
Red Rojas

Body Artist

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Red
Gender Queer/ 2 Spirit
pronouns : they/ them

ABOUT

Red Rojas is a 2 Spirit Queer Xicanx Gem, born and raised in Yanawana, Somi Se'k (occupied and missionized San Antonio, Tx) of Purépecha and Chichimeca lineage. They find purpose in being of service to community and connecting with others through art, medicine, dance and palabra. Red is an interdisciplinary freelance artist with a focus in their sacred body paintings and tattoos. Red is a Tlacuilo (artist) for the Kalpulli Ayolopaktzin, co-founder / tlacuilo of De Corazon Circles consulting firm, and Executive Assistant for Yanawana Herbolarios.

Red serves many roles in the community, and holds medicine that they offer with the guidance of their ancestors and teachers, with compassionate accountability and radical love. Red sets the intentions of reconnecting with ancestral Knowledge and teachings. They are actively decolonizing and centering community care while prioritizing BITQPOC. Carrying collective dreams of liberation and living in harmony with community and Mother Earth,

SKILLS

Natural leader; organizing and delegating tasks effectively. Very skilled in time management.. Easily processes information to understand problems and create quick and effective solutions. Proactive. Bilingual Fluent in Spanish. Works and communicates well with others in a fast paced environment. Detail oriented to provide reliable and quality work. Artistic and musically inclined. Free-lance artist of 5 years, great managing skills.

Technical skills; Tattoo artist, Body Painter, Face painter, oil and acrylic on canvas, muralist, dry and wet media; charcoal, graphite, color pastel and India ink. Basic building skills, for sculpture building. Basic first aid skills, wound care, basically apothecarian skills, basic herbalist skills, de-escalation skills,

skills in grounding and mediation. Skills in community organizing, event organizing, leadership.

EXPERIENCE

Beyond the Canvas SA, Guadalupe St- *Body Paint Lead Artist*

July 2017 - August 2020

- Conduct and host monthly leadership meetings, paint jams, and body painting workshops to raise awareness within the community.
- Organize and participate/ showcase in exhibitions such as
 - MOMO Fest
 - HairPalooza
 - Corpus Christi Comic Con
 - Austin Comic Con.
 - San Japan San Antonio
 - Annual Summer Showcases at Brick at Blue star, and the Amp Room
 - Body Painting Gallery of Dallas
 - Austin Art Space
- Networking
- Award winning artists in San Antonio and surrounding cities.

The MOMO Experience- *Assistant to coordinator*

June 2016- Present

- Assist in meetings and calls
- Organizer for body paint exhibition

Color Instinct, Market Square- *Face Painter and Henna Artist*

August 2016- August 2020

- Face paint
- Henna body art
- Tattoo airbrush art
- Travel to Floresville, Weimar, and other surrounding cities

Plastik Factory - *Leader for LGBTQ creative group*

August 2019- August 2020

- Creative director
- Event organizer
- Networking
- Guiding youth
- Collaborate with charities and give back to community
- Merchandise and logos

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- House those in need of a safe space
 - Hold space for community
 - Performance artist

Self Employed- *Reds Body Art*

June 2016- present

- Tattoo artist with 8 years of experience; apprenticeship at Dirty Daves Tattoo Shop SATX
- Face paint, body paint, and henna body art for clients
- Body Paint performance Artist
- Commission paintings and murals
- Grassroots Community leader / activist
- Educator, offering classes and workshops on canvas painting, body painting, and face painting.
- Performed at Mexicarte in ATX

RedJay- *Professional Freelance Painters*

October 2020- present

- Hand painted sugar skull masks
- Hand painted ceramic earrings
- Hand painted goods
- Face painting
- Murals

De Corazon Circles - LLC- *co-founder*

February 2021- present

- Curriculum illustration
- Training in facilitation and circle keeping
- Graphic design
- Knowledge share through zines

Yanawana Herborlarios- non-profit organization - *Executive Assistant*

July 2020- present

- Street Medic Providing free integrative health clinics to underserved communities
- ReLearning ancestral / resilience skills
- Apothecary Manager : Harvesting and making culturally appropriate, botanical medicines

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- Event coordinator : organizing Feria de Resistencia
 - Junior mediator
 - Medicine maker
 - Knowledge sharing in the form of zines and coloring book.
 - Brightening up headquarters by painting art

EDUCATION

Karen Wagner High School, 3000 N. Foster Rd San Antonio TX 78244

- High School Diploma

August 2010 - June 2013

Coursework Completed GPA: 3.3 of a maximum of 3.8

San Antonio College, 1819 N. Main Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212-

Associates of Art

August 2013 - May 2018

GPA: 3.3 of a maximum of 3.8

Yanawana Herbolarios 1003 Creekview Dr. San Antonio TX 78228-

Medic - Healer Program

August 2020 - present

AWARDS

Musician: Flute player in Wagner High School Marching Band.

USSBA State Championship three years in a row (2010,2011,2012).

In 2012, Wagner Marching Band Placed first out of 120 bands and were named the Grand Champion and National Champion of the US Bands Open National Championships, at the Metlife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. with a score of 97.52.

Wagner won first place at all of our competitions for the 2011-2012 marching season.

Artist:

2017 Corpus Christi Body Paint Festival: awarded 2nd place for my body paint, and 1st place for fan favorite for my body paint on Gloria Bueno.

2017 and 2018 Texas Body Paint Competition: awarded 2nd place for my body paint on Annette Terrazas.

2019 Corpus Christi Body Paint Festival: awarded 1st place, body paint assisted by Aleeya Perida on Devin Gonzalez

2019 3rd place Texas Body Paint Competition, assisted by Divina Selles painted on Annette Terrazas.

Bilingual: Fluent in English. Fluent in Spanish, took Spanish for Spanish speakers in high school. 8 credits in College Spanish Language. Certified in beginners American Sign Language.