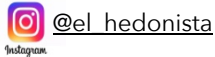


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ARTIST STATEMENT

I am a multi-media artist, multi-disciplinary educator, queer frontierix and global citizen. I work with soft pastels and fine-art photography, but I dabble in acrylics, body painting, oils and illustration. I inherited a masculine exterior that has been intersected with a feminine artistic eye: the two-spirit. I am inspired by dance/movement, pop culture, feminism, urbanism and activism. I am driven by the desire to create a legacy of art that represents marginalized voices and the third spaces created within times of oppression. My artwork is an effervescent sociological analysis where iconic imagery, popular culture and dreams intertwine to create a true narrative of representation specifically in the borderlands.

SUMMARY OF WORK

Dynamic professional with intersectional experiences in advocacy for border youth in educational spaces. Possess a unique understanding of the needs of the border community and the fight for rights under the law. Ability to train and motivate/mobilize youth to accomplish organizational goals and timelines. Visionary leader, creative thinker and problem solver with experience in community building/organizing, committee planning, outreach/social media, organizational behavior, professional staff training, and student leadership training.

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS

2020 Viva La Frida: El Paso's Finest, El Paso, TX

2020 Chicanismos, Hedonismos y Jotería Solo Show: Dulcinea Casa Cultural LGBTQ, Ciudad Juárez, CH, MX

2019 Chicano Existentialisms: This River is of Love (Solo Show), Power at the Pass, El Paso, TX

2019 Pasos Urbanos: A Photographic Narrative of Borderlands Downtown Culture, El Paso Museum of History

2019 Standing in the Light: Queer Culture in Art, Literature and Music. Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces, NM

2019 Voice of Change: LGBTQ Activism. Branigan Cultural Center, Las Cruces, NM

2019 Featured Artist, Last Thursday's Art Walk. El Paso, TX

2018 Chalk the Block, El Paso, TX

2018 ConFIGURation, El Paso Art Association, El Paso, TX

2016 International Women's Day Art Show, NMSU, Las Cruces, NM

2009 Capirotada Art Show, Chicano Humanities and Art Council, Denver, CO

2008 Día del Niño Art Show, Bo Matthews Center for Excellence, Denver, CO

2007 Freedom Unleashed: Marginalized Voices (art exhibit), Denver, CO

SPEAKING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS:

- 2020 "Conversations with Vero: Art, Resistance and Community" an Instagram Live event with El Paso Mayoral Candidate Verónica Carbajal
- 2020 Guest Lecturer, "Activate Community Virtual Series: Strategizing & Thriving through COVID 19:" Tacoma Community College
- 2019 Guest Lecturer, "Border Conversations" Tacoma Community College. Tacoma, WA
- 2019 Panelist, "Sipping the Rainbow Tea: A Conversation on the Experiences, Identities and Terminology of the LGBTQ+ Community" Borderland Rainbow Center & UTEP. El Paso, TX
- 2019 Facilitator "Anti-white supremacy training for professional staff, with a focus on decolonizing methods, intersectionality, image creation and follow up." Hope Border Institute. El Paso, TX
- 2019 Paso del Sur: Community-based art project "Mi Duranguito Bonito." Assisting in renovation/beautification of a historic immigrant neighborhood located in downtown El Paso. Under the guidance of organizational leadership, I have painted small murals and assisted with other activities such as seeking vendors for markets, hanging art for shows and educating public about the historical importance of neighborhood. El Paso, TX
- 2018 Guest Lecturer: "Raíces de Resistencia" NMSU Mujeres y Hombres Activistas Revolucionarios Student Organization, discussing community organizing, leadership and the use of art in social justice movements. Las Cruces, NM
- 2018 Border AIDS Foundation Partnership: donated art for the Día de los Muertos Art Auction. El Paso, TX
- 2018 Suncity Pride: donated art for annual Suncity Pride Art Auction. El Paso, TX
- 2017 Facilitator: "Art, Justice and Leadership" Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference. Santa Fe, NM
- 2013 "Hip Hop and Social Justice" Co-Presented with Martha Estrada at the Southwest HEP/CAMP Student Leadership Conference, Santa Fe, NM
- 2012 Facilitator, "Creating a Student Leadership Conference" Co-presented w/ Martha Estrada, Ivan Olay & Robert Garcia at the National HEP/CAMP Association Conference. Albuquerque, NM
- 2010 "CAMP Peer Mentoring Programs" Co-Presenter with Martha Estrada, National HEP/CAMP Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013-2016 Student Organization Advisor, NMSU CAMP Student Council, Las Cruces, NM (not associated with professional responsibilities): Advise the CAMP Student Council with fundraising and event planning. Mobilized youth to represent farmworkers needs at the local and state level. Served as the student organization professional staff advisor. Successfully guided student members, which focused on community service and farm-worker advocacy. The organization was awarded the "NMSU Student Organization of the Year" in 2015 under my guidance.
- 2010-2016 Amigos de las Mujeres de Juárez, Las Cruces, NM: Assist local NGO to promote awareness on gender violence along the U.S.-Mexican border through social media and e-mail.

2008 - 2009, Mentor/tutor at Denver Metro Partners, Denver, CO: Promoted academic excellence for inner-city children.

Mentored youth on a one-to-one basis and tutored in a group setting. Coordinated and facilitated art workshops for students. Advocated for cultural, artistic and self- improvement within the children.

MEDIA

El Paso News "Resistance Dance: The Art of José Montoya

<https://elpasonews.org/2020/06/25/resistance-dance-the-art-of-jose-montoya/?fbclid=IwAR3vxsfQxyjoHUHD5OgFf5BC-o17CIYOmpRuRXS26LfqFDo46Sgzl7GYVk>

KTEP State of the Arts:

<https://www.ktep.org/post/state-arts-artist-jose-montoya?fbclid=IwAR0AT5LP-2XpuUZwKwg4OxY29RbICPRPeXyOzNLEcQqOKnL88dw88DSIKaw>

Tacoma Community College Office of Student Engagement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odXGku2eVow>

El Paso Harold Post

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXKnZAlhd5Q&feature=emb_title

Power at the Pass: The BWOM's Podcast

<https://soundcloud.com/bwoms/ep48>