

## JuanCarlos rLora Presents A Conceptual Installation at ArtToSaveLives Contemporary

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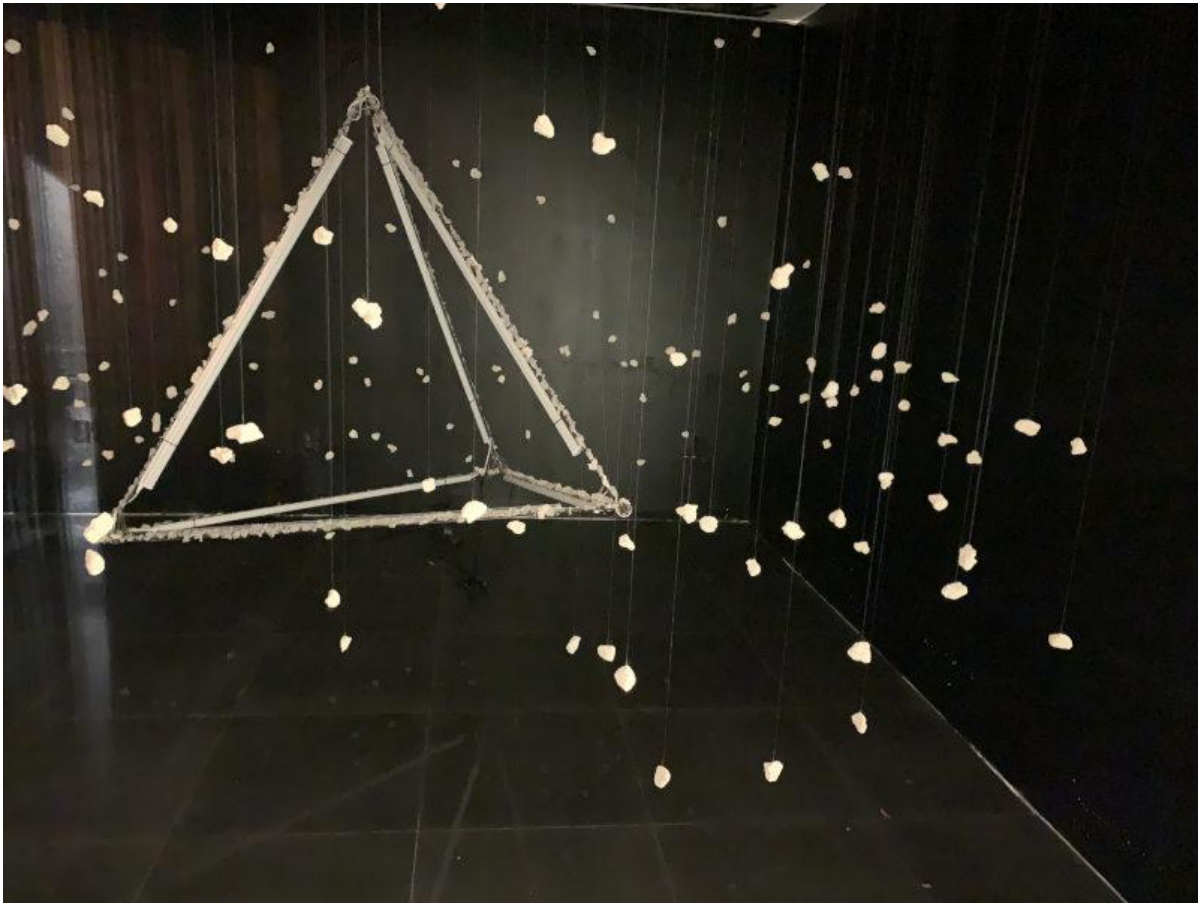


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There are five other triangles comparable to **Bermuda** on earth, with three of them over the US. As we all know from popular myths, the Bermuda Triangle is a notorious place where travelers disappear and which many consider a secret portal to some other dimension.

JuanCarlos rLora, the artist represented by ArtToSaveLives Contemporary, found this idea about portals fascinating and decided to explore the mystery and symbolism of its forms and materials in his latest installation named *Bermuda*.



JuanCarlos rLora - Bermuda, 2022, installation view

## The Concept of Portals

*"I've always enjoyed philosophizing and theorizing about the origins of existence, the universe, and our own trajectory as living beings, like where do we come from and how will this end if we continue our current path,"* rLora explains.

*Bermuda* expands on **the concept of portals** as a way of traveling through the cosmos. While our species is still unable to travel far into the cosmos – even the edge of our solar system is out of reach – the idea of portals that can transport us fast and safely to the other side has been fuelling the imagination of different creatives, including rLora.

He turns to **the Bermuda Triangle** as a real place but also a symbolic form that can be seen as *"a back door or a shortcut through the vastness of space."* In his imagination, the triangle, a form also used for **the pyramids**, increased in significance, leading to the creation of *Bermuda*.

*"The fact that the pyramids have a large enigma surrounding their origin, use and purpose beyond them being a tomb, and also the fact that simultaneously the location that is Bermuda is also a giant geological triangle, it felt like combining the two forms, pyramids and triangle would add more impact to the visual aspect of the theory,"* said rLora.

The choice of form for *Bermuda* has never been in question. *"From the day I added it to my to do list, all the way to putting it together, it had always been a pyramid."*



Left: JuanCarlos rLora - Bermuda, 2022, installation view with Nova / Right: JuanCarlos rLora - Bermuda, 2022, installation view with kittens

## The Bermuda Installation

The piece consists of a **suspended pyramid** of neon lights and stones that seem to defy gravity. The illusion rLora is going for is to present the moment when gravity begins to turn off, and the viewer can cross through into another dimension.

*"For example, when you look at the Bermuda piece, it seems as if the still was created right at the point where you're diving into the portal itself and entering a zero gravity zone, where the stones are presumably hovering around the portal itself,"* explains rLora.

The use of **stones** also has a symbolic explanation. The artist sees them as a key material for the points of entrance or exit through the doorway. Even spaceships could be made of stones, making them impossible to differentiate from other rocks in space.

Like with his other projects, the artist started with the idea and a sketch that were then translated into the installation. He wishes to make a positive impact through his work – *"instead of just writing it down in a sketchbook, what better way to express it than by actually building a still of the thought and then presenting it in a way that puts you right in the middle of the thought and forces you to interact with the idea."*



JuanCarlos rLora - Bermuda, 2022, installation view

## Bermuda at ArtToSaveLives Contemporary

*Bermuda* - a conceptual installation by JuanCarlos rLora is on view in the Project Room at ArtToSaveLives Contemporary gallery in Miami.

Featured image: JuanCarlos rLora - Bermuda, 2022, installation view.  
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