

VANESSA AYALA

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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 Santa Fe Indian Market: K. Lookinghorse, Fine Art x NFW, 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
MAS Mujer Exhibit, Monarca Art Space, Kansas City, MO
2024 *Mujer, Women's History Month*, Mattie Rhodes Art Center, Kansas City, MO
2022 *Indigenous Collective*, Eugene Brave Rock Dream Catcher Foundation, Online Exhibit
2021 *Art Basel LATAM Arte y Moda*, Powered by FDLA, Miami, FL
2019 *Soy Más*, Caelum Gallery, New York, NY
2017 *Fotos y Recuerdos*, Google Arts & Culture x The Selena Museum, Corpus Christi, TX
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
2022 *Cosmic Energy*, The Culture Candy, Brooklyn, NY
2019 *Life in Color*, Image Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
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

- 2025 *The Cooper Union*, Graduate & Undergraduate studio visit, airbrush demonstration, Brooklyn, NY
2024 *Nuestra Raíces*, A + E Networks, 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
2022 *Sharing Cultural Identity Through Art*, Spectrum Reach, New York, NY
Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Comcast NBC Universal, New York, NY

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 *Raices Divinas*, Comcast Hispanic Heritage Month commission, New York, NY
2018 The Bronx Democratic Party, Deputy Borough President Honoree, commission, Bronx, NY
2013 Grammy Certificate, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, 56th Best Tropical Album Graphic Art
2012 Motion Graphics Animator, Bazillion Pictures, Kansas City, MO
2011 Motion Graphics Intern, Goodby Silverstein & Partners, San Francisco, CA

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2025 *Rebirth of a Nation: Farmworker Protest For Dignity*, digital art donation, Los Angeles, CA
2024 *Indigenous Not Immigrant: Art Contest Curator*, Celebration Nation Foundation, San Jose, CA
2023 *We Are Not the Only Dreamers*, DACA advocacy and original art donation, San Jose, CA
Cultura in the Park: Youth Art Director, live painting demonstration, 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
Stories & Insights: Meet Ayala, Canvas Rebel, Sept 26
2018 *Acceso Total*, Telemundo 47 Live Broadcast, Jan 31
2017 *This Latina Artist is Dominating*, Latina Magazine, Dec 29