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Education

BFA, Painting & Animation

California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA — 2010

Pre-College, Painting & Drawing

California College of the Arts, Oakland, CA — 2004

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 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 Campus Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 — *Women in Nature: Taking Up Space*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
SWAIA Santa Fe Indian Market: Native Fashion Week Collaboration, Santa Fe, NM
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 Exhibition
2021 — *Arte y Moda Art Basel*, Fashion Designers of Latin America, 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 Campus Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Awards & Professional Experience

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

Artist Talks & Lectures

2025 — *The Cooper Union*, Graduate & Undergraduate Studio Visits + Airbrush Demonstration, Brooklyn, NY
2024 — *Nuestra Raices*, 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

Community Engagement & Activism

2025 — *Rebirth of a Nation*, Farmworker Protest For Dignity painting contributed in solidarity, Los Angeles, CA
2024 — *Indigenous Not Immigrant*, Protest Art Curator, Celebration Nation Foundation, San Jose, CA
2023 — *The Revolution*, original artwork for community empowerment, San Jose, CA
We Are Not the Only Dreamers, DACA advocacy piece donated for awareness, San Jose, CA
Huelga, artwork honoring Indigenous & Latinx farmworker justice, San Jose, CA
Cultura in the Park, Youth Art Director, Live Painting Demonstration, San Jose, CA
2021 — *Border Kindness*, financial contribution supporting asylum seekers & refugees, El Centro, CA

Press & Publications

2025 — *Ayala, 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 NBC Universal, Sept 15
2021 — *8 Latinas Proudly Embracing Indigenous Heritage*, PopSugar, Oct 18
2018 — *Acceso Total*, Telemundo 47 Live Broadcast, Jan 31
Artist Feature, Spectrum News NY1, La Calle TV, June 15
2017 — *This Latina Artist is Dominating*, Latina Magazine, Dec 29