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EDUCATION

2010 BFA California College of the Arts, *Painting & Animation*, San Francisco, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Living Indigenously*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
Women in Nature: Taking Up Space, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
SWAIA, Fine Art x NFW, Kayla Lookinghorse collaboration, Santa Fe, NM
Roots that crack the concrete, Raven's Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Mujer: Poder y Fuerza, Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Kansas City, MO
MÁS Mujer Exhibit, Monarca Art Space, Kansas City, MO
2024 *Mujer, Women's History Month*, Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Kansas City, MO
2022 *Indigenous Collective, Online Exhibition*, Eugene Brave Rock Dream Catcher Foundation
2017 *Soy Más*, Caelum Gallery, New York, NY
2016 *Fotos y Recuerdos, Online International Exhibition*, Google Arts & Culture
2010 *Shades of Voices*, California College of the Arts Gallery, San Francisco, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Sacred Matriarchs*, NYCH Gallery, Chicago, IL
2023 *Ancestral Identity*, Monarca Art Space, Kansas City, MO
2018 *The Official Danf. Dominican Heritage Night*, Barclays Center, Brooklyn, NY
2015 *Transformation*, Charlotte Street Foundation Gallery, Kansas City, MO
2010 *The American Dream*, California College of the Arts Gallery, San Francisco, CA

ARTIST LECTURES

- 2026 *MMIP NYC+ East Coast Summit*, Featured Artist, Urban Indigenous Collective, New York, NY
2025 *The Cooper Union*, Graduate & Undergraduate studio visit, airbrush demonstration, Brooklyn, NY
2024 *Nuestra Raíces*, A + E Networks, Panelist, New York, NY
Women's History Month, Volar ERG, Duck Creek Technologies, Kansas City, MO
Native American Heritage Month, Culture Crew, Savage X Fenty, Los Angeles, CA
2023 *Cultura in the Park, Youth Art Director*, live painting demonstration, San Jose, CA
2022 *Sharing Cultural Identity Through Art*, Spectrum Reach, New York, NY

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025 *Indigenous Survivors Program*, Urban Indigenous Collective commission, New York, NY
2022 *Raíces Divinas*, Comcast Hispanic Heritage Month commission, New York, NY
2018 *The Bronx Democratic Party*, Deputy Borough President Honoree, commission, Bronx, NY
2014 *56th Annual Grammy Certificate recipient*, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, Graphic Art, Los Angeles, CA
2012 *Motion Graphics Intern*, Goodby Silverstein & Partners, San Francisco, CA

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2026 *MTA*, Provided digital art technical support to artist Camille Hoffman for a commissioned public art installation, assisting with the preparation of designs, New York, NY
Opegtawmetaemoh (Flying Eagle Woman) Survivors Fund, Art auction donation, New York, NY
Explorations: Korina Emmerich and Material Collaboration, Featured collaborator discussing the Andean diaspora, textiles, and representation, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
2024 *Celebration Nation Foundation*, Indigenous Not Immigrant: Curated and juried a community art competition awarding grants to selected artists, *DACA advocacy*, art donation, San Jose, CA
2021 *Border Kindness*, art proceeds for asylum seeker & refugee aid, El Centro, CA

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2025 *Migrant Stories Through Art*, Activista Media, July 15
2024 *Mujer Exhibit Showcases Roles of Women in Society*, KC Hispanic News, March 9
2022 *Connecting Through Creation*, Comcast NBCUniversal, Sept 15
2018 *Acceso Total*, Artist Interview, Telemundo 47 Live Broadcast, Jan 31