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EDUCATION

- 2010 BFA, Painting, Animation, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- Pre College, Painting, Drawing, California College of the Arts, Oakland, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Sacred Matriarchs, NYCH Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2023 Ancestral Identity, Monarca Art Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2022 Cosmic Energy, The Culture Candy, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 Life in Color, Image Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- The Official Danf, Dominican Heritage Night, Barclays Center, Brooklyn, NY 2018
- Transformation, Charlotte Street Foundation Gallery, Kansas City, MO 2015
- The American Dream, California College of the Arts Campus Gallery, San Francisco, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Upcoming: SWAIA Santa Fe Indian Market, Santa Fe, NM Upcoming: Women in Nature: Taking Up Space, Evanston Art Center, Chicago, IL Mujer: Poder y Fuerza, Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Kansas City, MO MAS Mujer Exhibit, Monarca Art Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2024 Mujer, Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Kansas City, MO
- 2022 Indigenous Collective, Dream Catcher Foundation, Online Exhibit
- 2021 Arte y Moda Art Basel, Fashion Designers of Latin America, Miami, FL
- 2019 Soy Mas, Caelum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 Fotos y Recuerdos, Google Arts & Culture Online Exhibit, The Selena Museum, Corpus Christi, TX

AWARDS | INTERNSHIPS

- Grammy Certificate, Pacific Mambo Orchestra 56th Best Tropical Latin Album Art, San Francisco, CA
- Bazillion Pictures, Motion Graphics Intern, Kansas City, MO
- 2011 Goodby, Silverstein & Partners, Motion Graphics Intern, San Francisco, CA

ARTIST LECTURES

- 2024 Nuestra Raices: A journey into Our Hispanic/Latino Heritage, A+E Networks, New York, NY Women's History Month, Volar ERG, Duck Creek Technologies, Boston, MA Native American Heritage Month, The Culture Crew, Savage X Fenty, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Sharing A Cultural Identity Through Art, Spectrum Reach, New York, NY Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Comcast NBC Universal, New York, NY

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

- 2024 Indigenous Not Immigrant, Celebration Nation Foundation, Protest Art, San Jose, CA
- The Revolution, CNF, Indigenous/Latino community empowerment art donation, San Jose, CA 2023 We Are Not The Only Dreamers, CNF, DACA recipient advocation, art donation, San Jose, CA Huelga CNF, Indigenous, Latino farmworker empowerment art donation, San Jose, CA Cultura In The Park, CNF, Indigenous youth director, live art performance, San Jose, CA
- 2021 Border Kindness, Asylum seekers and refugee support art donation, El Centro, CA

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2024 "Mujer" Art Exhibit Showcases Roles of Women in Society, KC Hispanic News, March 9
- 2022 Connecting Through Creation, Comcast NBC Universal, September 15 Stories & Insights Meet Ayala, Canvas Rebel, September 26
- 8 Latinas Who Are Proudly Embracing Their Indigenous Heritage, PopSugar, October 18
- Acceso Total a las pinturas de Ayala, Telemundo 47, January 31 Artist Highlight, Spectrum News NY1, La Calle TV, June 15
- 2017 This Latina Artist is Dominating, Latina Magazine, December 29

PLATFORMS