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p o r t a f o l i o





## curriculum vitae

**h**ernán Illescas (Ecuador 1961). Realizes his artistic race in the School of Fine Arts of the University of Cuenca and several studies inside and outside the country.

**Artistic Genre:** Painting, drawing, ceramics, object art and cultural projects. Alemania, Francia, Italia, España, Holanda, Suiza y China.

**Distinctions:** He has obtained twelve Awards and Mentions of Honor, which has highlighted his artistic activity in his thirty-six years of creation.

**Exhibitions:** He has surpassed more than 250 individual and collective exhibitions, the same ones that have taken place in different countries such as: Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Mexico, Canada, United States, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, China and South Korea. ●

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artwork

## artwork



**N-1**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: OCEANIC UNCERTAIN  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 110 X 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0750  
ECUADOR



**N-2**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: EARTH MEMORIES  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 110 x 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0751  
ECUADOR

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### N-3

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: GLOW OCEANIC  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 110 X 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0749  
ECUADOR



### N-4

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: DAYDREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 130 x 100 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0752  
ECUADOR





**N-5**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: I CAN NOT DECIPHER  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 150 x 120 cm.  
YEAR: 2010  
CODE: 0625  
ECUADOR



**N-6**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: THE PRIDE OF THE DESIRE  
TO UNLEASH SEAS  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 150 x 135 cm.  
YEAR: 2008  
CODE: 0520  
ECUADOR

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**N-7**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: I LET YOU KNOW MY FRAGILITY  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 150 x 135 cm.  
YEAR: 2008  
CODE: 0521  
ECUADOR



**N-8**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: DEEP ANGUISH  
TECHNICAL: Oil  
MEASURES: 150 x 135 cm.  
YEAR: 2006  
CODE: 0363  
ECUADOR







**N-9**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: IMPERFECT BEAUTY  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 120 x 90 cm.  
YEAR: 2014  
CODE: 0819  
ECUADOR



**N-10**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: COMPOSITION OF RHYTHMS  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 110 X 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2014  
CODE: 0822  
ECUADOR

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**N-11**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: WASTE THROWS THE  
CRIME TO THE SEA  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 110 x 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2015  
CODE: 0849  
ECUADOR



**N-12**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: RED FISH  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 90 x 90 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0876  
ECUADOR





**N-13**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: COMBATANTS N-2  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 120 x 90 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0756  
ECUADOR



**N-14**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: CHANGING CIRCLE OF  
DREAMS AND MEMORY  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 220 x 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2015  
CODE: 0868  
ECUADOR

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### N-15

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: TRANSMIGRATION OF  
YOUR BODY  
TECHNICAL: acrylic  
MEASURES: 100 x 130 cm.  
YEAR: 2015  
CODE: 0871  
ECUADOR



### N-16

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: GRANDMA'S CORNER  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 180 x 100 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0757  
ECUADOR



**N-17**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLOGY OF THE FISH  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 60 x 60 cm.  
YEAR: 2015  
CODE: 0875  
ECUADOR



**N-18**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: PINK FISH  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 60 x 60 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0879  
ECUADOR

**N-19**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: GLACIER SERIES  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 50 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0878  
ECUADOR



**N-20**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: DEPTHS OF TIME  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 120 x 90 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0881  
ECUADOR





**N-21**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: POETIC AGUAJE  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 90 x 120 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0882  
ECUADOR



**N-22**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: TRANSMITTING IN TIME  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 120 x 80 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0885  
ECUADOR

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### N-23

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: PETRIFICATION OF  
A CHARACTER  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 80 x 80 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0887  
ECUADOR



### N-24

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SUBLIME DESIRE OF THE FISH  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 80 x 80 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0888  
ECUADOR







**N-25**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: PATRIARCH  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 90 x 70 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0892  
ECUADOR



**N-26**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: WE WENT BARRICADES  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 150 X 120 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0761  
ECUADOR

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**N-27**

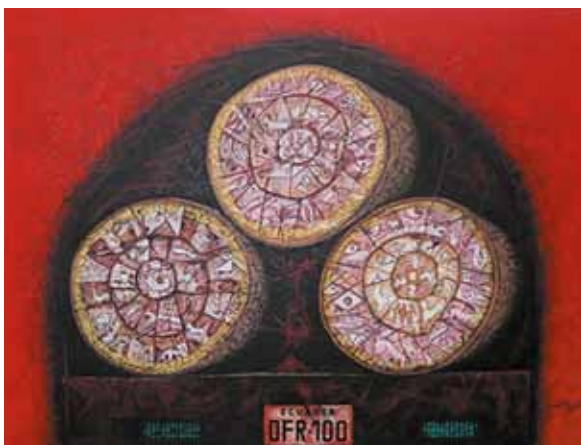
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TITLE: LOST INNOCENCE  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 110 X 110 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0762  
ECUADOR



**N-28**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: OXYGEN BUBBLES  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 130 X 100 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0763  
ECUADOR





**N-29**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: DEFORESTATION  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 130 X 100 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0764  
ECUADOR



**N-30**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: OCEANIC UNCERTAINTY  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 150 x 135 cm.  
YEAR: 2017  
CODE: 0909  
ECUADOR

**N-31**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: MAGIC ENCOUNTERS II  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 90 x 90 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0765  
ECUADOR



**N-32**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: FUGASES SYMBOLOGIES  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 80 x 80 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0895  
ECUADOR



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**N-33**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SECRETOS SIMBÓLICOS  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 60 x 60 cm.  
YEAR: 2016  
CODE: 0897  
ECUADOR



**N-34**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: THE EVIL WANDERS AROUND  
THE WORLD IN ALL  
IMAGINABLE WAYS  
TECHNICAL: Oil  
MEASURES: 310 x 230 cm.  
YEAR: 2001  
CODE: 0139  
ECUADOR

**N-35**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SWEET MARAÑA  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 130 X 100 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 0769  
ECUADOR



**N-36**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: MILKY WAY  
TECHNICAL: Acrylic  
MEASURES: 60 X 60 cm.  
YEAR: 2017  
CODE: 0910  
ECUADOR



## comments

### “SET A HISTORY LINE IN THE PAST”

If I had no memory I could not imagine.  
(J. Luis Borges)

The imaginary environment which surrounds the artist in different places around the world, gives him the motivation to create other aesthetic disciplines for the truth of the art, Hernan Illescas tries to make the viewer mentally regress to a time or bygone era.

The vision of the spectator back over an event in a certain time because the human being mind is very fragile to bring the retained reminder and kept in the memory.

The artwork memory is developed and shaped on canvas where it narrates the personal experiences of the artist with signs and symbols found throughout history forming a whole in which the past is contemplated and the future is planned through us who are the present.

Why the artworks are hanging in those spaces? It is the support itself as a container for the reporting walls, to compose a whole of what we are and feel, what we believe and imagine seek to back into the human being.

Lands, Bodies and Legends, Evil Waves Around the World, Migration, Changing Circles, Waste discharge the crime into the sea, Sovereignty of Desire, Unleash the Seas, I gave toy to know my fragility, We were Barricades are some of the titles used for Hernan Illescas where he announces the evolution of man, the mad cow disease, the global warming, the environment, the holocaust and so on. They are all topic on which the artist transpires contemporariness into his perception and sensitivity, connections and notices in a past, present and future period, recovering and using the artist memory's reflections.

**Linda Cando Delgado**

Editorial Board – Art Gallery Hernán Illescas.



inks





**N-1**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1001  
ECUADOR



**N-2**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1002  
ECUADOR

**N-3**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1003  
ECUADOR



**N-4**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1004  
ECUADOR





**N-5**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1005  
ECUADOR



**N-6**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1006  
ECUADOR

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**N-7**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1007  
ECUADOR



**N-8**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1008  
ECUADOR



## inks



**N-9**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1009  
ECUADOR



**N-10**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1010  
ECUADOR

**N-11**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1011  
ECUADOR



**N-12**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1012  
ECUADOR



## inks



**N-13**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1013  
ECUADOR



**N-14**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1014  
ECUADOR

**N-15**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1015  
ECUADOR



**N-16**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1016  
ECUADOR







**N-17**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1017  
ECUADOR



**N-18**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1018  
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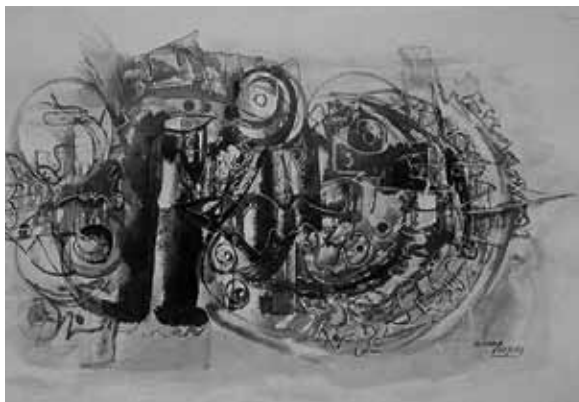
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ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1019  
ECUADOR



**N-20**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1020  
ECUADOR





**N-21**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1021  
ECUADOR



**N-22**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1022  
ECUADOR

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### N-23

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1023  
ECUADOR



### N-24

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: SYMBOLS OF DREAMS  
TECHNICAL: Ink  
MEASURES: 65 x 50 cm.  
YEAR: 2013  
CODE: 1024  
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## comments

**T**he ink work demonstrates the mastery of drawing, and the unfinished lines, the usual signatures of this artist: iconic fish, children playing, faces flowing from the nature of dreams, and tangles of lines that descend from the horror vacui universe where they meet and merge consciousness and sensation. He controls the direction of the brush well and especially the pressure on the support.

The choice of paper is a key, and allows ink to flow, creating lively textures of patience and creativity.

The Artist dominates the technic, knowing that the light color of the background is the maximum light as discovered when amalgams centripetally the power of the image around the geometric center of the sheet. The audacity of the shadows in the inks, is an outstanding highlight featured in his work.

**Dr. José Carlos Arias**  
Art Historian and Curator

**G**lobal warming is linked to climate change, pollution and the main result, the “greenhouse effect”, with consequences that are in the “collective imagination” and that are expressed in “the fishes” serie. Hernán Illescas, sensitive to this subjects for many years represents this theme in his work. In the work of Hernán, surviving in the dark magma is the aim, whose ultimate challenge focuses on the need to “leave” a greener planet for our children and descendants. The artist has locked species that had to leave their habitats in three small planets that survive as remnants of the flora and fauna that seeks to keep alive. We need oxygen and strength to breathe and live.

**Dr. José Carlos Arias**  
Art Historian and Curator

**T**he aesthetic disciplines and their contemporary methods are a deeply enriching evolution for plastic concepts. In this regard, I look for a doctrine of identity in art theory, visualized through symbolism and iconographic contents.

**Hernán Illescas**  
Artist

## comments

### SYMBOLS OF DREAMS

**T**he search for the truth about art, or the expression of symbol as the road is useful to ask ourselves about the work of Illescas. Far from being a newcomer, Illescas has walked through the world of painting traveling long roads, finding bifurcations, facing mermaid chants, surviving ancestral calls; for in a given moment, face the Sphinx and recognize that in front of her there are no answers, only new questions.

We get to know his answers in the paintings where they are there embodied, physically displayable. They only open the doors to a Labyrinth of new questions, questions to be known and that we will try to look at.

**Dr. Juan Martínez Borrero**

Art Historian

**T**he search for truth in art and the expression of symbols are the phats I use to generate my artwork. The imagined environment that surrounds me in different places around the word gives me the motivation to create my projects. I have walked though long roads whit my art, finding bifurcations, facing mythical beings´chants, surviving ancestral calls from a given time, facing the sphinx and recognizing that there are no answers in fron of her, but only new questions.

Some answers rest in my paintings, are reflected and can be physically perceptible. They only open the door to a maze of new questions, and these questions are revealed when you look at the paintings.

**Hernán Illescas**

Artist



murals



## murals



### N-1

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
PRAISE TO CUENCA  
MEASURES: 5 x 4 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
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### N-2

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
THE SKIN OF TRUTH  
MEASURES: 1,80 x 2,65 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
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**N-3**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
MEETINGS AND DISENCOUNTERS  
MEASURES: 1,80 x 2,65 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
ECUADOR



**N-4**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
SLAVERY AND COLOGNE  
MEASURES: 1,80 x 2,65 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
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## murals



**N-5**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
MEASURE OF FREEDOM  
AND INDIGENOUS JUSTICE  
MEASURES: 1,80 x 2,65 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
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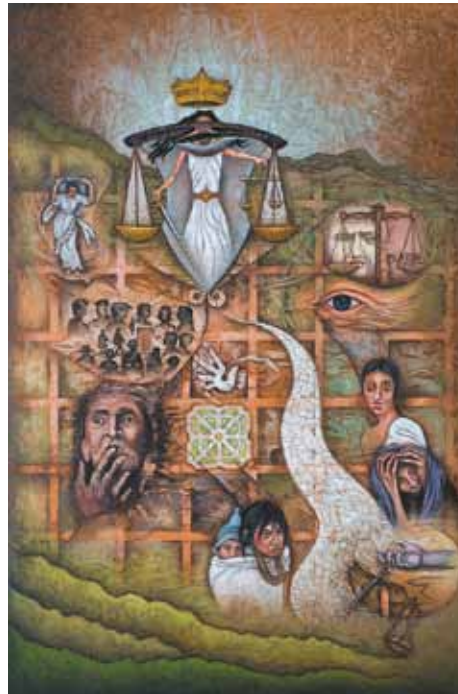
**N-6**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
MIGRATION  
MEASURES: 1,80 x 2,65 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
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**N-7**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
THE LAST ABODE  
MEASURES: 1,80 x 2,65 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
ECUADOR



**N-8**

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: AGES OF JUSTICE  
MEMORIES AND SPLENDORS  
MEASURES: 2,10 x 4,50 m.  
YEAR: 2014  
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## murals



First Stage



Second Stage

**N-9**  
CERAMIC MURAL  
(SÍGSIG)  
ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: IDENTITY BOWS  
(ARCOS DE LA IDENTIDAD)  
MEASURES: 27,00 x 12 x 11,20 m.  
YEAR: 2011  
ECUADOR



**N-10**  
CERAMIC MURAL  
ARTIST: Hernán Illescas  
TITLE: IDENTITY  
MEASURES: 7,00 x 3,5 m.  
YEAR: 2009  
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## murals



### **N-11**

CERAMIC MURAL

ARTIST: Hernán Illescas

TITLE: BATTLE OF TARQUI

MEASURES: 10,00 x 3,00 c/u m.

YEAR: 2004

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gallery





Beijing / 2013: inauguración Meet in Beijing.



Beijing / 2013: la ciudad prohibida.



New York / 2007: 207 Arte Gallery.



New York / 2010: Zona 0.



Beijing / 2013: con el Embajador José María Borja.



Lacrosse Wisconsin / 2008: Universidad de Viterbo.



New York / 2007: Grand Central.



Beijing / 2013: donación al CAEG.



New York / 2010: museo MOMA.



Viterbo / 2008: clases maestras a estudiantes de artes.



New York / 2007: Rockefeller Center.



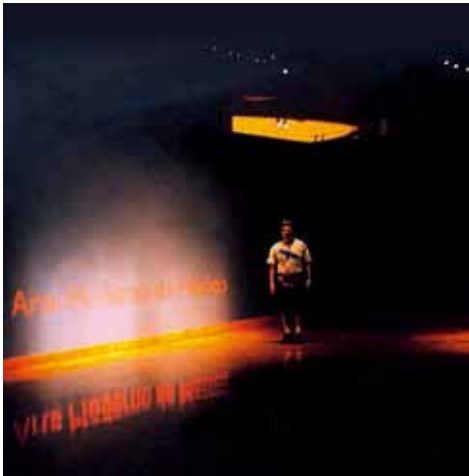
Buenos Aires / 2005: Galería del Pacífico.



México / 2003: con Leonardo Nierman.



Buenos Aires / 2005: barrio La Boca, calle el Caminito.



México / 2002: Museo de Arte Moderno.



Estudio del artista / 2007: entrevista.



México / 2002: murales Diego Rivera.



New York / 2010: Palacio de Justicia.



París / 2013: Arco del Triunfo.



París / 2013: Museo de Louvre.



París / 2013: Versailles.



París / 2013: Torre Eiffel.



Beijing / 2013.



China / 2013: la Muralla China.





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