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## WALLWORKS NEW YORK WELCOMES NEW ORLEANS ARTIST LUIS COLMENARES' WHIMSICAL SCULPTURES IN THE SPACE

WALL**WORKS** NEW YORK is thrilled to announce our next exhibition opening Friday, October 28--*Hurricane FOUNDation*--a solo showing from New Orleans artist Luis Colmenares!

Luis Colmenares is a multimedia artist known for his fantastically inventive weldedmetal sculptures, ranging from centerpieces and trophies to furniture, chandeliers, wall hangings, fountains, and monumental kinetic, outdoor public art sculptures.

Luis was born and raised in New Orleans where he attended public schools. His mother was an artist who was taught how to make lace by Catholic nuns in Colombia. As a boy, he watched and imitated her airbrushing and painting large canvases of wildlife scenery. His own specialty in metal art is self-taught.

After the many disasters in New Orleans, Luis' Art Metal Studios has been there to help local artists continue to create by offering employment, equipment, and shelter.

His exhibition at WALL**WORKS** NEW YORK, Hurricane FOUNDations, demonstrates the resourcefulness of artists in difficult times. The works are a one of a kind collection of imaginary insects crafted from multiple scrap metal objects collected from the debris left in the wake of Hurricane Ida 2021.