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MARTIN M. ZUBIA

Blaster is a born and raised El Paso painter currently producing work in the Downtown Arts District of his hometown. He began exploring graffiti art in his early youth and has since embraced elements from the street in his craft. Attending the University of Texas at El Paso in his later years refined his methods and techniques, influencing his work and ultimately harnessing a hybrid style from both the streets and fine art.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS // PAINTING



-  University Of Texas at El Paso
GPA: 3.80
-  2014

HONORS & AWARDS

MAGNA CUM LAUDE HONORS

-  UTEP College of Liberal Arts
Dean's List
-  Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013

ART DEPARTMENT // OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

-  Three Dimensional Studio Art 2014
-  Two Dimensional Studio Art 2014

EXHIBITIONS & EXPERIENCE

2020

- "Ghetto Blaster" private painting commission, El Paso, TX
- "El Chuco" El Paso graffiti themed private painting commission, El Paso, TX
- "Salud Your Star" Estrella Jalisco Artist in Residence Program for "Mija Yes You Can" Community Mural, El Paso, TX
- "Dame Un Besito" Public Mural, Morra Mia, El Paso, TX
- "Texas Flag" Public Mural Collaboration , Kansas Parking Facility, El Paso, TX

2019

- "Peter Herrera Tribute Mural" Collaboration, El Paso Sheriff Department Substation, Clint, TX
- "Para Nosotros" M.C.A.D Artist Incubator Program Community Mural, El Paso, TX
- "Chuco Strong" Art Show Fundraiser, El Paso Community Foundation Gallery, El Paso, TX
- "Anniversary Art Exhibit" for Kalavera Culture Shop, Roderick Artspace, El Paso, TX
- "Neon Desert Music Festival" Showcase Artist, El Paso, TX
- "Star City Tattoo Expo" Showcase Artist, El Paso, TX
- "Robochota" Community Mural Collaboration, San Carlos Building, El Paso, TX

2018

- "Sacred Heart Church Community Mural" Collaboration, Sacred Heart Church, El Paso, TX
- "En La Frontera" Community Mural Collaboration, El Paso, TX
- "Chalk the Block" Showcase Artist, Live Mural, Civic Center, El Paso, TX
- "Endangered Species" Mural Collaboration funded by Center For Biological Diversity, Civic Center, El Paso, TX
- "Neon Desert Music Festival" Featured Live Painting, El Paso, TX
- "Marfa Iconographic Mural" Collaboration, Old Kasner Building, Marfa, TX
- "1954 Miles" Curated Show Mural titled "Del Chuco", Wave Pool Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" Solo Painting Exhibition, Roderick Artspace Lofts, El Paso, TX
- "Star City Tattoo Expo" Featured Artists Live Painting, El Paso, TX
- "El Paso Masters" Local Iconographic Mural Collaboration, Roderick Artspace Lofts, El Paso, TX

● 2017

- "El Chewco" Jarritos Mural Collaboration, Santa Fe and Third Street, El Paso, TX
- "Artspace Grand Opening Exhibition", Artspace Lofts, El Paso, TX
- "Gardens of Earthly Delights" El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX
- "Chalk The Block" Showcase Artist, El Paso, TX
- "Hip Hop Legends" Dedication Mural, The Ville, El Paso, TX
- "El Chuco" Kalavera Culture Shop, Artspace Lofts, El Paso, TX

● 2016

- "Soldier's Cross" Memorial Mural, Superstar Motors, El Paso, TX
- "Chalk the Block" Event Artist, El Paso, TX
- "Amor por Juarez" Megamural Design Artist, Cd. Juarez, Mexico
- "Space Cadet" Art Education Mural, Desert Wind Middle School, Horizon, TX
- "La Raza no se Rinde" Community Mural, Zaragoza and Padilla, El Paso, TX

● 2015

- "Tacultura" Award Winner, Amor Por Juarez, El Paso, TX
- "Arte Con Corazon" Winchester House Benefit Event, El Paso, TX
- "One Family One Division", Del Valle High School, El Paso, TX
- "Paint it Back" United States Flag Mural, Congressman Sylvestre and Carolina Reyes Elementary School, El Paso, TX
- Community Mural, Zaragoza and Padilla, El Paso, TX
- "Here & Now Regional Juried Exhibition", Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces, NM
- Sacred Heart Church Gymnasium Mural Restoration, El Paso, TX
- Community Mural, Zaragoza and Padilla, El Paso, TX

● 2014

- "Taste the Arts" Event Mural, Visalia, CA
- "U.T.E.P. Annual Student Juried Exhibition", El Paso, TX
- "Advanced Auto Parts Monster Jam", Vehicle Contest Artist, El Paso, TX
- "Sacred Heart" Community Mural, Oregon St. and Father Rahm, El Paso, TX

● 2013

- "Fresh Produce" Chalk the Block Pop-up Galleries, El Paso, TX
- El Paso Second Ward Historic Mural, St. Vrain and Seventh St, El Paso, TX
- Community Mural, Delta and Coles, El Paso, TX
- Community Mural, Cotton and Myrtle, El Paso, TX
- "Summer Exhibition", El Paso International Museum of Art, El Paso, TX
- "Advanced Auto Parts Monster Jam", Vehicle Contest Artist, El Paso, TX

PUBLICATIONS

- KVIA-7, "ABC-7's Iris Lopez honored with mural following work with 'Mija, Yes You Can'" by Kate Bieri, September 15, 2020
- El Diario, "Inmortaliza Muralista el Empoderamiento Femenino" by Sabrina Zuniga, September 15, 2020, Front Page
- El Paso Times, "Ready for Chalk the Block this weekend? Here are five things to look out for" by Maria Cortes Gonzales, October 8, 2019
- El Diario, "Rinde Homenaje a Iconos de la Frontera" by Luis Hernandez, March 2018, Front Page
- KFOX14 Carpe Diem, "Urban Arts in the Borderland" by Erika Castillo, September 2016
- El Paso Times, "Paint Progress" by Rudy Gutierrez, July 28, 2015, Front Page
- The New York Times, "Texas, 3 Ways" by Robert Draper, November 2014
- The Art Avenue Magazine, "Life and Choices" by Aracely Lazcano, September/October 2013, Issue 4, pp. 48-51