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**THE ARMORY SHOW 2023**

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Narsiso Martinez's drawings and mixed media installations include multi-figure compositions set amidst agricultural landscapes. Drawn from his own experience as a farmworker, Martinez's work focuses on the people performing the labors necessary to fill produce sections and restaurant kitchens around the country. Martinez's portraits of farmworkers are painted, drawn, and expressed in sculpture on discarded produce boxes collected from grocery stores. In a style informed by 1930s-era Social Realism and heightened through use of found materials, Martinez makes visible the difficult labor and onerous conditions of the "American farmworker," itself a compromised piece of language owing to the industry's conspicuous use of undocumented workers.

Narsiso Martinez (b. 1977, Oaxaca, Mexico) came to the United States when he was 20 years old. He attended Evans Community Adult School and completed high school in 2006 at the age of 29. He earned an Associate of Arts degree in 2009 from Los Angeles City College. In the fall of 2012 Narsiso earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from California State University Long Beach. In the spring of 2018 he received a Master of Fine Arts degree in drawing and painting from California State University Long Beach, and was awarded the prestigious Dedalus Foundation MFA Fellowship in Painting and Sculpture. His work has been exhibited both locally and internationally. His work is in the collections of the Hammer Museum, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, MOLAA, University of Arizona Museum of Art, Long Beach Museum of Art, Crocker Art Museum, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at the University of Oregon, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Martinez was awarded the Frieze Impact Award in 2023. Martinez lives and works in Long Beach, CA.

Artist Instagram: @narsisomartinez



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Essential Since 2013*  
Ink, Gouache, Charcoal, Simple  
Leaf, Collage, and Matte Gel  
on Produce boxes  
95 x 69 Inches  
2023

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Narsiso Martinez  
*Golden Pruner*  
Ink, Charcoal, Gouache and  
Simple Leaf on Cardboard  
Produce Pallet Base  
47.5 x 39.5 Inches  
2023



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Dreamer*  
Ink, Gouache, Simple Leaf  
and Charcoal  
on Produce Box  
33.5 x 48.5 Inches  
2023



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Narsiso Martinez  
*The One*  
Ink, Gouache, Charcoal, and  
Acrylic on banana box  
40 x 32 Inches  
2023



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Nature's Candy Picker*  
Ink, Gouache, Charcoal,  
and Simple Leaf in Cherry Box  
23.5 x 15.5 x 6 Inches  
2023



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Checker Leading the Crowd*  
Charcoal and Simple Leaf  
on Produce Cardboard  
23.5 x 15 Inches  
2023



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**SELECTED WORKS**



Narsiso Martinez  
*Unlimited Edition*  
Triptych  
Ink, Charcoal, and Simple Leaf on Berry Boxes  
15 x 10 x 4.5 Inches Each  
2023

# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Unnumbered Portraits 1*  
Lino-cut prints on found  
produce boxes  
Framed dimensions -  
21.5 x 38 inches  
2022





# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Unnumbered Portraits 2*  
Lino-cut prints on found  
produce boxes  
Framed dimensions -  
21.5 x 38 inches  
2022



# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Unnumbered Portraits 3*  
Lino-cut prints on found  
produce boxes  
Framed dimensions -  
21.5 x 38 inches  
2022



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**SELECTED WORKS**

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (21)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce  
label collage on watercolor  
paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2022



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (25)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce  
label collage on watercolor  
paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2022



# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (32)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce  
label collage on watercolor  
paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2022



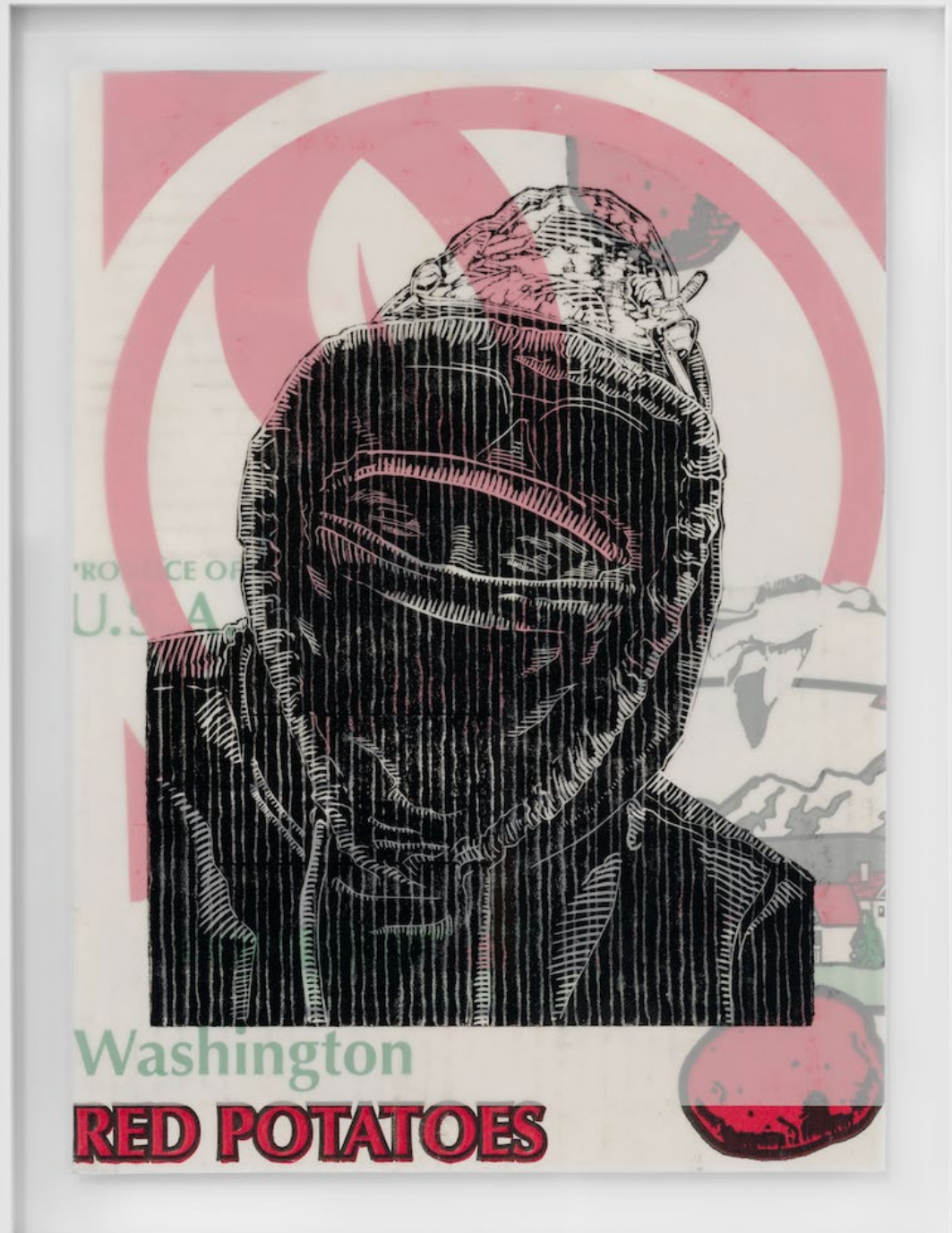
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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Just Right)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce  
label collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Red Potatoes)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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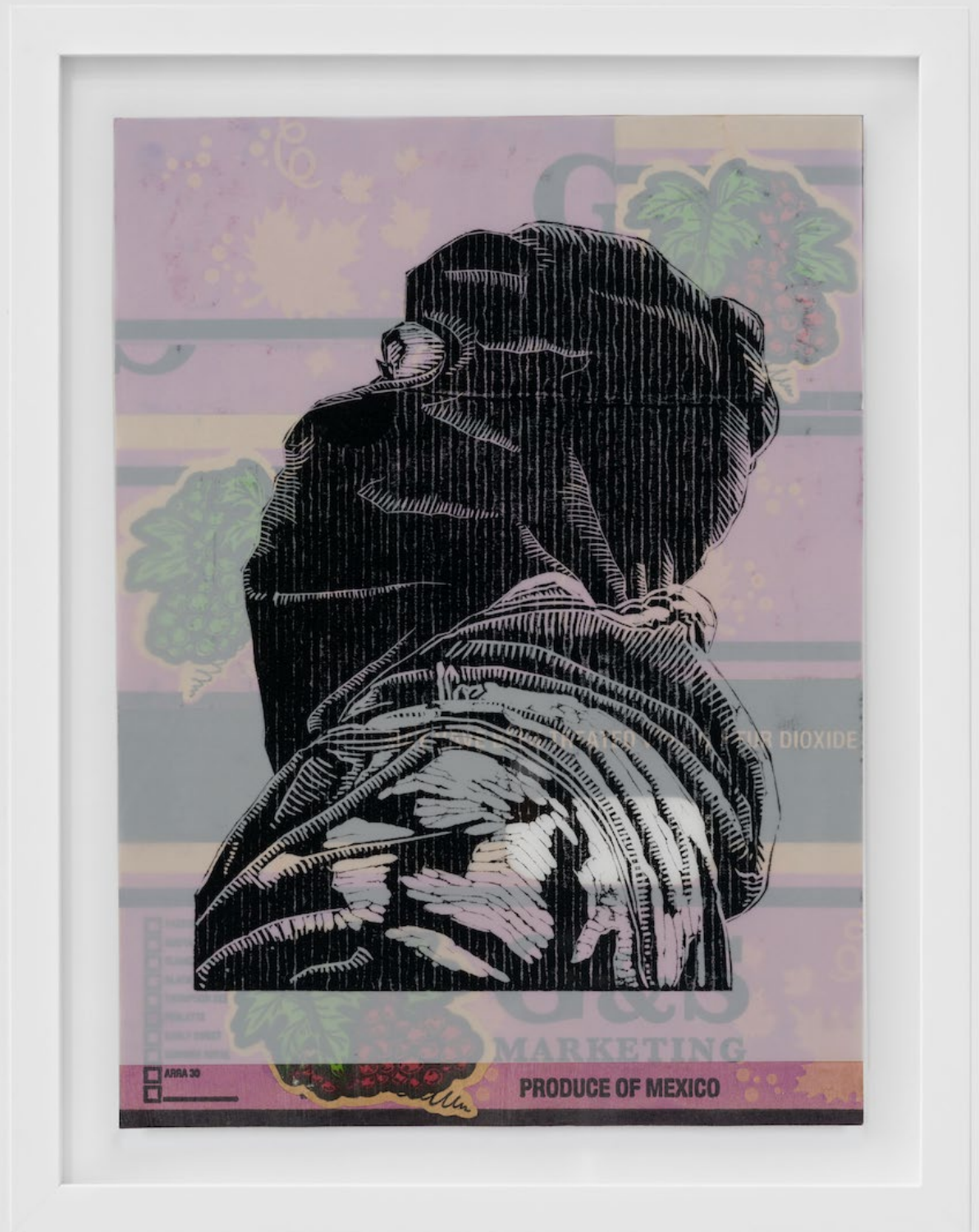
Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Good Farms)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed





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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Produce of Mexico)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Cantaloupes)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



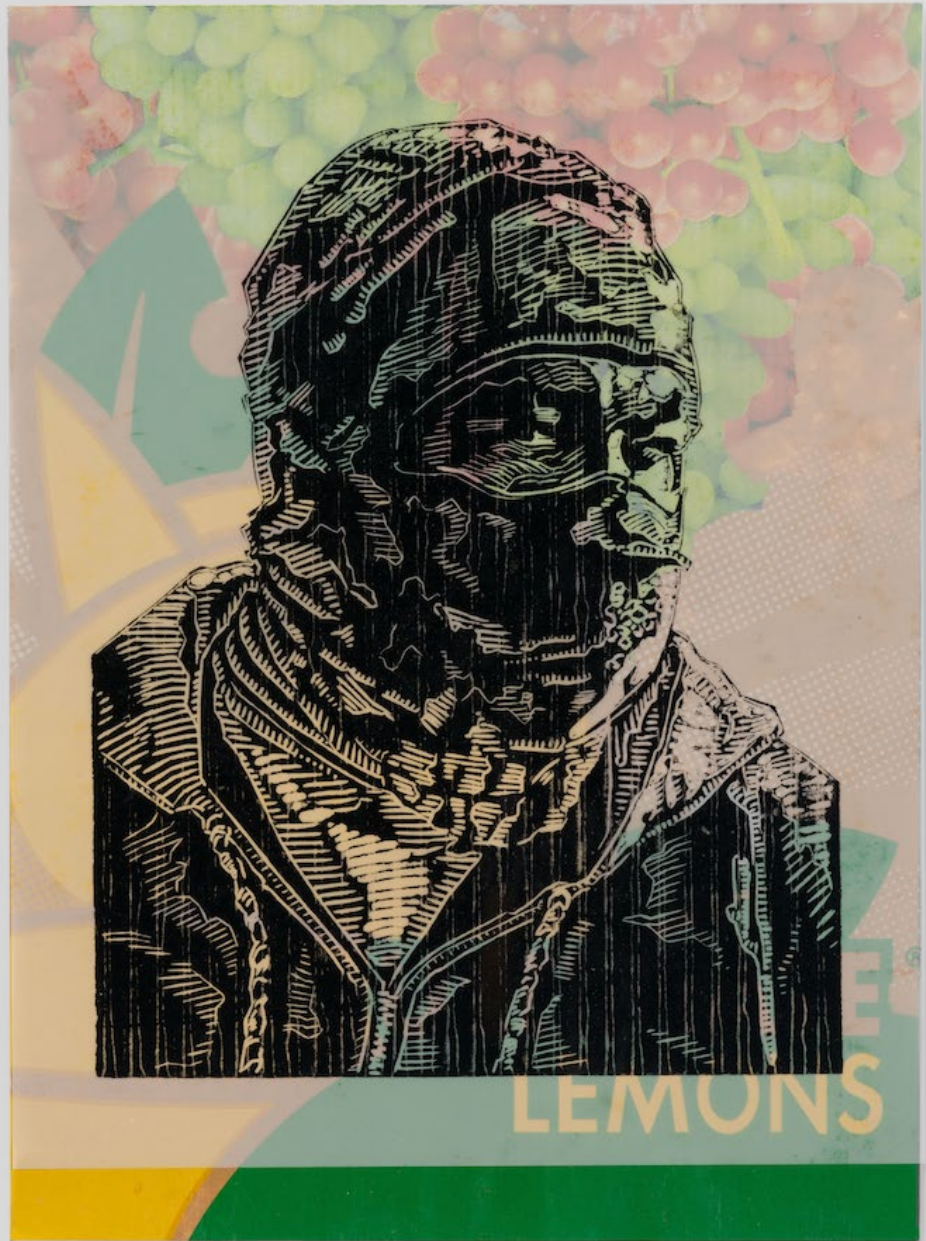
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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Manmar)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Lemons)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (California  
Citrus)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Premium  
Citrus)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Washington Apples)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Exotic)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed





# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Broccoli)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Strawberries)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



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Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Fruit Catcher)*  
Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
Duralar, mounted on produce label  
collage on watercolor paper  
Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
2023  
Framed



# NARSISO MARTINEZ SELECTED WORKS

Narsiso Martinez  
*Ghost Portrait Series (Orange Juice)*  
 Ghost-Lino-Cut Print on matte  
 Duralar, mounted on produce label  
 collage on watercolor paper  
 Sheet: 15 x 11 Inches  
 2023  
 Framed

