

# THE ART GALLERY

Exhibit Room: “Messi”

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1. Based in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area (DMV), and expanding into Miami.
2. Painting, drawing, digital art, NFTs.
3. Geometric abstraction, cubism, naïve art, abstract expressionism, neo-surrealism, erotic abstraction.

# **THE MESSI SERIES: A SOCCER LEGEND**

The following series is comprised of three medium-sized artworks celebrating the professional career of Argentinean soccer player, Lionel Messi, conceived in three stages: the beginning of his career with the Barcelona team, his mid-career phase with the Argentinian team, and the last stage of his career with the Inter-Miami Team. The series was developed and painted specifically for a soccer-themed art exhibit held in Miami during the summer of 2024. The series will be showcased during the Miami Art Week / Art Basel 2024, at the Lucid Art Gallery, in the Miami Design District.





**Title:** Messi in the Magic City

**Year:** 2024.

**Medium:** Acrylic on canvas.

**Dimensions:** 36" x 48" x 1. 3/8"

**Artist:** Dariana Arias.

This artwork is part of a series composed of three paintings paying tribute to Argentinian soccer player, Lionel Messi. This piece represents the soccer player on the last phase of his professional soccer career, hence, he is wearing his Inter Miami uniform. In the background the viewer sees pop-art style buildings representational of Miami's iconic art deco. To the right, there are geometric black and whites steps symbolizing the seating of the Chase Stadium, the location where the Inter Miami team plays. To the left of the painting there are naïveté-style mangroves by a river-bank, to represent the flora of Miami and its canals.

Beyond the art deco buildings the ocean and the sky merge in a psychedelic manner, and underneath Messi, the freshly mowed field of grass merges in its geometry with the stadium seating.

This "Messi Series" was painted specifically for a soccer-themed art show that opened in Miami during summer 2024, and will be showcased during Miami Art Week/Art Basel '24, at the Lucid Gallery.





**Title:** Messi and his Golden World

**Year:** 2024.

**Medium:** Acrylic on canvas.

**Dimensions:** 36" x 48" x 1. 3/8"

**Artist:** Dariana Arias.

This painting is emblematic of Messi's mid-career phase, as well as his Argentinean heritage, and his first and only victory in the world cup tournament with the Argentinian team. Like the previous painting, this artwork is part of a three-piece series paying tribute to Messi's legacy. Here, he is wearing the Argentinean soccer uniform and holding the world cup. Behind Messi the viewer sees "the Argentine cockade", one of the most symbolic patriotic symbols of Argentina: the blue and white circle and the golden sun. Around Messi, prominent historic and natural landmarks found throughout Argentina. On the upper left corner there is the symbolic representation of the Museum of Contemporary Art in the city of Rosario (the city Messi is from and his homebase in Argentina); below, is the representational image of Rosario's Monument to the flag, and on the lower left corner are the iconic Iguazú Falls. On the upper right corner is the Buenos Aires Obelisk; underneath the obelisk is a representational image of the artsy "Caminito de la Boca" neighborhood in Buenos Aires, which is of great cultural importance, and on the lower right corner is an image of the UNESCO world heritage site "Quebrada de Humahuaca", in the Argentinean Andes.





**Title:** Genesis: Let There Be Messi.

**Year:** 2024.

**Medium:** Acrylic on canvas.

**Dimensions:** 36" x 48" x 1. 3/8"

**Artist:** Dariana Arias.

This artwork is part of a three-piece series paying tribute to Messi's legacy. This artwork represents the soccer player at the earliest stage of his soccer career, and thus, he is wearing the Barca uniform. Lionel Messi started his journey at the tender age of 13, and made his professional debut with the Barcelona soccer team at age 17.