

## **ANGEL MORENO**

Artist

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### **BIO**

Angel Moreno is a contemporary realist painter and draftsman based in San Antonio, TX. Born in Mexico City, he grew up admiring the works of the three giants of Mexican muralism; Rivera, Orozco and Siqueiros. His distinctive personal style emanates joy and peace and expresses the vibrant spirit and atmosphere of his culture. As a classically trained musician, he incorporates elements of music into his visual work to create rhythmic visual experiences that evoke emotional responses. He is currently working on his first series of oil paintings called *Los Luchadores*, an exciting and colorful body of work that marks the beginning of his professional career and the happiest moment of his life.

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

I enjoy precision and expression, and everything I do is executed with a purpose through discipline, patience and determination as I continue to evolve as a person, and most importantly as an artist. Painting helps me see the world in different ways, it helps me think, it helps me breathe; when I paint, I enter this peaceful, joyful state of mind where I am fully alert with what I think and in full balance with emotions. When I paint, I am myself.

During these past few months, I have been working on a body of work that consist of drawings and paintings that examine my own identity in times of world health crisis, social/racial unrest, and what appears to be the rise of fascism in America. Things that have made me consider my purpose in this world, my duty as a citizen, and the fragility of my own humanity. This work is based on observation and imagination following a path of discovery of new techniques, methods and materials (oil, watercolor, ink, pastel, graphite and charcoal) that I hope will lead the viewers on an introspective exploration about their views, actions, and their impact on the world.

### **EDUCATION**

Augusta University | Augusta, GA | BFA | 2021

Concentration in Drawing and Painting

### **COURSES**

2022 Boston Academy of Realist Art - Chiaroscuro Crash Course with Eric Johnson

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

2020 Artists Guild of Columbia County - Selected by the Board of Directors

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## **AWARDS**

- 2021 Morris Museum of Art, Honorable Mention - Selected by Museum Director
- 2020 Gertrude Herbert Freeman Schoolcraft Award - Selected by Institute Director
- 2020 The Art and Design Student Leadership Certificate - Selected by Faculty

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2022 Sand Hills Literary Magazine - *Remembrance* - Student Contest Winner

## **EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 Blue Demon, Cien Miradas, Un Centenario - Universidad La Salle, Mexico
- 2022 Día de Muertos Group Exhibition - The Shops at La Cantera, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 Biergarten - Collaborative Mural. Draft Society Taproom. Augusta, GA
- 2021 Imagination, Color and Joy - Solo Exhibition, Columbia County Library
- 2021 Senior Exhibition - Unusual Times, Mary S. Byrd Gallery
- 2021 Student Juried Exhibition, Mary S. Byrd Gallery
- 2020 Belair K-8 Collaborative Mural, Augusta GA
- 2020 Student Juried Exhibition, Mary S. Byrd Gallery
- 2019 Paint, Pencil and Pastel, 600 Broad
- 2019 Peach Belt Art Exhibition, PBC Online Exhibition
- 2019 Student Juried Exhibition, Mary S. Byrd Gallery
- 2019 Cast Offs Plaster Show, The Towers, Augusta University
- 2019 Cardboard Carnival, The Towers, Augusta University