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Active artist in the community for the past five years, Meléndez is constantly networking with the art community through events, confident and consistently learning and practicing new concepts which has led to excellent organization and event planning skills.

EXPERIENCE

ART WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE:

Saturday Morning Discovery program, November 2023, **UTSA SOUTHWEST**

Educator at UTSA Southwest Campus Saturday Morning Discovery program, which provides free art classes for children. Helped design engaging workshops to foster creativity and artistic expression.

Fiesta Arts Fair, April 2023, **UTSA SOUTHWEST**

Artist at Fiesta Art Fair in charge of repoussé workshop for children with the help of volunteers. Managed the entire booth for the two-day event, ensuring children completed their art projects and took home unique creations. Primary role involved orchestrating a seamless and enriching experience, blending hands-on guidance with organizational expertise.

COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS:

Featured Artist 2023, **LUMINARIA CONTEMPORARY ART FESTIVAL**

Featured artist at Luminaria Contemporary Art Festival, crafted an 8 by 8-foot mural celebrating Puerto Rican heritage and San Antonio community. Engaged with 200-300 participants of all ages throughout the night, facilitating a collaborative painting experience.

Individual Artist Project 2023 grant recipient, **CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE**

Recipient of the 2023 Individual Artist Grant, which led to the creation of a 6 by 8-foot mural featuring a realistic portrait of maternal grandmother set against an illustrated landscape. The background of the mural was painted during a curated event hosted in collaboration with CENTRO San Antonio at Peacock Alley, providing an interactive experience for attendees who contributed to the artwork. In adherence to grant agreements, the completed mural was unveiled at the same venue, showcasing meticulous final touches and marking the completion of the project.

JOB EXPERIENCES:

Certified and licensed Pharmacy Technician, **GENOA PHARMACY/ CVS PHARMACY**

Over 10 years' experience, responsibilities include transcribing prescriptions, filling patient medications, and retail customer service in a precise and efficient manner. Handling of insurance claims/prior authorizations. Managing patient disputes of medications and resolving issues in a professional and respectable manner.

EDUCATION

■ **MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST**, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Graduated with bachelor's in medical laboratory science in December 2019.