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**RICA The Gallery inaugurates a new exhibition space in San  
Juan with *Hasta la victoria mente*, an exhibition of recent  
works by  
Karlo Andrei-Ibarra**

**San Juan** - RICA The Gallery, a contemporary art gallery that represents emerging visual artists, will open its doors this upcoming Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> with new works by Karlo Andrei Ibarra. The title of the exhibition *Hasta la victoria mente* (Even victory lies), takes as a starting point the infamous frase by Ernesto "Che" Guevara *Hasta la victoria siempre* (Until victory, always), subverting its meaning and proposing a direct rejection of a future devised by modern perceptions while questioning the effectiveness of current political systems. It is but one of many social processes marked by a lack of tolerance where we are constantly being submitted to social and economic uncertainties.

The exhibition comprises a group of paintings started in 2009 that form part of a series of works titled *Souvenir stories, beyond the paradise*. The series draws from the political protests and manifestations that have afflicted Puerto Rico during the last year and a half and which have been characterized by violence and police brutality. Within

this context, *Beyond the paradise* intends to expose the equivocal image of the 'island paradise' questioning its portrayal as a cultural product and provoking a confrontation between both realities.

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