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Exhibition Dates:
March 11 - April 24, 2021

Opening:
Thursday, March 11, 2021 @ 11am - 7pm
39 White St (btwn Church & Broadway), Tribeca



María Fragoso *Seeding*, 2020, oil on canvas, 40h x 36w inches

“Beyond sabers, grass snakes, frogs, fire, beyond her own saliva, one can, in certain circumstances, swallow the saliva of her companion lover, her blood, her chewed food, her mucus, her snot, her nose bleeds, her spit, her burps, her winds, her cyprine, her vomit, her tears, her urine, all practices that maintain affection and are agreeable to the mouth. From which come the expressions ‘delicate mouth’, ‘to be open mouthed’, ‘prone to the mouth’ or to the contrary, ‘to be bad-mouthed’, to speak of someone who does not appreciate the pleasant attributes of her companion lover. ‘To mouth’ is also said to signify two companion lovers disposed to swallow one another.”

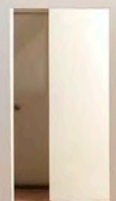
-Brouillon pour un dictionnaire des amantes, Monique Wittig & Sande Zeig

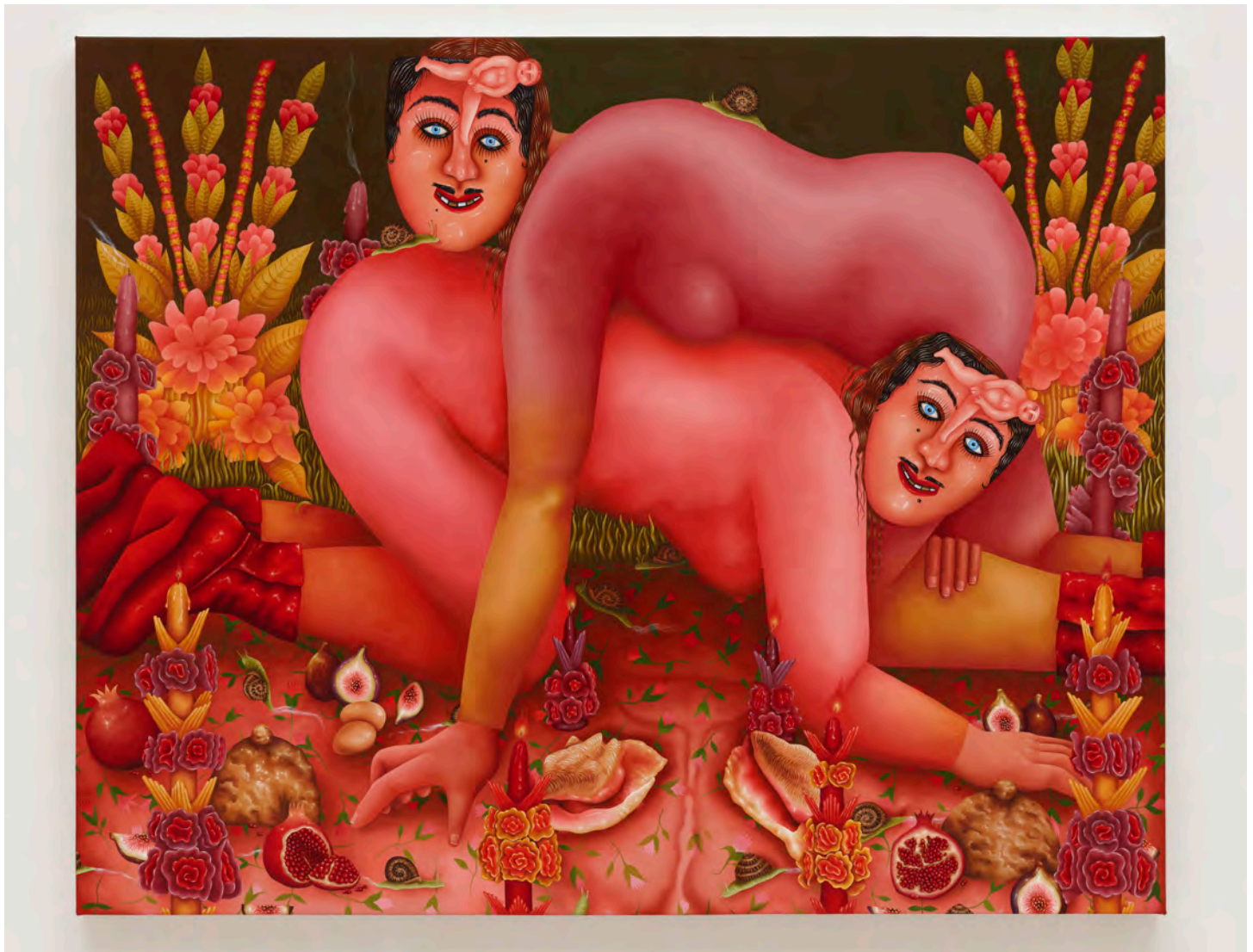
1969 Gallery presents *El jardín entre tus dientes*, María Fragoso’s first solo exhibition at the gallery, featuring six new paintings and thirteen new works on paper by the 25-year old artist.

In *Seeding*, María Fragoso presents the viewer with a doubled portrait, as two figures raise gloved hands, water spouting from their mouths. Their elbows rest on a clothed table littered with objects such as pomegranates, snails, and a conch shell—an arrangement evoking the ritualesque—as Fragoso’s twin subjects perform an ambiguous act in an undefined space. In the foreground, two more red latex gloves enter from out of frame, suggesting the ceremony’s significance may lie beyond the scope of the representable. *To mouth* presents the bodies of two masked figures interlocked amidst flora and fauna. Shells and fruits are once again strewn across the foreground, signaling that Fragoso’s canvases share a common, illusory setting. This landscape becomes subject in *Decadencia, un solo sabor a fruta madura*, a not quite still life in which snails slither amongst bruised apples, cracked egg shells, and tie-dyed oranges.

In Fragoso’s work, notions of realism and naturalism are eschewed for the surreal, as the artist engenders a space of pure symbolism, where fantasy and the uncanny can take form. Such a space privileges the personal over the universal, as Fragoso mines the subconscious for fears, desires, and their representations. Fragoso’s smooth, fleshy forms are rendered with considerable depth, and each scene is meticulously framed, allowing for full absorption into the artist’s evocative dreamscapes.

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María Frago
To Mouth, 2020
oil on canvas
47h x 59w inches



María Fragoso
Augurio, 2021
oil on canvas
40h x 36w inches



María Fragoso
Seeding, 2020
oil on canvas
40h x 36w inches







María Fragoso
El mar que sabe mudo hasta mis labios, 2021
oil on canvas
28h x 24w inches



María Frago
Decadencia, un solo sabor a fruta madura, 2021
oil on canvas
20h x 28w inches







María Frago
Antes de tragarme, 2021
oil on canvas
24h x 16w inches



This piece is inspired by Ariel Zilber's song, "Japanese Legend"
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=8InYIY3Tcs8>

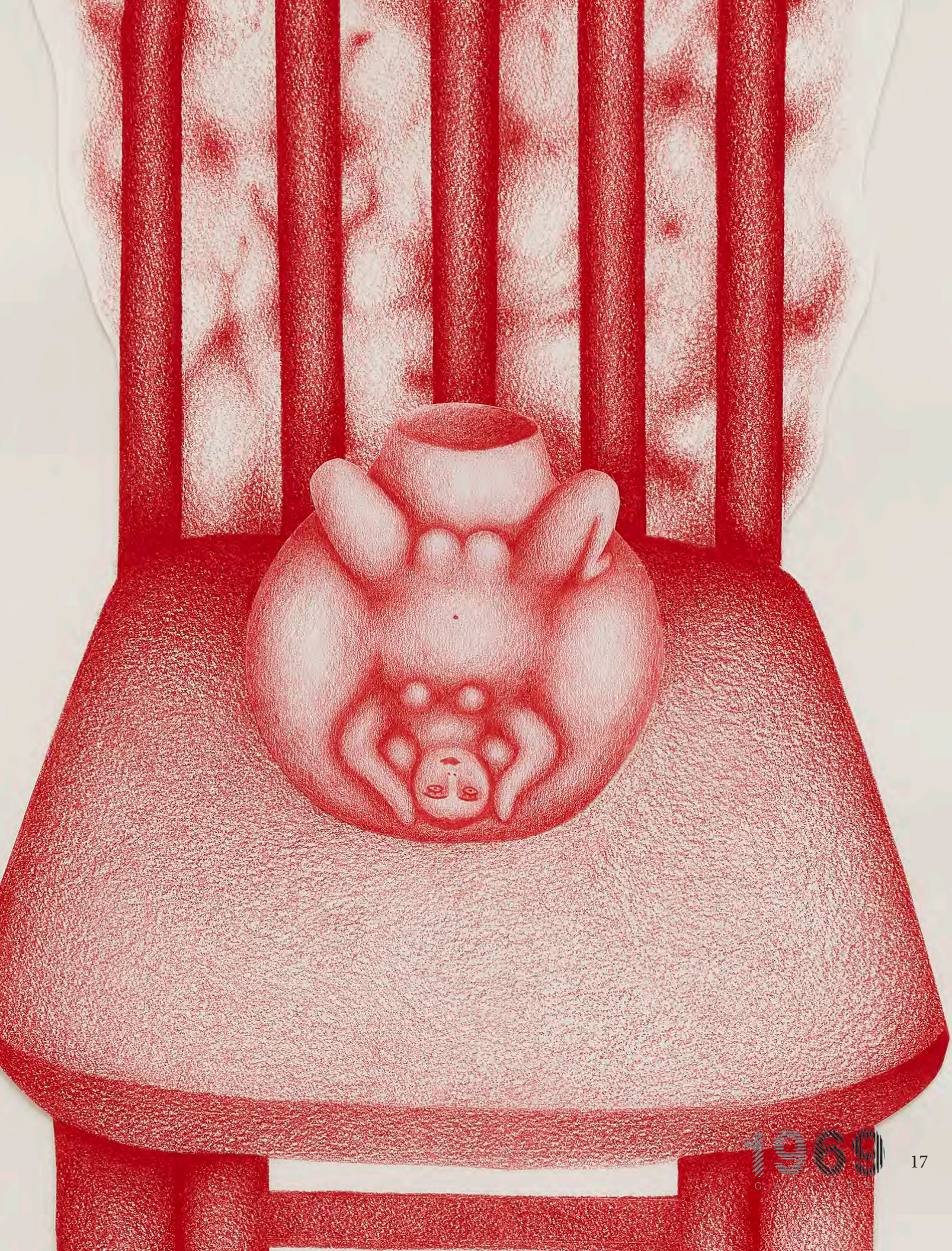




María Fragoso
Everything is silent, everything is wild I, 2021
colored pencil on paper
22h x 22w inches

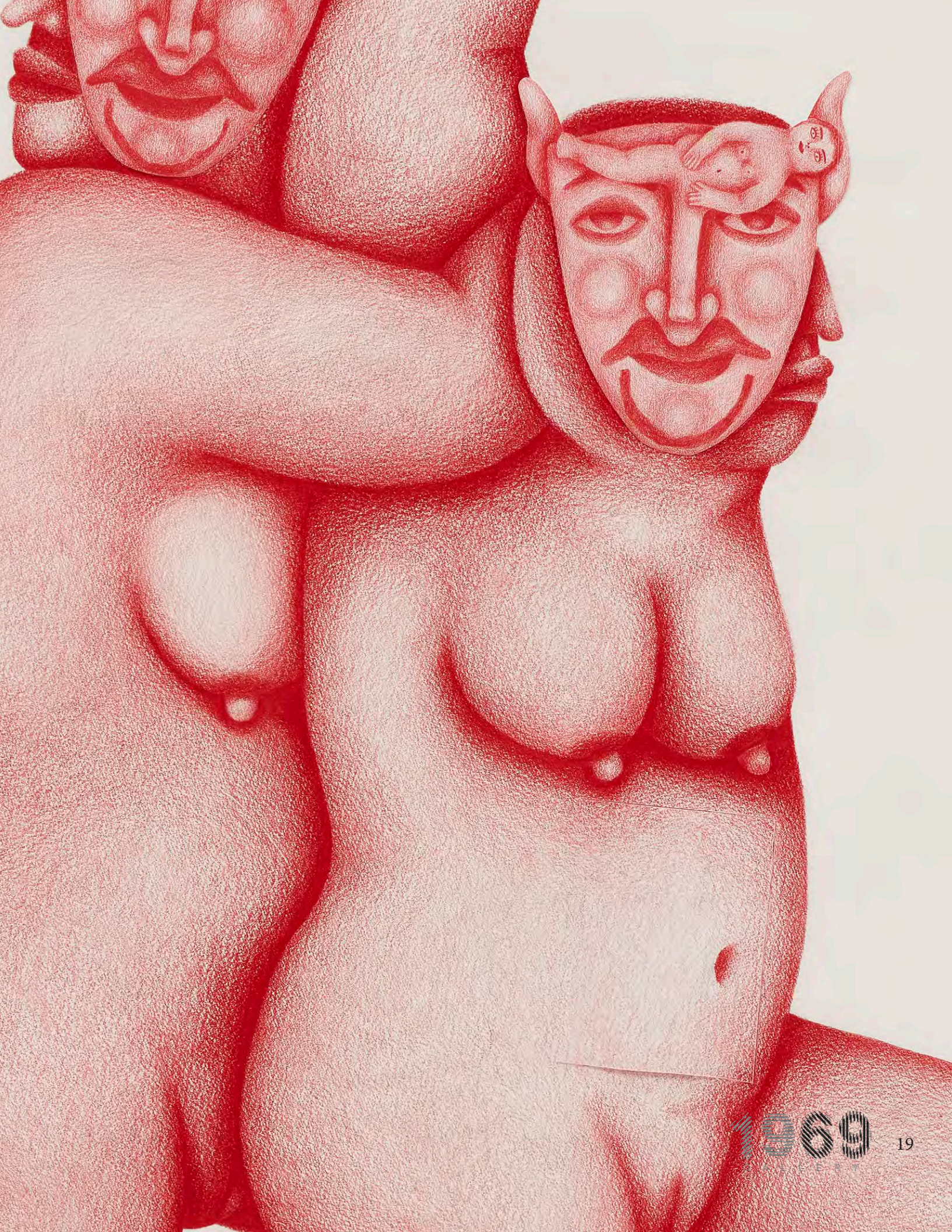


María Fragoso
Everything is silent, everything is wild II, 2021
colored pencil on paper
39.5h x 17.5w inches





María Frago
Everything is silent, everything is wild III, 2021
colored pencil on paper
38.5h x 34w inches



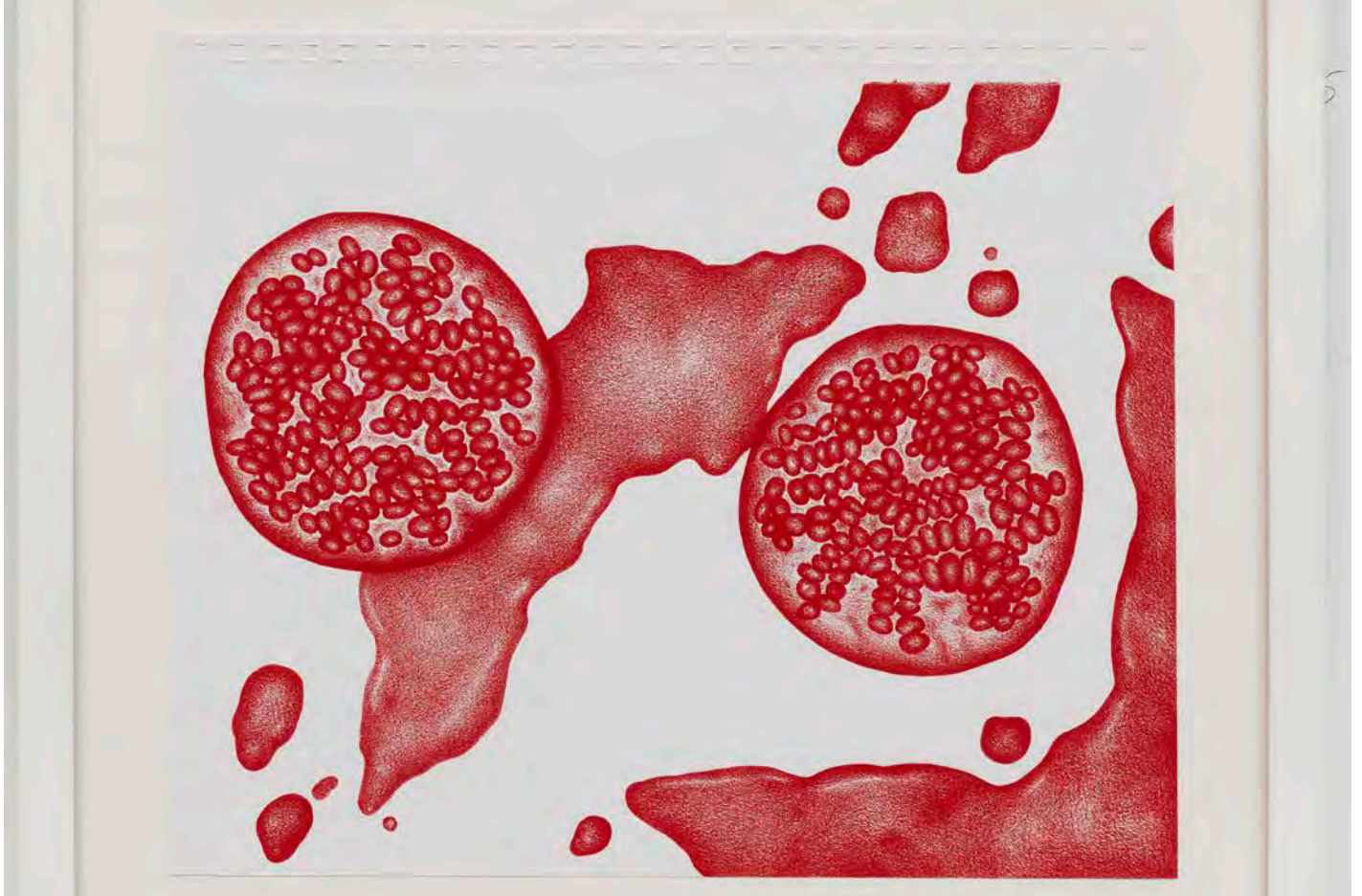


María Fragoso
Everything is silent, everything is wild IV, 2021
colored pencil on paper
39.5h x 17.5w inches

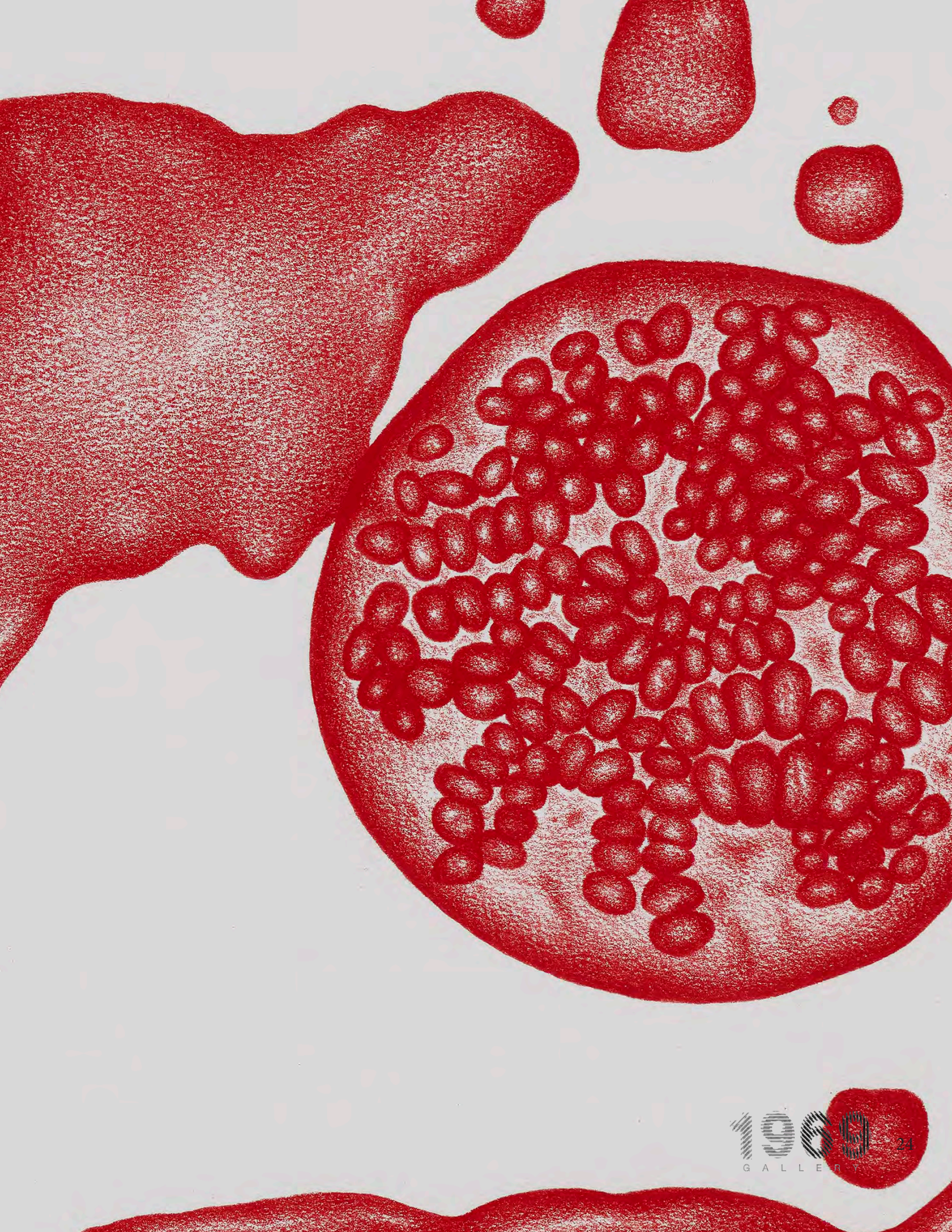


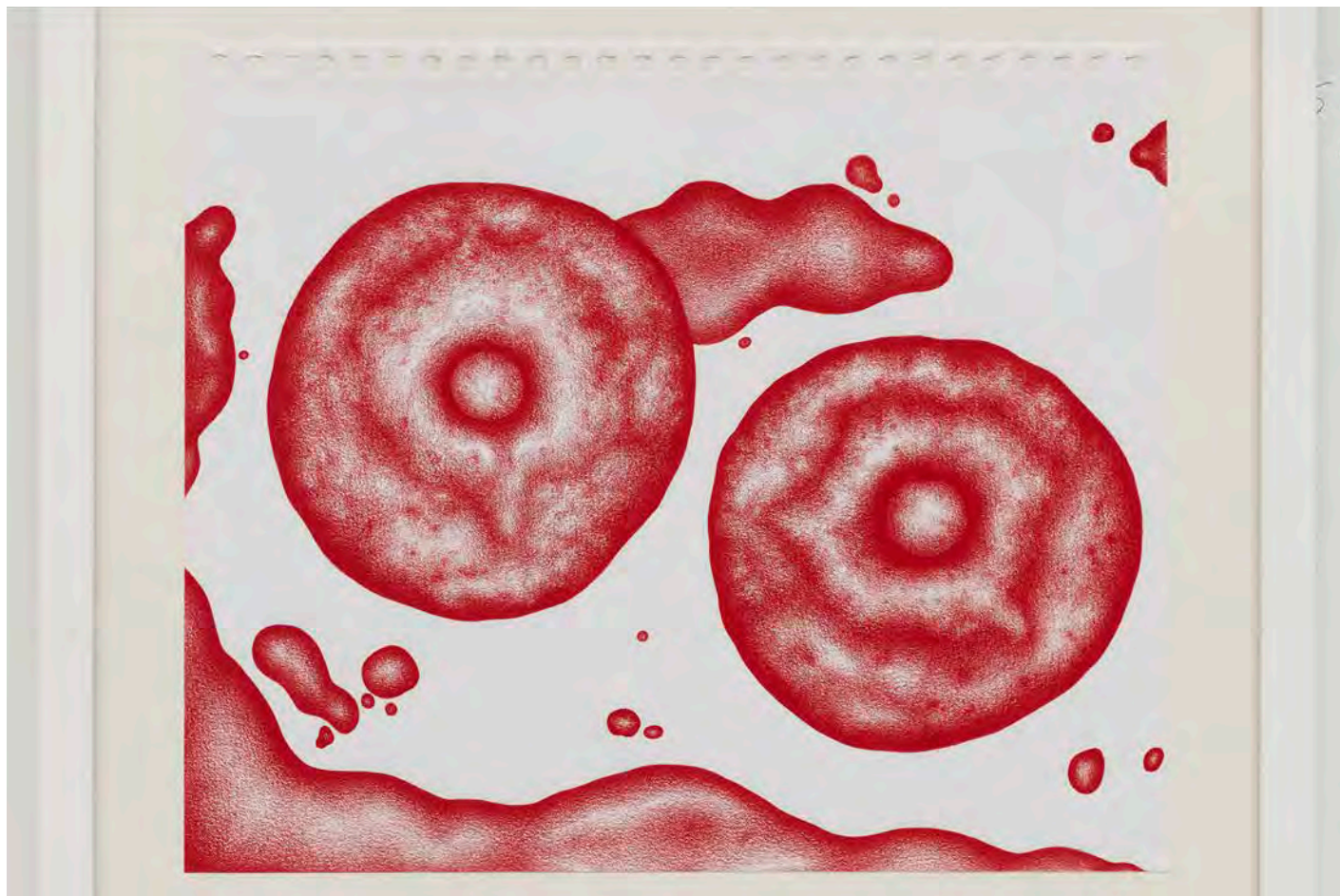
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colored pencil on paper
22h x 22w inches



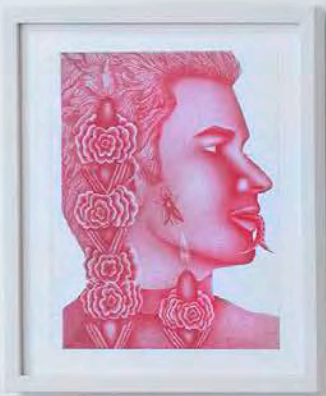


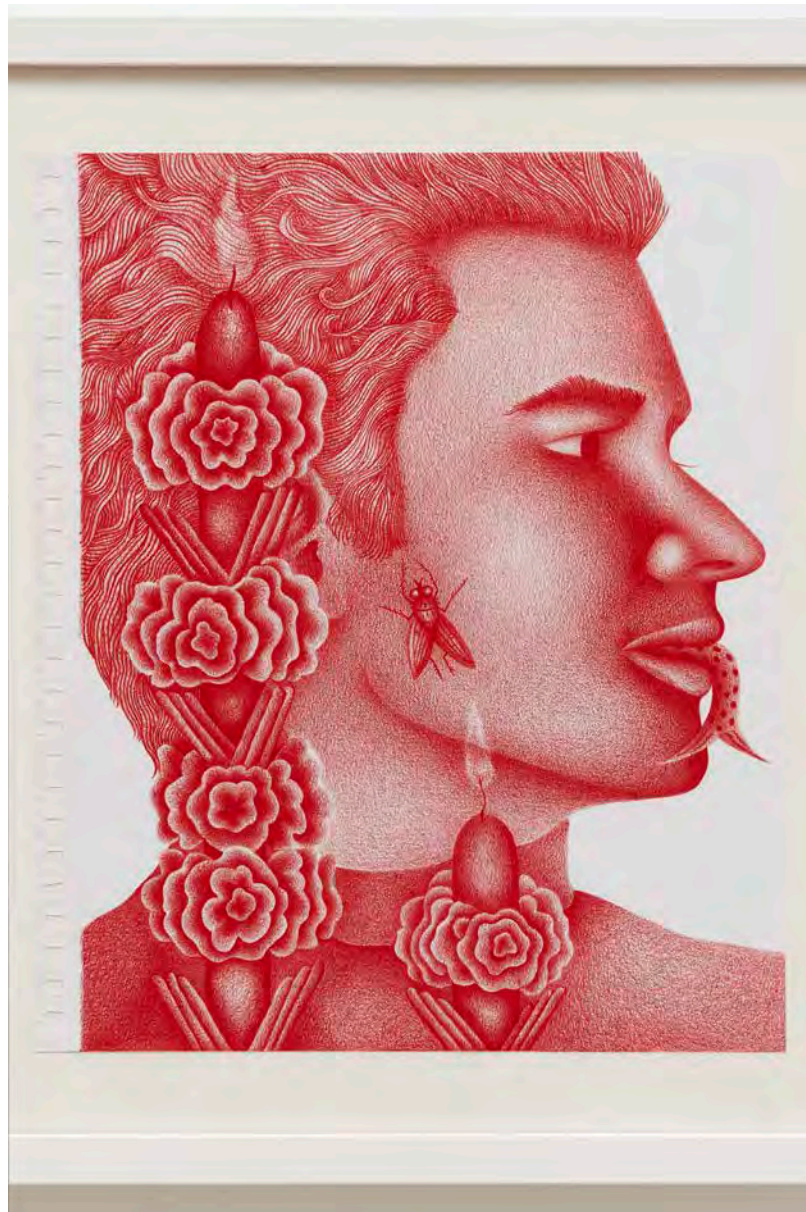
María Fragoso
Young thick blood (Offering I), 2021
colored pencil on paper
11h x 14w inches





María Fragoso
Young thick blood (Offering II), 2021
colored pencil on paper
11h x 14w inches



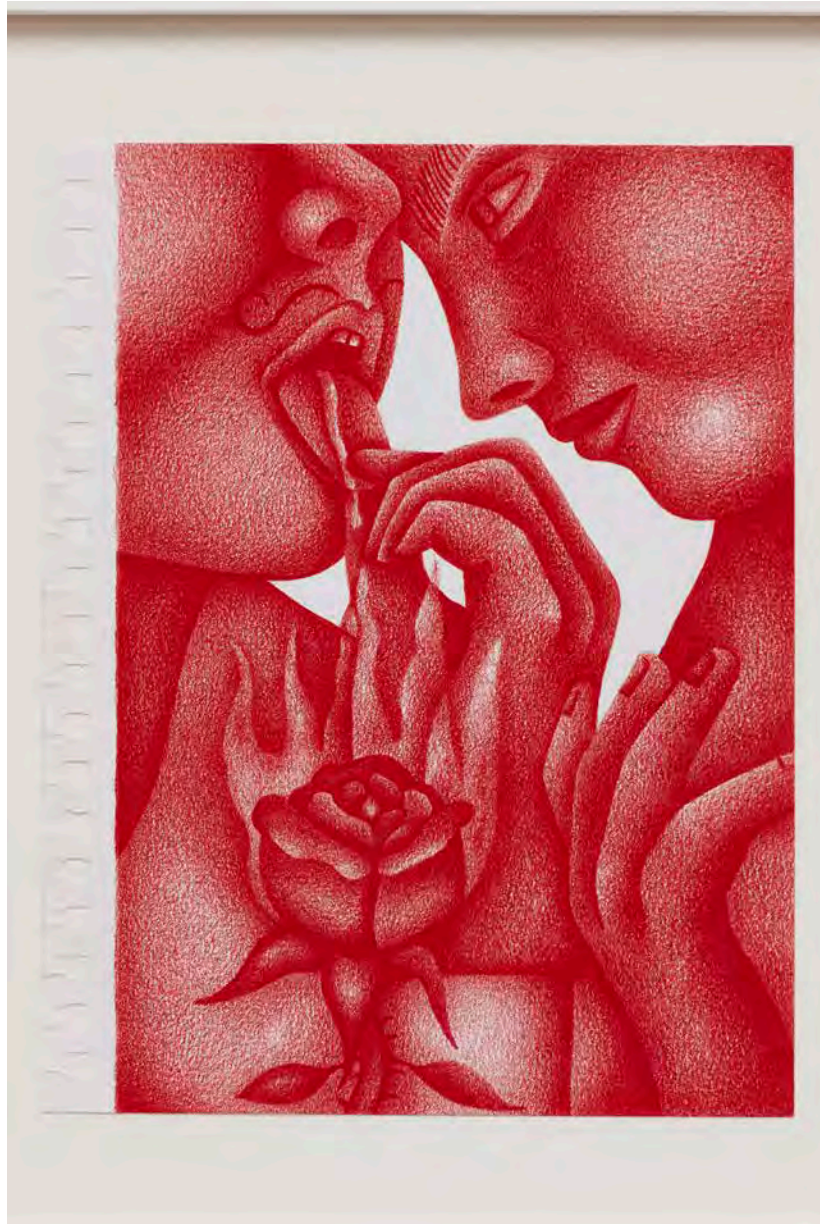


María Fragoso
Unison I, 2021
colored pencil on paper
11h x 14w inches



María Fragoso
Unison II, 2021
colored pencil on paper
11h x 14w inches





María Fragoso
While it burns, 2021
colored pencil on paper
10h x 7w inches





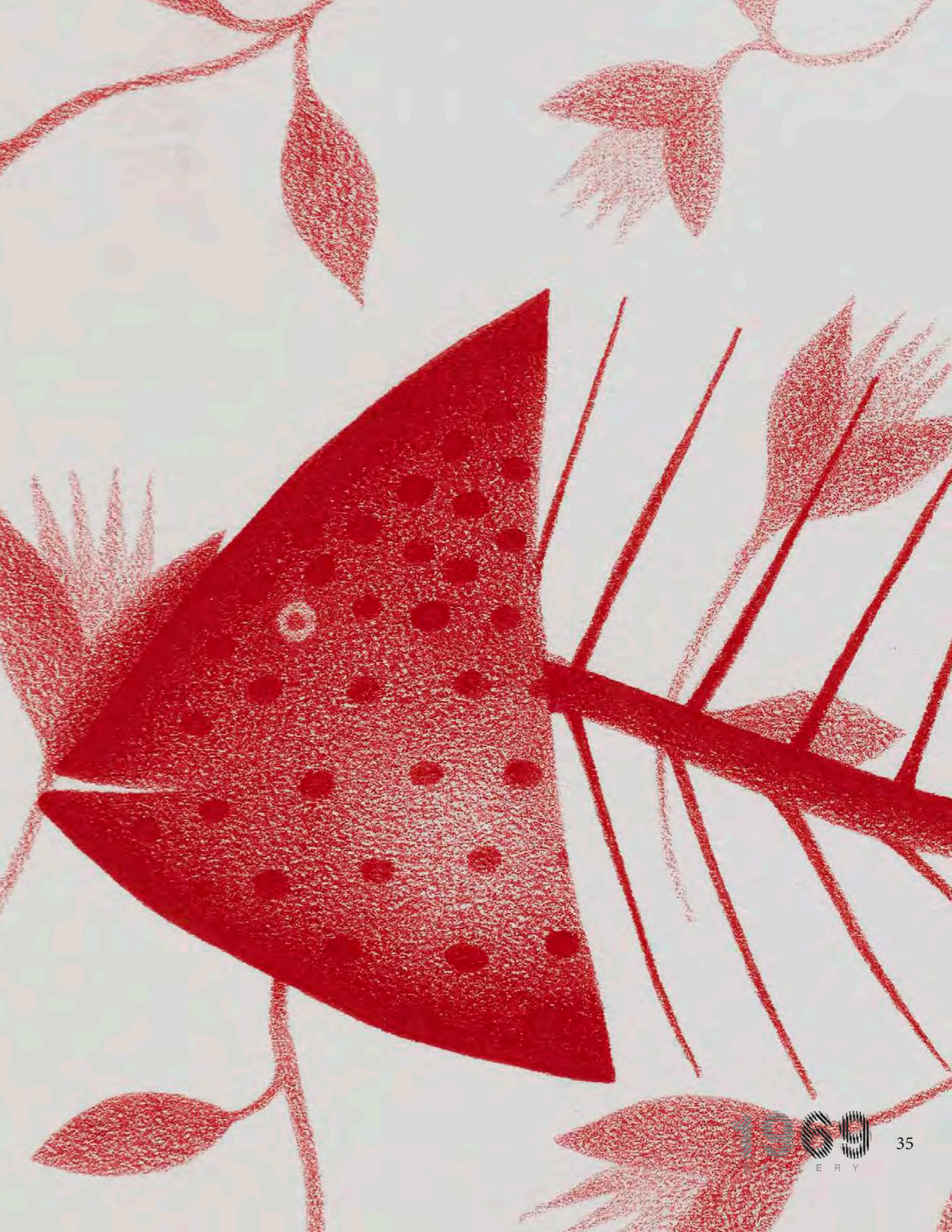
María Fragoso
Your remains I, 2021
colored pencil on paper
7h x 10w inches

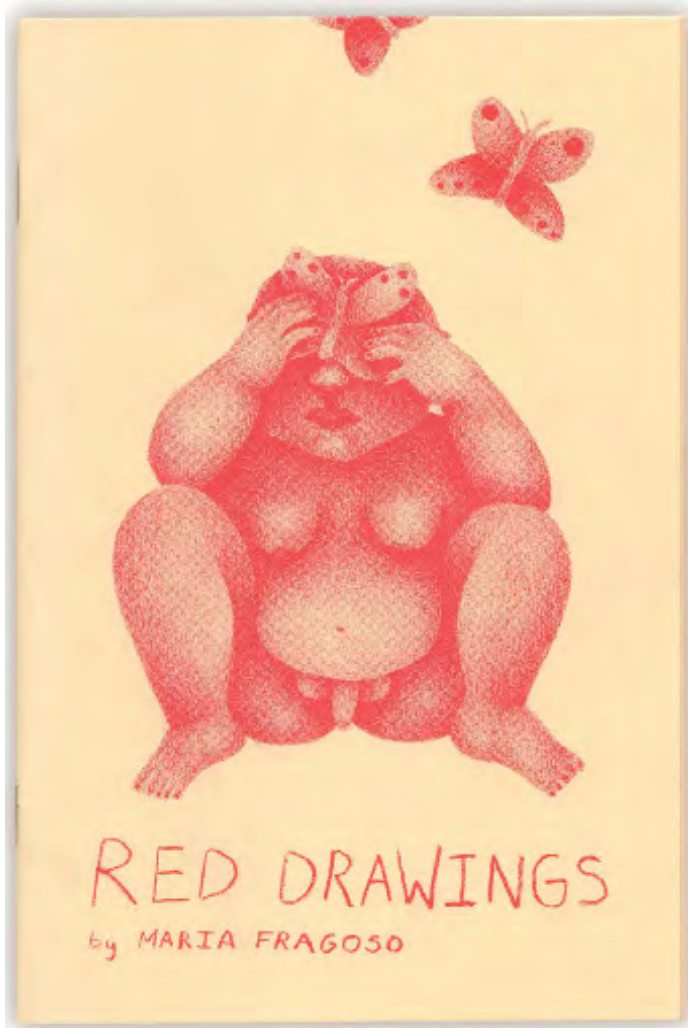


María Fragoso
Your remains II, 2021
colored pencil on paper
7h x 10w inches



María Fragoso
Your remains III, 2021
colored pencil on paper
7h x 10w inches





Red Drawings by María Frago

A collection of Red Drawings made in
2019

One Color Risograph

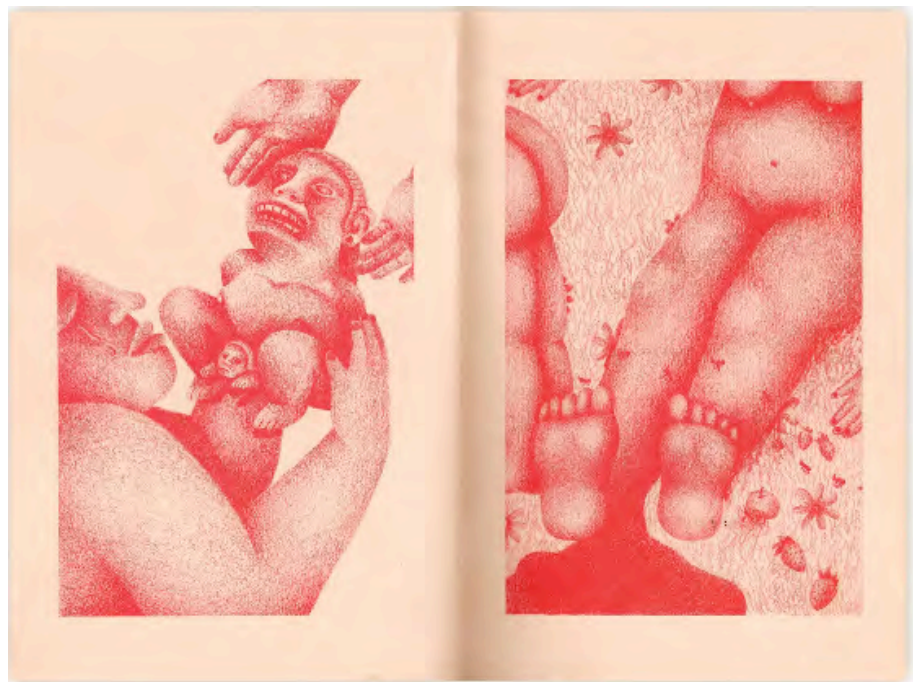
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EDUCATION

2019 BFA, Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD
2018 Study Abroad Program, Studio Arts College International (SACI), Florence, Italy
2018 Summer Program, Yale Norfolk School of Art, Norfolk, CT

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2021

El jardín entre tus dientes (The Garden Between Your Teeth), 1969 Gallery, New York, NY (solo)
Iwó, Cassina Projects, Milan, Italy
Friend Zone, curated by Vaughn Spann, Half Gallery, New York, NY

2020

Miami is a Beach, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY
Limbo, Everyday Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Transatlantico, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ
A Very Anxious Feeling: Voices of Unrest in the American Experience (20 Years of the Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection),
Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA

2019

Pero qué deseo tan absurdo, Gateway Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD
Routine Malfunction, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY
New on the block, Machete, Mexico City, Mexico
Paraíso Perdido, Thierry Goldberg Gallery, New York, NY
Look Who's Talking Now, Human Resources, Los Angeles, CA
AXA Traveling Art Prize Exhibition, New York Academy of Art, New York, NY
AXA Traveling Art Prize Exhibition, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, IL
AXA Traveling Art Prize Exhibition, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
No Place Like, Field Projects, New York, NY
Nimbus, The Bermuda Project, Ferguson, MO
Disegno 9: Contemporary Undergraduate Drawing, Fox 2 Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD
Disegno 9: Contemporary Undergraduate Drawing, Dodge Painting Galleries, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
Disegno 9: Contemporary Undergraduate Drawing, Hubbell Street Galleries, California College of Art, Oakland, CA

2018

Sentades en Silencio, New Women Space, Brooklyn, NY
Open House, Resort Gallery, Baltimore, MD
MICA Juried Undergraduate Exhibition, Meyerhoff and Decker Galleries, Baltimore, MD
World Wise Exhibition, Fox 3 Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD
Go Figure, Main Building Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD
Last Minute, Fox 3 Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD
Open Studios: 70th Anniversary Celebration, Yale Norfolk School of Art, Norfolk, CT



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TERRAIN Exhibitions, Yale Norfolk School of Art, Norfolk, CT
SACI Final Show, Maidoff Gallery, Florence, Italy

2017

The Crosscurrents Exhibition, Annenberg Gallery, PAFA, Philadelphia, PA
MICA Juried Undergraduate Exhibition, Meyerhoff and Decker Galleries, Baltimore, MD
Painting in an Expanded Field, Fox 2 Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD
Hello I Am Exhibition, Bronze Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD

2016

Drawing Exhibition for the Pennsylvania Avenue Film Project, Jubilee Arts, Baltimore, MD
Foundation Show, Meyerhoff and Decker Galleries, MICA, Baltimore, MD

2015

MICA Juried Undergraduate Exhibition, Meyerhoff and Decker Galleries, Baltimore, MD

2014

Exhibición de Verano, Galería Central, ENPEG La Esmeralda, Mexico City, Mexico

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

2019

Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME Palazzo Monti, Brescia, Italy
Vermont Studio Center Fellowship, Johnson, VT

2018

Yale Norfolk School of Art, Norfolk, CT
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship, Yale Norfolk School of Art, Norfolk, CT SACI Scholarship Award, SACI, Florence, Italy

2018-2019

Nora and Eugene Leake Scholarship, MICA, Baltimore, MD

2015-2019

MICA Recognition Award, MICA, Baltimore, MD Presidential Scholarship, MICA, Baltimore, MD Starr Foundation Scholarship, MICA, Baltimore, MD David Jacob Scholarship, MICA, Baltimore, MD

2015-2018

Dean's List, MICA, Baltimore, MD

2017

PAFA Tuition Scholarship, PAFA, Philadelphia, PA