

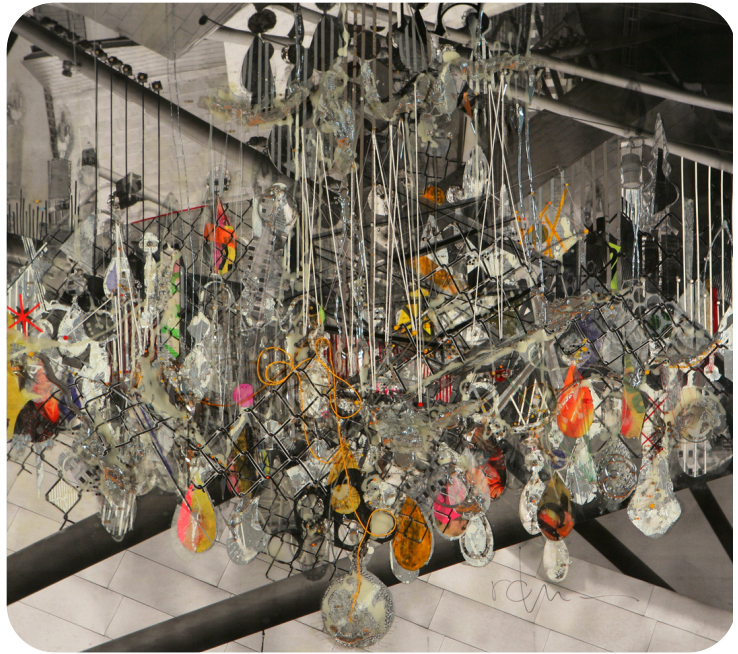
# MONARCH STUDIO

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## BENITO RANGEL DE MARIA MICROCOSM

Dec 4 – Dec 24, 2008  
Reception: Thursday, Dec 4, 6–8pm



**SEATTLE, November 10, 2008** -- Monarch Studio is pleased to announce the opening of its fine art gallery at the Tashiro-Kaplan building in Pioneer Square on Thursday, Dec 4th. The gallery will promote the sale and exhibition of contemporary art by emerging and mid-career artists. The works exhibited will reflect a diverse range of innovative ideas and techniques that address our current social and cultural environment. New exhibitions are mounted both monthly and bi-monthly, with the openings corresponding to Seattle's First Thursday gallery walk. Monarch Studio's inaugural exhibition will feature artist **Benito Rangel de Maria**.

The Microcosm Series illustrates the spacial relationship we have to each other and to our surroundings. These visual essays incorporate diminutive systems analogous to a larger system and profiles the many layers that make up our society.

*"My work investigates the multifaceted composition of contemporary life. These visual essays are an integration of layered images connected by wax, a substance that replicates our own transparent and transitory qualities. By juxtaposing archetypal images, I encourage the viewer to see beyond the limitations of the physical."* – Rangel de Maria

Rangel de Maria was born in Michoacan, Mexico, and educated in the United States and Europe. While in college, he traveled extensively, studying art history in Paris and Madrid. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Art from Lake Forest College in Chicago, he completed a study program at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice. He later joined the ARCH Foundation in Lugano, Switzerland, where he coordinated conservation and restoration projects. The years following his return to the US, in 1999, were a time of exploration, self expression and conviction, as they marked the beginning of his career as a full time artist.

Complete resume and images available upon request.

