



Itala Aguilera: Tierra Mojada (Wet Land)
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Image: Itala Aguilera, *Ice Shoes*, 2025. Courtesy of the artist.

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November 15 - December 13, 2025

Flux IV, 56-21 2nd Street

Open Saturdays, noon - 6:00 pm or by appointment

Opening Reception: November 15, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Flux Factory is pleased to present ***Tierra Mojada (Wet Land)***, a solo exhibition by multidisciplinary artist **Itala Aguilera**.

Tierra Mojada (Wet Land) is a video performance project, exploring modes of striptease in hand-made, degradable garments designed by the artist. The clothes, conditioned to dissolve or be ingested, become the centerpiece of the performances, documented in collaboration with filmmaker Joshua Bogatin. The exhibition unfolds as a series of garments, each alongside their film. Using her background in textile design, the artist bends the popular genre of the striptease, combining the traditional ideas of beauty and seduction contained in historical clothing with experimental materials.

Evocative of Ramón López Velarde's poem, "Tierra mojada," where the drumming of rain on a roof softens those below it, the tableau of *undresses* resonate with the soft and wet. The essayist for the exhibition, Lucrecia Arcos Alcaraz, writes:

"Here, the appropriation of the Mexican poet's images and the wordplay that emerges when translating them from Spanish to English are not limited to a piece of soil; they embody an entire sensorial world, a visual territory where liquid not only softens the cloth, but also corrupts it, undoes it, and turns it into residue. This is the expansion of López Velarde's universe: the territory of the wet."

Tierra Mojada (Wet Land) runs from **November 15 - December 14, 2025** with an opening reception on **Saturday, November 15**. The exhibition coincides with the artist's residency at Textile Arts Center (505 Carroll St, Brooklyn), where she will perform on **December 6 at 6:00 pm**.

Itala Aguilera: Tierra Mojada (Wet Land) is presented as part of the artist's 2025 NYSCA Fellowship. The artist would like to thank David Gassaway, Edward Cabral, Jorge Cervantes, Annika Wahlsten, Alejandra Mena, Joshua Bogatin, Alfred Giancarli, Ben Pakman, Faviola Lopez Romani, José Luis Aguilera, Silvana Zuanetti, Emilio Canton, Spectacle Theater, MFTA, and Textile Arts Center.

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About the Artist

Itala Aguilera was born in Mexico City in 1996. After studying Textile and Fashion Design, she worked as a costume designer while developing her practice within the visual arts. Since 2021, Itala has been part of Flux Factory. Her work has been exhibited in Mexico in art spaces such as Islera (La Quema de Judas, 2022), El Arenero (CRUDO, 2022), and Museo de la Ciudad in Querétaro (Formas Clásicas de Búsqueda, 2025); in the US in spaces such as Flux Factory in New York (Mamacita Kitchen, 2022; Saturn Return, 2024), Carnation Contemporary in Portland (My Private Property, 2023), and the Textile Arts Center in New York (Quinceañerx, 2024); and in Europe in spaces such as the Forecast Forum in Berlin (Love Bug, 2023) and Platform in Vaasa (One Million Undresses, 2023). In 2025, she was awarded a New York State Council on the Arts grant, sponsored by Flux Factory. www.italaaguilera.com

About Flux IV

Flux IV is a new project space by arts nonprofit Flux Factory, where we host free and public exhibitions, gatherings, and artist projects. We are open on Saturdays from 12 - 6 pm and by appointment through December 2025.

Accessibility

Flux IV is located on the ground floor of 56-21 2nd Street, Long Island City, NY 11101 between the Queens Landing Boathouse & Environmental Center and Gotham Point apartments. The closest bus stop is 2 St/55 Ave on the Q101. The closest subway station is Vernon Blvd-Jackson Ave on the 7 line (purple) and 21st st G line (green). The closest ferry pier is Hunter's Point South Ferry Landing. A Citibike station is located at Center Blvd & Hunters Point South Ferry Landing. iPark (paid parking) is available on 1-20 56th Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101. There is a public restroom left of our front door.

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