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Dino Urpí
Tropiqult Amulets, 2025
Acrylic paint on MDF
24 x 20 inches each (approximately)
Installation of eight (unique)
\$2,000 each







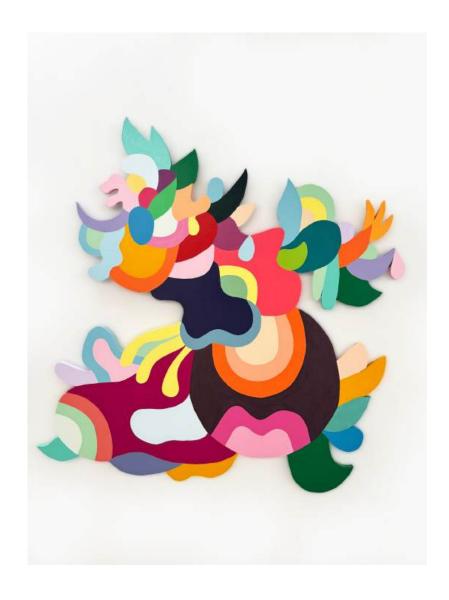












Dino Urpí Tropiqult Emblem 1, 2025 Acrylic on MDF 47 x 49 inches Unique \$7,500.





Dino Urpí Emblem 2, 2025 Acrylic paint on MDF 45 x 26 inches Unique \$6,500.





Dino Urpí Emblem 3, 2025 Acrylic paint on MDF 49 x 26 inches Unique \$6,500.





Dino Urpí Anima, 2025 Acrylic on canvas 70 x 70 inches \$15,000.





Dino Urpí *Ribbons,* 2024 Acrylic on canvas 59 x 47 inches \$10,500.





Dino Urpí Skygarden, 2024 Acrylic on canvas 70 x 40 inches \$10,500.



# **DINO URPÍ: TROPIQULT**

A vivacious installation of tropical exuberance, ancient symbols, and queer liberation, featuring the lush and cosmic multi-disciplinary work of Costa Rican artist Dino Urpí.

Hannah Sloan Curatorial & Advisory (HSC&A) is pleased to announce Tropiquit, a solo presentation by Costa Rican artist Dino Urpí at SPRING/BREAK Art Show NY 2025. Created in response to the curatorial theme Paradise Lost + Found, the installation reimagines paradise as a radiant realm of color, queerness, nature, and ancestral wisdom.

Tropiquit presents a divine, ancient realm where the wilderness of a primeval Eden meets a celestial sanctuary for queer expression. The reference to "cult" refers to Urpí's use of ancient symbolism and esoteric practices. The use of the "q" in "qult" is the queer essence.

"Tropiquit is a fusion of nature, creative expression, and spirituality echoing the tropical exuberance of where I live and the joy of being alive."

/ Dino Urpí



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Urpi's work merges the sacred and the sensual, bringing together references to flora, divinity, mythology, and queer resilience in a maximalist display of colorful sculptural emblems, amulets, and large-scale paintings. With a practice rooted in spirituality, nature, and cultural memory, Tropiqult invites viewers into a playful yet deeply symbolic space where ancient ritual meets contemporary liberation.

Born and raised in Costa Rica, Urpí has lived in Barcelona and New Orleans, drawing from each city's cultural energy to shape a hybrid artistic language that is exuberant, defiant, and devotional. This exhibition marks a significant moment in his ongoing contribution to queer art and diasporic storytelling in Central America.

Curated by HSC&A founder Hannah Sloan, Tropiquit is part of an ongoing effort to bring the contemporary voices of Costa Rican artists to Los Angeles and beyond. Sloan's personal connection to the region—following her father's relocation there in 1998—has led her to develop long-term relationships with artists across the country. Supporting queer artists is central to this work

"Dino is one of the most original artists I've had the honor of working with. His emblems, amulets and talismanic shapes blend the sensibility of ancient hieroglyphics with a spirited and lush contemporary palette inspired by his Costa Rican roots. Importantly, his work willfully embraces the exuberance of the tropics without resorting to customary platitudes often found in "tropical art."

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#### / Artwork

- 1. Dino Urpí, Tropiquit Emblem 1, 2025, acrylic on MDF,  $47 \times 49$  in/120 x 125 cm
- 2. Dino Urpí, Tropiquit Amulet 5, 2025, acrylic on MDF, 23 x 20 in/58 x 51 cm

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#### / About the Artist

Dino Urpí (b. Costa Rica) received his BFA and graduated summa cum laude from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 2012, and obtained a postgraduate degree in Art for Social Inclusion from the University of Barcelona in 2017. He has lived at various times in Baltimore, Vancouver, New Orleans and Barcelona and his time abroad has had a significant influence on his practice.

His work has been the subject of numerous solo and group exhibitions at esteemed institutions including Museos del Banco Central de Costa Rica, and Princess of Wales Conservatory, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, London, UK. He has been the recipient of awards including the FIA Honorarios, San José, Costa Rica (2014); MICA Achievement Award, Baltimore, MD (2011); Printmaking Departmental Recognition Award, MICA, Baltimore, MD (2010); Starr Foundation Scholarship, The Starr Foundation, New York, NY (2008).



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