VANESSA AYALA

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EDUCATION

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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Living in the Present*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
Urban Indigenous Collective, Please Space Studio, Brooklyn, New York
2025 *Living Indigenously*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
Women in Nature: Taking Up Space, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
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, 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
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 *Raices Divinas*, Comcast Women's History Month Original artwork 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 graphic design technical support to artist Camille Hoffman for commissioned public art installation, assisting with the preparation of digital art, New York, NY.
Opeqtawmetaemoh (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
2025 *Southwestern Association for Indian Arts:* Kayla Lookinghorse collaboration NFW, Santa Fe, NM
2024 *Indigenous Not Immigrant:* Curated and juried a community art competition awarding grants to selected artists with art donations to support *DACA advocacy*, San Jose, CA
2021 *Border Kindness,* art proceeds for asylum seeker & refugee aid, El Centro, CA

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2026 *Delaware Art Museum,* Living in the Present*,* Immaculata Original artwork featured as the official cover image for the group exhibition, DelArt.org/event/living-in-the-present/
2025 *Migrant Stories Through Art,* Activista Media, July 15*,* New York, NY
2024 *Mujer Exhibit Showcases Roles of Women in Society,* KC Hispanic News, March 9
2022 *Connecting Through Creation,* Comcast NBCUniversal, Sept 15