

## **Claudia Jimenez Chagoya**

*Dama Charra Con Traje De Gran Gala, 2021, recycled cardboard*

### **Artist statement**

*Damas Charras* is a body of work that represents the cow folk culture in Mexico called Charrería and focuses specifically on women horse riders.

The sculptures explore the rich traditions and guidelines that the Damas Charras need to follow for official social events, as well as executing tricks on horses during competitions. This Dama Charra represents the typical attire known as “Gran Gala” (Grand Gala), characterized by the fine and ornate traditional garments. In the competitive Charrería events, there are nine activities for men and just one for women.

This series aims to showcase and elevate the role of these female figures in a male dominated environment.