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1. *Prenderemos Fuego Al Desierto* 2. *No Esperen Mi Regreso* 3. *Perfume De Tu Piel* 4. *Siempre Eres Tú* 5. *Catedral* 6. *Almost Superstars* 7. *Estremecen* 8. *Armadura* 9. *Insulto* 10. *Cuequita Del Corazón* 11. *Tajo Abierto*

In this third full length album, Francisca explores a powerful, eclectic and adventurous sound, as well as ample lyrical pallet. String quartets, programming, flutes, brass, electric guitars and synths, vocal pads - it's her strongest work yet. No holds barred.

Published by Francisca's own record label, Frantastic Records, Tajo Abierto contains 11 songs -10 songs in Spanish and 1 in English- all written and composed by the singer herself.

As for the album's provocative title: "I chose Tajo Abierto (Sliced Open) for two reasons", says Francisca. "First, when I looked over the songs that would be on the album, I noticed that the body and the anatomical, the corporeal, became a recurring image and topic throughout the album -skin, organs, blood, ventricle, capillary, flesh and so on. Second, the song, 'Tajo Abierto' itself has a sort of representative spirit of the album: it's about being vulnerable, exposed, open; just as you are".

These same themes are the ones that prompted the artwork. Using her own collage work as inspiration and guideline -overlying photos and images and "slicing them open"- Francisca developed the visual concept of the album, and worked on it with longtime collaborator, designer Pablo González. --- corrientelatina.com

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