

**Marres, House for Contemporary Culture**

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## Alejandro Galván – Vultures & Fireflies

Mar 13 to Aug 31, 2025, grand opening on March 15



Photo: Neeltje de Vries

### Chronicle of Mexico

In late November of 2024, artist Alejandro Galván will begin painting a chronicle of Mexico at Marres from the perspective of the working-class neighborhood of Nezahualcóyotl, a suburb of Mexico City. The work, titled [\*Vultures & Fireflies\*](#), will eventually come to fill the entire house of Marres.

Galván's highly detailed paintings blend realism with mythology, narrating his experiences growing up in this environment, and depicting the corruption of the Mexican state and police. In doing so, he asks the question: How can we incorporate the most unique chapters of our history into a global narrative? His sources of inspiration, television and heavy metal, set him apart from the prevailing, more minimalist and conceptual style in Mexican contemporary art, while building upon the great muralists the country has known.

*Vultures & Fireflies* will see an accompanying publication, for which the artists will invite young writers who grew up with him in Neza.



Alejandro Galván – Río de la Compañía

## Video

Find a short introduction by the artist himself [here](#).

This film contains images of disaster and war situations that may be disturbing to (young) viewers.

## Program

*Vultures & Fireflies* will be on show from **Mar 13 to Aug 31, 2025**. To create his monumental exhibition, the artist will already start working in Marres from November onwards. Leading up to the grand opening on **March 15**, several events will take place where visitors can get a glimpse into the making process. The work will see its completion in June 2025, which will be celebrated with a second opening.

## Artist Talk with Alejandro Galván (EN/ES\*)

To start, we are giving you the special opportunity to meet the artist and learn about his artistic process during an artist talk on **Friday, December 13**. Alejandro will be presenting himself and there will be an opportunity to personally ask him questions about his work. This is also a special moment to witness the construction of the exhibition from the very beginning, so you can come back to see how it progresses at one of the later sneak previews.

\* In April 2025, a second artist talk will take place, offered in Spanish and Dutch.)

Friday 13 December 2024

7-8:30PM - [RSVP here](#)

### **Sneak peek Saturdays**

Every Saturday from February 1, 2025

12-5pm

### **Valentine's evening special**

Friday, February 14, 2025

5-8pm

### **Soft launch**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

12-5pm

### **Festive opening**

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5pm

Location: Marres, Maastricht

### **To the editors**

We warmly invite you to one of the events above, but are more than happy to welcome you at a more suitable time in your schedule.

For more information and interview requests, please contact [communicatie@marres.org](mailto:communicatie@marres.org). Download the press images [here](#).



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