

# 5 Artists to Follow if You Like Frida Kahlo

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In this monthly series, Artsy's Curatorial team features a group of five emerging and noteworthy artists who are working in a similar style or spirit as a well-known or established artist. This month, we focus on Frida Kahlo, the legendary modern Mexican artist who is acclaimed for her Surrealist self-portraits, lush depictions of plant and animal life, and magical realist tableaux.

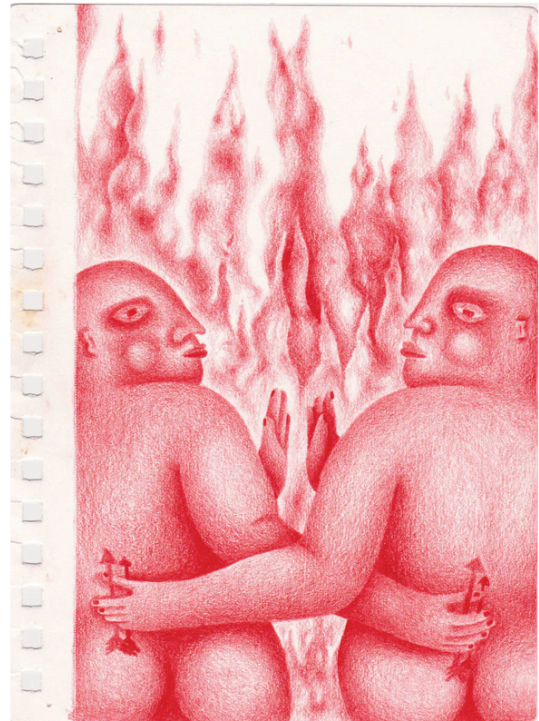


**Maria Fragoso**

*De nuestro jardín de frutas falsas*, 2018

1969 Gallery

Sold



**Maria Fragoso**

*Reflejo*, 2019

Mana Contemporary

\$800

**María Fragoso**  
Mexican, b. 1995

Influenced by the style and narratives of Mexican surrealists and muralists, Maria Fragoso creates work that celebrates her Mexican culture, while also addressing notions of gender expression and queer identity. Her brightly colored canvases offer voyeuristic glimpses into intimate moments, with subjects engaging in acts that seem at once seductive and mischievous—often while gazing directly out at the viewer.

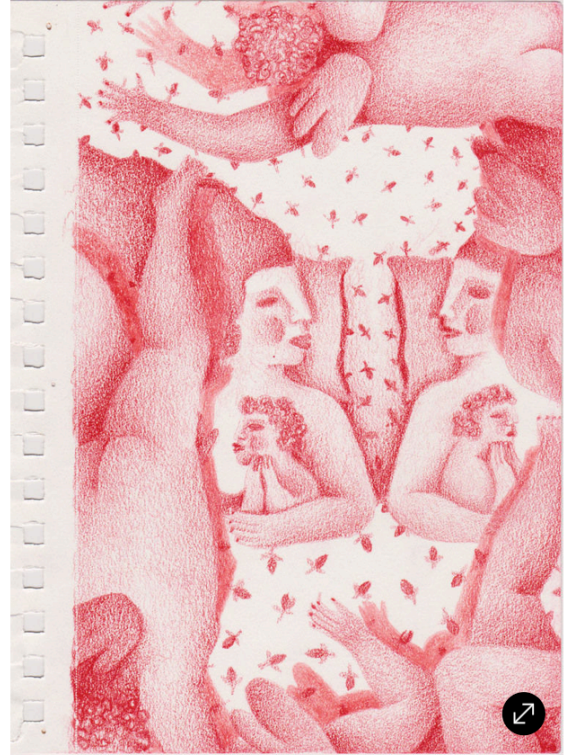
Recently featured in *Forbes*'s "30 Under 30" in the "Art and Style" category, the 25-year-old artist is quickly rising to prominence. Born and raised in Mexico City, Fragoso moved to Baltimore in 2015 to pursue her BFA at the Maryland Institute College of Art. While in school, Fragoso was the recipient of the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship at the Yale Norfolk School of Art. Since graduating, she has completed residencies at Palazzo Monti and the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.



**Maria Fragoso**

*Teach me sweet things I, 2020*

Thierry Goldberg Gallery



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This year alone, Fragoso has exhibited her work with 1969 Gallery in New York; Mana Contemporary in Jersey City; the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, Virginia, in a survey of the Beth Rudin deWoody collection; and in a solo presentation with Thierry Goldberg at Material Art Fair in Mexico City in February.