

Maya Perez-Lugones

Artist Bio

Maya Perez-Lugones was born in Lawrenceville, Georgia, in 2000. Before graduating from Georgia State University as an artist in 2024, she went to Utah State University, studying Biology pre-med in 2019. Currently, she attends the University of Arkansas, expecting to graduate with her MFA in painting in 2028.

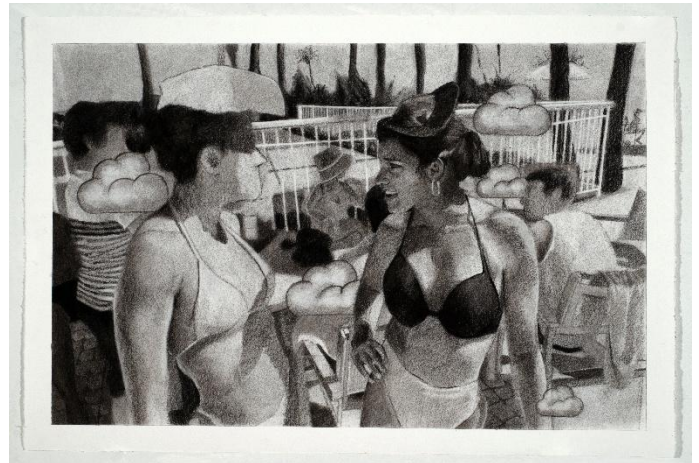
Select exhibitions include a Solo exhibition at the Marietta Cobb Museum of Art in Marietta, Georgia, in January 2026. In addition to a juried exhibition, OUCH!, at Manifest Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was awarded the Grand Jury Award. In 2024, she was awarded the Nancy Goyer Endowed Scholarship and the Fogg Scholarship award from GSU in Atlanta, Georgia, for drawing and painting. In her upcoming works, she manipulates video stills from exaggerated scenes of herself into paintings and drawings. The process using both digital and physical manipulation confronts her relationship with technology. The performative nature of the works ignites a conversation between personal and social image.

Artist Statement

I research subconscious, domesticity, and identity through our physical and technological relationships. My need to control my self-image pushes me to transform videography stills into oil paintings and drawings. Realizing that the constructed composition is a facade of my reality, my research has begun to revolve around societal fabrication and simulation. Through painting, I acknowledge that trying to control my image misrepresents my identity. This is similar to social media and reality television, where people's identities become intertwined with distorted narratives that are indistinguishable. The performative aspect of the work becomes a conversation about how intertwined our identities are with our digital ones.



Kitchen Table, 31.75 x 32 x 2 inches, Oil on panel, \$1,700.



Vacation Study, 22.25 x 15 inches, Charcoal on paper, \$700.