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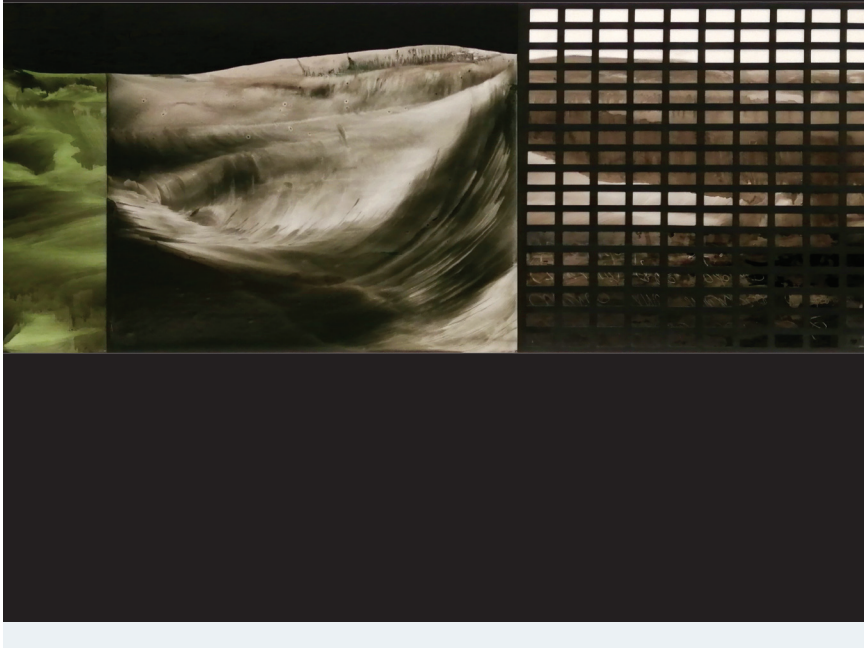
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Mirada Oculta (The Hidden Glance)

Jorge Llopis Jordá | 130 x 52 cm, mixed technique with varnish on PVC

This complex artwork is a reflection of the perception of light and shadows. The light, which is essential for vision, decreases with eye disease, reducing the ability to detect contrast. This decrease in contrast is shown by the foggy environment present in a landscape in which the limits are undefined with difficulties to distinguish shapes. The artist has created a mysterious environment with a superposition of images. The artwork expresses the difficulties suffered by those who are losing their visual capabilities. The lack of understanding of the reality that we are seeing is frustrating. This is an abstraction from the real world with progressive visual loss. The lack of perception of the environment leads to isolation, sadness, and loneliness.

Jorge Llopis-Jordá is a recognized artist from Alicante, Spain. His artwork has been the subject of many monographic exhibitions and he has received many honors and recognition of his artwork. With an academic background, he is focused on abstraction and expression with different and new artistic techniques that allow him to better connect with an idealistic world. This artwork is a good example of his current art production.

This artwork received the honorary runner-up award as the most original artistic technique in Miradas Spain 2020.

Description by Jorge L. Alió

The "Miradas" competition was created by Jorge Alió, Journal of Refractive Surgery Editorial Board Member, and his wife, Maria Lopez, in 1998 with the intention of using artistic sensibility to bring society's attention to the phenomenon of sight, vision, and blindness. "Miradas," which means glances, is a contest in which artwork is sent from Spain and many international countries from the four continents for the Miradas International Artwork Competition every two years. Each cover of the Journal of Refractive Surgery features paintings that were submitted to this competition. "Miradas" is sponsored by OPHTEC BV, The Netherlands. For more information, contact www.fundacionalio.com

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