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BEM-VINDO AO RIO

EDITIONS

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ABOUT

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Familia Editions, founded in 2018 by the editor and designer Maria Lago (Rio de Janeiro), is a project that aims to interpret, create and publish the work of contemporary Brazilian artists. The artist's books published by Familia are the result of a very close and personalized collaboration between publisher, artists and printers. Familia focuses not only on the curatorship, interpreting the artists' works, but also on the care with materials, final presentation and printing techniques, always elaborating unique projects for each artist.

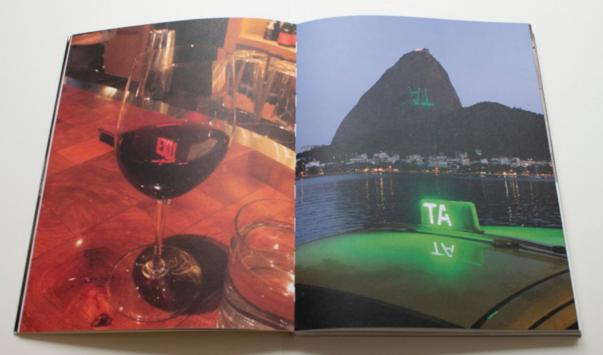
Familia Editions has participated in fairs as SP-Arte, Pinta Miami, UNTITLED SF, FLAT Turin, ARCOmadrid, Drawing Room Lisboa and Art-O-Rama. Familia's books are part of collections as Metropolitan Museum of Art NY, MoMA NY and MoMA San Francisco, New York Public Library NY, Pinacoteca de São Paulo, MAR Rio de Janeiro, MASP São Paulo, Museo Reina Sofía Madrid, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian Lisboa, Fundação Serralves Porto, Centre Pompidou, Tate London, The Bodleian Library, Oxford, MACBA Barcelona, among other private and public art collections.











BEM-VINDO (AO RIO) / WELCOME (TO NYC) MARCOS CHAVES, 2022

Bem-vindo (ao Rio) / Welcome (to NYC) is an artist book that represents a dialogue between images from Rio de Janeiro and New York City, mirroring local concepts through humor, graphic and visual connections. Both the artist and the editor are authentic "cariocas" (born and bred in Rio) and lived significant periods in New York City, creating unique visual memories of both cities and its remarkable urban and lifestyle icons.

The 128 page book includes 114 full color images taken by Marcos Chaves in his street strolls through both cities - Rio and NYC - in different periods. Printed on premium photography quality italian paper Freelife Vellum.

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The book cover with a mirrored paper finish represents the concept of reflecion that the inside pages protray through the dialogue between Rio and NYC: contrasts and similarities evidenced by a thoughtful and fun rythm where in every spread there's a subtle and surprising discovery.

The prints of the special editions are handmade, polychromy printed on premium cotton paper, on a manual offset printing press for which the inks were especially created for the project.

Limited edition of 500 copies of which 50 are special editions.

Printed in high qaulity phtography paper, bound in "otabind" to improve page opening.

Format 23,5 x 31 cm

Special edition: includes 25 "Hot Novo Mundo" / 25 "Hotel Sea" (23 x 30,5 cm). Prints in polychromatic photolithography by Estúdio Baren (Rio de Janeiro).

Edition & design: Maria Lago

Book printed in Spain

Price: Normal 80 € Special + 1 print 600 € Special + 2 prints 1020 €







– **EIS-ME AQUI.** – **HERE I AM.** REGINA PARRA, 2022

-Here I am. is much more than a book. It is a female portrait of the role that women have played throughout history, through the eyes and speeches of other women in dialogue, with the performing arts and theater as a background. The idea for the book arises from conversations between the editor Maria Lago and the artist Regina Parra about the possibility of portraying the image of the woman that one has always had through the evolution of female characters who have already been represented in various artistic facets that imply interpretation.

The 104-page volume is divided into two parts and presents itself with a mystery game in which images of characters from different times and cultures overlap, merge and confuse by the subtlety of the transparency of the paper. The powerful color images, painted in oil especially for the publication, are interspersed with quotes in the original languages of the plays from which the characters were extracted. In the second part, the use of thicker paper, with texture and in cinnamon color, creates contrast and provides a completely different experience for reading the running text transcribed from the original plays (translations to English and Portuguese).

Two parts that complement each other

In the first part of the book, the names of the characters are not revealed, being identified only by Roman numerals. The use of light weight paper aims at creating a subtle transparency through which the characters merge, dialoguing with each other

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regardless of their identity and historical time. The intention here is to understand the figure of the woman beyond social or temporal labels.

In the second part of the book, the names of the characters represented are revealed in a numbered index, together with the corresponding information about the plays from which they were taken. Here the texts of the works are complete, excluding the other characters and leaving only the speech of the character in question. Thus, a new text is created in which the flow of reading provokes a different interpretation of the work in question.

The texts, organized in chronological order, are extracts from what is manifested in each character, which, in an almost magical way, creates a new text that borders on the unreal, but which perfectly allows one to appreciate the evolution of the language according to work after work. In the same way, it is noticed how women, even passing through different cultures and evolving over time, continue to receive a different, less privileged treatment, in which they are portrayed, most of the time, as hysterical, excessively dramatic, fragile or submissive.

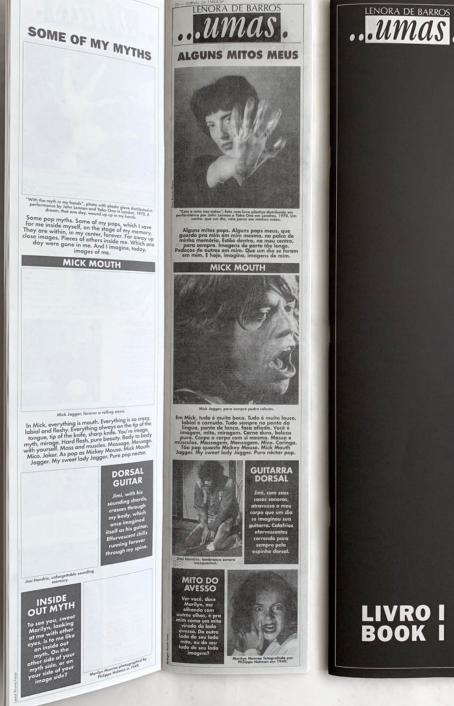
The book includes a special edition in which 35 copies feature the orginal work *Maenad* (produced in latex), co-edited in collaboration with 55SP.

Edition of 350 (230 Portuguese / 130 English) of which 35 are special edition.

Printed in offset on special art papers, semi-hard cover with hotstamping and exposed sewn.

Special edition: includes the work *Maenad* made in latex with a special packaging.

Translation: Fernando Janson Design: Maria Lago Price: Normal 220 € Special 1.400 €





...**UMAS** ...**SOME** LENORA DE BARROS, 2020

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Facsimile edition of the newspaper column the artist created from 1993 to 1996 for Jornal de Tarde.

The book ...Umas (...Some) begins before I existed. First of all, because of the artist's own connection with the newspaper: Lenora de Barros worked for many years behind the production of magazines and newspapers, artistically thinking the process of some of the main publications that still circulate in Brazil. The newspaper Folha de São Paulo, as it is known today, also has a lot of her touch.

Between 1993 and 1996, invited by Jornal da Tarde newspaper (currently Estado de São Paulo), Lenora kept her own column. Through this weekly participation, the artist experimented with several formats and languages that unfolded into some of her best-known works. Hence, we see the relevance of the column for having documented not only the artist's own work but also the poetic connection between her creation and the work of several artists who influenced her. Lenora related her artistic vision to the news, discussing body, subjectivity, philosophy and feminism. It was an open studio, right in the core of the paper, the most important source of printed information in those years.

Almost 20 years later, Lenora meets Maria Lago, founder of Familia Editions. The way the two describe a sudden shared intimacy is what I see as the driving force for the existence of this book. Thus, Maria manifested her interest in working with Lenora, and I, as the artist's assistant, had the privilege of following closely this process. A curious fact is that the book was made in the pre-pandemic period, remotely, but with the delicacy of this intimacy. Maria initially lived in New York, then in Madrid, while we were in São Paulo. With some occasional visits to the studio in order to handle carefully the columns, the editing was decided together - the decisions that needed to be done face to face. All the other aspects, the choice of paper, the format, the string that wraps the book, were conceived with an ocean between us, but it was not a big deal, since Maria, a great navigator in the sea of books, guided us to dream the same pages.

The translation process is also an example of work done in a "familiar" way. Every week, Davi Jaffe and Lenora sat side by side to discuss translation proposals and together we decided on the best interpretation solutions. All those who participated in the creation of this book-object were chosen because of this "family" affinity, which allowed the process to flow in a pleasant and assertive way. In a mutual trust, almost as if one could guess the other's thoughts.

The singularity, the closeness, and the tender generational exchange are rare in a world where the worker becomes a replaceable object. In this project, the making is in the people, and the product is a collective and generous expression of the time.

Giovanna Langone, artist

Price: 100 €

Edition and design: Maria Lago Translation: David Jaffe Collaboration: Giovanna Langone Image treatment: Marcos Ribeiro

Printed in Brazil

Edition of 500. 2 volumes.

Printed in offset, saddle stitch bound softcover with two cardboards protection and a twine.



BÚFALA E SENHORA DAS PLANTAS BUFFALO AND LADY OF PLANTS

ROSANA PAULINO, 2020

In this warm and soft book, covered by a blood red fabric, artist Rosana Paulino brings together for the first time the series of drawings that give their title to the publication: *Buffalo and Lady of Plants*. Both represent female archetypes related to the black psyche, and they go against the dominant European and colonial collective consciousness. The series are first cousins. They talk to each other, complement each other, support and learn from each other. Their encounter also results from the affinity developed between artist and publisher. Together, they translated into this book-object part of the research, poetics, and materiality of Rosana's work.

On the cover, we touch the same material applied in many of the artist's pieces. The fabric, which is frequently used as a medium for printing photographs that Rosana then manipulates with thread and needle, here embraces and protects the drawings. As we open the book, the texture changes and we see the potential of drawing to subvert hegemonic discourses and claim expropriated subjectivities as in a ritual of healing and empowerment. Rosana dives into the construction of the image of black women in Brazil and brings to the surface the sensorial memory of a past-present of pain, but also of resistance. First, she works in watercolor stains and then outlines the forms in pencil. Feminine forms that are emancipated and sensual.

The *Buffalo* is strong, vain, and powerful. She is a mother who feels no guilt and is not punished for

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having pleasure and being independent. When necessary, she goes to war and fights as an equal with men. This deity reminds the many black women who have been battling from an early age and for centuries. *Lady of Plants*, on the other hand, is the owner of life – she creates and heals. From her orifices sprout fine roots. Some of them are Jatobas, in reference to the ancient Brazilian tree, witness of our history. Wise women, they are like the matriarchs who kept the black culture standing despite the attempts to erase it. Rosana is herself a Jatoba. A source of affection and knowledge.

We all identify with or would love to be like the Buffalo and Lady of Plants, and the book allows us to slowly discover (ourselves in) these women. Turning the pages, we find between them one of the notebooks that the artist fills in on her daily walks through the parks around her home. Rosana needs to feel on her skin the strength of the Atlantic Forest, the humid air and the sound of nature. These drawings, rescued in one of the book's creative process meetings, are the seed of the two feminine archetypes presented in this edition. They reflect the artist's attempt to merge with the natural world and remind us of our proximity to it: seeds and fruits are like our sexual organs, roots and branches are like arms, legs, or our respiratory system. We are part of and side by side with nature, never above it.

Isabella Lenzi, curator

Edition of 500 of which 80 are special edition including a photolithography with watercolor, signed and numbered.

Inside pages printed in offset, cover in hot stamping. Normal edition softcover bound in fabric. Special edition handmade box on fabric. Format 22,5 x 28,5 cm.

Edition & design: Maria Lago Photolithography print: Estúdio Baren

Printed in Spain and Brazil

Price: Normal 120 € Special 820 €



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ANOTAÇÕES VISUAIS VISUAL NOTES

DALTON PAULA, 2019

In February 2018, I met Dalton Paula who was then in residence at AnnexB, a program dedicated to Brazilian artists in New York where I served as a board member.

Through a series of studio visits that culminated in an artist talk at Residency Unlimited, Dalton and I examined racism and the language systems that perpetuate it; the black body; silenced black people; the African diaspora and its religions; performance and rituals; nature and healing; black protagonism.

We also delved into Dalton's choice of an earthy color palette; recurring symbols; non-duality; the feminine universe of women close to his heart; memories and the affection they convey.

In our studio visits we used Dalton's sketchbook to talk about his work. In it, he had drawings and watercolor studies he had made in preparation for large format oil paintings that were to be presented in the fourth New Museum Triennial, "Songs for Sabotage." The primary purpose of his trip to New York was because he was one of the roughly thirty international emerging artists featured in the exhibition.

In those days I was having ongoing conversations with a passionate book editor who was setting up a publishing house by the name of Familia Editions. Familia would specialize in artists' books in collaboration with Brazilian contemporary artists. I intro-

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duced the publication's founder to Dalton. That editor was Maria Lago and their collaboration is the artist book *Visual Notes*, Dalton Paula. Turning Dalton's sketchbook into an artwork that will live in public libraries and art collections was an act of generosity and reverence only a mature and sensible editor could have made.

Today, June 2021, post pandemic, it is moving to open the book's orange casing and revisit the pages of *Visual Notes*. Dalton Paula. I think back to a statement in the New Museum Triennial's introduction:

"Through their distinct approaches, the artists in 'Songs for Sabotage' offer models for dismantling and replacing the political and economic networks that envelop today's global youth. Invoking the heightened role of identity in today's culture, they take on the technological, economic, and material structures that stand in the way of collectivity."

Dalton's work, and his deep and honest relationship to his identity, offers us a way forward. And we owe its enduring public expression to Familia.

Luciana Solano, curator

Edition of 500 of which 100 are special edition including an original etching print signed and numbered.

Inside pages printed in offset, cover in hot stamping. Hardcover bound. Special edition handmade box in paper. Edition and design: Maria Lago Etching print: Estúdio Baren Image treatment: José Fujocka

Printed in Spain and Brazil

Price: Normal 130 € Special 850 €



NÃO ME LEMBRO BEM, I CANNOT RECALL WELL,

IVAN GRILO, 2019

But, tell me, how did he feel about the book? Well, it was in it that an awareness came up, the awareness that the work spoke more about him than about the other. And why? Who knows? Maybe it was something like a therapeutic process. And, regarding that, when did he realize it? Only now. Moreover, what other things did he grasp about the book? That it translates itself into materials that accompany him today. How so? Coldness no longer exists. What exactly does he mean by coldness? As an example, one could mention the use of fabric in his works, on which he performs heat engraving, testing the limits of this material: the point just before the fabric ceases to withstand the heat and ignites. It could also be mentioned that the veiling in his work resided in sheets of glass which have now been transferred to the graphic context of paper, of fabric. Then, could it be said that the book predates his present production? Yes, it ends up working, according to him, as a kind of vaticination. Here, much more is said about him than about the other. Why? Does this work bear intimate things? Yes. Here we see his parents' wedding, we see his grandparents, anyway, very intimate things from his family album. So is the book autobiographical? Perhaps, because all of this passes through him before it turns into work, doesn't it? And what story is told here? It is not clear what story(ies) is(are) told here because the book was born for him in a way that he cannot put into words and that is why there are still many undisclosed elements about the content and construction of the book that remain veiled.

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Having seen this, what about the texts? They were all thought through works already done. None of the texts that exist here had not existed as a bronze plaque, which, in this context, served as a stamp that marked this cotton paper, a warmer, more affable place. I feel this being fragile. Yes. This being is fragile indeed. The book needs to be taken care of, it is held in your hand, like a body of straw, like a bird. Here, care for oneself and care for the other reverberate. This place reveals a way of speaking from the innermost, without the precise realization of what this place is. That's it. Yes, this is what you have in your hands.

Tiago de Abreu Pinto, curator

Edition of 150, signed and numbered.

Printed in letterpress on handmade papers made of cotton and banana tree natural fibers. Handbound in japanese style.

Format 18,5 x 22 cm.

Text translated to Spanish and English. Price: 400 €

Edition and design: Maria Lago Letterpress printing: Estúdio Baren Bookbinding: Gabriela Irigoyen

Printed in Brazil



DEVANEIOS DAYDREAMING DEMIAN JACOB, 2018

Launched in 2018 by publisher Maria Lago, *Devaneios*, a photobook by the Rio de Janeiro-born photographer Demian Jacob, was the beginning of Familia Editions. Close collaboration, careful editing and meticulous attention to materials are at the heart of *Devaneios*, all steered by Maria's vision for her carefully crafted books.

Devaneios is the result of deep conversations and a thoughtful collaborative process between Maria and Demian. An attentive and intuitive editor, Maria took time to explore the artist's archive and to consider his sensibility as she brought the photographs to life in a visually striking narrative. The sound of the word Devaneios, "daydreaming" in Portuguese, feels just right next to the blurry bushes of white flowers on the cover of the book and sets the atmosphere for the book's poetic flow.

The photographs selected for the book are shot with a film camera, as Demian carefully observes and captures the moments around him, bringing the beauty of the mundane upfront. Architectural details, rays of light, surfaces, ordinary objects, textures, and found shapes are revealed. A photograph of a pile of crumpled white sheets on a mattress is paired with a shot of a dry twisted plant in a glass bottle. This juxtaposition creates a dialogue between two quite different images. Clever editing and sequencing bring to light the magic of simple ephemeral moments one often misses, and a muted colour palette ties the photographs together in a tender atmosphere.

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Above all, *Devaneios* is a lovingly crafted object which immediately feels delicate and personal. It is executed in excellent print quality and paper, showing Maria's deep understanding of the craft and Demian's trust in her approach. Through its content and form, *Devaneios* encourages us to look closer while its sensitive visual rhythms become a lasting record of passing moments.

Olga Yatskevich, editor & book critic

Edition of 200 numbered.

Printed in offset and hardcover bound.

Format 19 x 25,5 cm.

Edition and design: Maria Lago Text: Joaquim Paiva Price: 70 € (LAST COPIES)

Printed in Turkey



AVAF AVAF ASSUME VIVID ASTRO FOCUS, 2018

The artist works under a pseudonym, **assume vivid astro focus (AVAF)**. Since many years he has been playing with the avaf initials and creating new avafs (which are used as email signatures, titles of exhibitions and works). Friends and other people that interact with the artist often send him new avafs creating a "word bank".

The book is the AVAF manifesto and an homage to Brazilian concrete poetry, playing with words as images and representing the meanings through visual games.

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For the typographical representation of these phrases, the choice was AVAF's font, inspired by Jenny Holzer's "Truisms" that were displayed on large public electronic signs in the 1980's, specially her insertions on Times Square LED signs. A political statement translated through a visual language that always inspired the artist's work.

Edition of 250 of which 50 of each color.

Printed in Risograph, saddle stitch handbound.

Format 22,7 x 17,7 cm.

Font design: Coca Albers Design: Maria Lago SOLD OUT!

Printed in Canada

SARA RAMO BY FAMILIA EDITIONS AND SALÓN









ORÁCULO DA TERRA

- 1. EM CADA ESQUINA
- 2. MESMO QUE PEQUENO
- 3. TUDO IMPORTA
- 4. GRITAR AS VEZES
- 5. SALVE AS MATAS
- 6. NUNCA MAIS A FOME
- 7. O IFA' NOS FALA
- 8. DANGAR DEVEMOS
- 9. HONRAR O CICLO
- 10. ABRAM-SE AS BRECHAS

ORÁCULO DA TERRA THE EARTH ORACLE

SARA RAMO, 2021

The coedited series Oráculo da Terra (The Earth Oracle) and O Jogo da Vida (The Game of Life) are the result of a collaboration between Brazilian artists' books publishing house Familia Editions and Spanish independent art space Salón.

In order to materialize the dialogue between these two cultures, half Brazilian, half Spanish artist Sara Ramo was invited to create the limited editions. This is the first time the artist creates numbered multiples.

Oráculo da Terra is a game of chance configured by a series of numbered drawings that relate to poem sentences representing a chant of hope that appeals to strength and resistance. The Oracle is, in a way, a spiritual guide for daily life, a kind of hieroglyphic message open to the reader's interpretation to discover the meaning of these symbols and oracular sentences.

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O Jogo da Vida is based on the traditional Spanish board game El Juego de la Oca (The Goose Game). It consists of a spiral path leading to an infinite space where the contradictions of our journey through life can be experienced through a spiritual and political perspective. The game instructions are composed as a poem that lists different spiritual spaces of the human existence and are reconfigured at random during the game, as a political metaphor to the future and the life path leading to it.

Both works are marked by a symbolic eclecticism where spirituality and politics cross paths without finding a common ground. For the artist, both aspects of life are inseparable. The symbols and poems represented in these two series translate a mix of elements from different mythologies or religious beliefs including the Candomblé or the Kabbalah, the commitment with nature and with all living beings.

Silkscreen printed on a combination of cotton fabrics.

Limited edition of 40 copies of which 5 different models.

Price: 1.200€ unframed 1.350€ framed

40 x 60 cm (the format may vary since each piece was hadmade in artisanal techniques).





O JOGO DA VIDA

- PARTILHANDO ESPAÇO
- ESTAMOS JUNTOS PODRES PODERES LUCRO E MORTE
- ABUNDANTE POBREZA
- FORGA AMOROSA
- TRANSFORMANDO TEMPOS
- EXISTIR DESEJO

6- ESTAMOS JUNTOS : TODOS OS JOGADORES ANDAM 3 CASAS.

10- 40 - TRANSFORMANDO TEMPOS: JOGA DE NOVO.

- 12-44 DODRES POPERS: 2. CILLAS SEN VOL 14-43 EXISTIN DESEJO: ANDA 6 CASAS 18-50 ABUNDANTE POMEZA: TODAS OS DORDARIS VOLTAVA 3, CASAS.
- 22 FORGA AMOROSA ESCOLHE 1 JOGADOR PARA ANDAR 6 CASAS
- ANDAR & CASA3 33- PARTILHANDO ESPAÇO: TODOS OS 30 GADORES VÃO PARA A CASA 33. 52- LUCRO E MORTE : VOLTA AO COMEÇO

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Silkscreen print over paper.

29,7 x 42 cm.

Limited edition of 30.

Price: 600 € unframed 700 € framed