musical-game workshops took place on 25 and 26 March 2024.

2023

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **FoKo Walking-Act · Lichterfest Lettplatz** — Berlin
Walking act with Luise Grell: movement, mask art and interaction; figures by Fernando (November 2023).

2021

EXHIBITION **Lichtskulpturen · Tag des offenen Denkmals** — Badingen (Brandenburg)
Exhibition of light sculptures and paper-and-wire figure workshops at the “Festen Haus” (September 2021).

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **FOKO Figurentheaterprojekt** — with Luise Grell

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **TEMPO Tanz- und Figurentheater** — with Stephanie Day

2020–2022

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **TUKI — Theater in Kindergärten** — Berlin

2019

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **«Papo und das Licht» und andere Geschichten** — Filmpark Babelsberg
Idea, creation and direction: Fernando Pérez Molinari. Performances in July (Märchenhaftes Kinderfest, Alternative Volksbühnen-Gipfel) and August (Caligarihalle, Familienfest).

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **Menuhin Foundation / MUS-E Deutschland e. V.** — Germany

2018

EXHIBITION **Beings** — Disegno Studio, Houston (TX)

EXHIBITION **Der Wald leuchtet** — Wald Galerie Ferch (Potsdam)

EXHIBITION **Bühne am Bundesplatz** — Ergotherapie und Ankerplatz e. V., Bundesplatz 1, Berlin

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Feldkunst Festival · «Ecos de Luz»** — Tempelhofer Feld, Berlin

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **«An/Aus. Geschichten aus Licht» / «On/Off, Lights Stories»** — Theaterhaus Mitte / ACUD Theater, Berlin
Photographs by Ronald Spratte (Theaterhaus Mitte, 16 July 2018).

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **META — Minorities Education Through Art** — La Spezia (Italy)

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **Puppetry workshop for the Banda Internationale** — Dresden · MUS-E

2016–2017

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **MUS-E · Kurt-Tucholsky-Grundschule / Carl-Kraemer-Grundschule** — Berlin
“Die Künste in der Schule” projects: puppets and luminous masks.

2016

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Karneval der Kulturen · «Leila»** — with Tabea Langmann, Kultur Werkstadt, Berlin

2015–2016

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION **Alles fließt – Ta panta rei** — Wassergalerie, Stralauer Str. 33, Berlin — with Pantelis Sabaliotis
17 December 2015 – 29 January 2016; curator: Dr. Katia David; performance “Erscheinung” on 2 January 2016.

2015

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION **Noktiluca · Poesie** — Kultur-Club Westend, Meerscheidtstr. 9–11, Berlin — with Daniela Duarte
14 February – 15 March 2015.

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Berlin leuchtet · «Papierlichtspiele»** — LASERLINE Lounge, Berlin
8 October 2015.

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Die Erscheinung (Geschichte aus Licht)** — Berlin
September 2015.

2014–2015

EXHIBITION **Erscheinung / Apariciones** — WerkStadt Kulturverein, Emser Str. 124, Berlin-Neukölln
Opening 28 November 2014; on view until 3 January 2015. Supported by Stiftung Pfefferwerk.

2014

EXHIBITION **Lichtskulpturen (La Luz)** — Galerie Café Tirree, Birkenstraße 46, Berlin
18 July – 28 August 2014.

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Basura Plática · Berlin leuchtet · Neues Kranzler Eck** — Berlin

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Ritmos de Luz II** — Kultur Werkstatt, Berlin — with Daniela Lungeanu and Javier Vela

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **Jugend im Museum · Talent Campus Neukölln** — Berlin

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **"Licht als Individuum" workshops** — Galerie Wedding, Berlin

2013

EXHIBITION **Y se hizo la luz** — Kulturhaus Spandau

EXHIBITION **Fernando Pérez Molinari** — Galerie Café Tirree, Berlin

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **Exhibition and workshops · District Cultural Fund** — Under the patronage of the Embassy of the Republic of Peru

WORKSHOP / EDUCATION **«LICHT! Gestalten an der Schwelle zwischen Hell und Dunkel» · Kinder Kultur Monat** — Jugend im Museum e. V., Berlin

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Elenas Heimliches Licht · Call of the Light** — Spandau · Teufelsberg (Open Monument Day) · Kunst im Kiez, Charlottenburg
Open-air light-figure theatre in Spandau and at Kunst im Kiez; "Call of the Light / Ruf des Lichtes" on the Teufelsberg.

2012–2013

EXHIBITION **NOCTILUCA – Geschichten aus Licht** — Galerie Wedding "Kunst & Interkultur", Müllerstr. 146/147, Berlin
16 November 2012 – 12 January 2013, under the patronage of the Embassy of Peru. Opening with Sabine Weißler (district councillor for culture) and an introduction by the curator Dr. Katia David; school workshops funded by the Bezirkskulturfonds Mitte; light-theatre performance on 21 December 2012.

2012

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Der magische Garten** — Wilhelm-Hauff-, Erika-Mann- und Carl-Kraemer-Grundschule, KiTa Roko, Berlin
Light-figure theatre, funded by the Bezirkskulturfonds Mitte.

EXHIBITION **The smile at the foot of the light · Das Lächeln am Fuße des Lichtes** — Theater Tableau, Basel (Switzerland)

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION **La Canción de la Noktiluca · Meeresleuchten – Skulpturen aus Papier** — Galerie Schwarz und Weiss, Lawitz bei Eisenhüttenstadt — with Daniela Duarte
Until 5 August 2012.

EXHIBITION **Angeles de la Guardia** — Diakonie Mahlow

2011

EXHIBITION **Lichtfiguren** — Spiegelsalon, Friedbergstr. 29, Berlin
Opening 3 November 2011.

EXHIBITION **Stories from light** — Schloss Charlottenburg, Berlin

EXHIBITION **The Guardian of the Invisible Labyrinth, his demons and his gods** — Spiegel Salon, Berlin

STAGE / PERFORMANCE **Wolken ... Woman — «Artist at Work»** — JungArt Berlin
An artwork created in front of an audience, commissioned by the Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company.

2010

EXHIBITION **Wasserwelten und Lichtgestalten** — Therapiezentrum Alte Wäscherei, Berlin

EXHIBITION **Angel Solitario** — Tokyo (Japan)

2009

EXHIBITION **Storys of Light** — Galerie Spiegel Salon, Berlin

2008

EXHIBITION **Winterlicht** — Galerie Zingelhof

EXHIBITION **Angels** — Sophienstraße, Berlin

2007

EXHIBITION **Figures** — Sophienstraße, Berlin

2006

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITION **Heiliges Spiel** — Galerie Noir, Berlin-Schöneberg — with Daniela Duarte
First exhibition in Berlin.

2005

GROUP SHOW **Kunst im Kiez** — Group exhibition, Berlin

2004

EXHIBITION **Mi laberinto** — Galería Dédalo, Lima

2003

EXHIBITION **Luces** — Galería Dédalo, Lima

EXHIBITION **Jirafas y Peces** — Galería Artco, Lima

2002

EXHIBITION **Peces y Soles** — Galería Exponatale, Lima

2001

EXHIBITION **Transiciones (paintings)** — Casa Mariátegui, Lima

1995–2000

GROUP SHOW **Group exhibitions** — Lima and Latin America

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