

# FABIÁN DETRÉS

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## BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1978 in Maricao, Puerto Rico, Fabián Detrés began his studies at the Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico (E.A.P.) at the age of 17. In 2001, he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.F.A. in Visual Arts, specializing in Painting, and received the Dr. José R. Oliver medal for academic excellence. During his studies, he was awarded second place in the 1998 Annual Student Exhibition.

In 2000 and 2001, he received scholarships from the Randy Barceló Foundation, recognizing his exceptional contributions to painting. In 2009, he was awarded scholarships from the Karrvaz Foundation and III Millennium Scholarships, enabling him to conduct artistic projects in

Albacete, Spain.

Following Hurricane María in 2017, Detrés paused his artistic career and relocated to the United States, working in the petroleum industry. He resumed his career in 2020 with a solo exhibition, 42 and Reset. Throughout his career, Detrés has been involved in numerous local and international projects, including the Archivo Digital Histórico del Pueblo de Maricao.

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## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

My work explores the complexities of the human psyche, our fragile behaviors, and the subjectivity of perception. Series like Philosopher's Stone, Lunar Circus, and Light and Reflections reflect this introspective and symbolic approach. My philosophy emphasizes that technique and medium should enhance the conceptual narrative, allowing for a fluid and versatile body of work.

The devastation of Hurricane María in 2017 deeply

impacted Puerto Rico and marked a shift in my art, making it more empathic. Migration, a central theme in my recent series, is portrayed as a historical constant and a driver of human progress and evolution. My latest work, La Buena Fortuna, embodies themes of resilience and prosperity, inviting the viewer to reflect on the human condition and transformative potential of art.

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## **EDUCATION**

**2001:** B.F.A. in Painting, Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (Summa Cum Laude)

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## **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

**2023:** Aleatorio, Fabián Detrés Fine Arts, Maricao, PR

**2021:** 42 and Reset, Fabián Detrés Fine Arts, Maricao, PR

**2005:** Luz y Reflejos, Sagrado Corazón University Art Gallery, San Juan, PR

**2004:** El Ave y la Nada, West Gallery, Mayagüez, PR

**2002:** Piedra Filosofal, Cámara de Comercio de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

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## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

**2024:** El Papel como Lienzo, Sala de Exposiciones del Plata, Dorado, PR

Encuentro Magno, The Art House PR, San Juan, PR

**2022:** 18va Bienal de Arte de Ponce, UPR Ponce, Ponce, PR

**2021:** Un lugar en el Mundo, Angora Industrial Park, Caguas, PR

De Verde y Cordillera, Senatorial Gallery Antonio Fas Alzamora, PR Capitol, San Juan, PR

**2013:** Impresiones, Relieves y Resonancias, Museo Dr. Pío López Martínez, UPR, Cayey, PR

**2010:** Retorno, West Gallery, Mayagüez, PR

**2009:** Sobre Papel, West Gallery, Mayagüez, PR

200 dentro de 1, La Respuesta Gallery, San Juan, PR

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## **INTERNATIONAL ART SHOWS**

**2022:** 18va Bienal de Arte de Ponce, UPR Ponce, Ponce, PR

**2011:** XIII Concurso Nacional de Pintura del Natural Casas Ibáñez, C.S.P., Albacete, España

**2007:** Molaa Auction Exhibition 07, Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, California, USA

**2002:** 2do Encuentro Latinoamericano de Artistas

Plásticos, Asociación de Artistas Plásticos del  
Cusco, Perú

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## **INTERNATIONAL ART FAIRS**

**2009:** Art Santa Fe International Contemporary Art  
Fair, Santa Fe Convention Center, California, USA

**2008:** ARWI 3rd International Art Fair, Isla Verde, PR

**2007:** CIRCA Puerto Rico International Art Fair,  
Collateral Material, Parallel Event, San Juan, PR

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## **PUBLIC PROJECTS**

**2005:** Taxi-Galería Public Art Project, Yellow Media,  
San Juan, PR

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## **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Reyes-Veray Collection

Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples Collection

Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA)

Hernández Castrodad Collection

Dra. Marina Torres Collection

E. Reyes Collection

Jiménez-Colón Collection

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## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**2009:** III Millennium Scholarship, Instituto Rural del Arte Hoz del Júcar, Albacete, España

**2005:** UNESCO Medal, Photography Competition,  
Plaza Las Américas, San Juan, PR

**2001:** Dr. José R. Oliver Medal, EAP, San Juan, PR  
Fundación Randy Barceló Scholarship, EAP, San  
Juan, PR

ARCO International Art Fair Student Travel Grant,  
EAP, San Juan, PR

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## **SELECTED ARTICLES**

**2024:** Plasma la migración como tema central de su obra, by Sandra Torres Guzmán, El Nuevo Día, (PR),  
March 24

La memoria postmoderna del artista Fabián Detrés,  
by Jorge Rodríguez, En Rojo (PR), January 31

**2007:** José Fabián Detrés: Versátil-Virtuoso, by  
Manuel Álvarez Lezama, ART Premium (PR), Issue  
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**2005:** Entre Reflejos, by Carmen M. Trelles  
Hernández, Primera Hora (PR), September 1  
El Mundo desde Otra Mirada, by Carmen G. Díaz, El  
Nuevo Día (PR), August 28  
Luz y Reflejos, by Jorge Rodríguez, El Vocero (PR),  
August 30  
Esotérica la Obra de Fabián Detrás, by T. Pérez  
Rivera, El Nuevo Día (PR), December 16

