Volaverunt

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“Volaverunt,” the title of this Lehman gallery exhibit, translates to something that is missing, has left, or has just flown away. Artist Paola Denegri created these works of art during a COVID-related lockdown in Lima, Perú. The lockdown in Perú, she says, was very severe: Although Lima is a vibrant, coastal capital city, residents were unable to play sports or walk in the streets. Denegri spent her days teaching, doing yoga and making art with Japanese paper. “I ripped the beautiful washi fibers and put them back together in colorful layers with different opacities,” she says. “I drew and stitched until midnight. I have sewed the Peruvian ocean. Green, blue steel, gray. Sometimes, when the fog gives way to some sunshine, colors vibrate. So do the characters that are in these pieces. They are joyous and vigorous.”

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