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BIO

Bernadette Peña is an artist, culturalist, and social entrepreneur from San Antonio. Her passion for photography and storytelling is reflected in her unique ability to capture the essence of culture, stories, and people through her art and programming. Peña is the owner and Creative Director of Miella Media, a company dedicated to promoting cultural identity and literacy through its media properties, the *Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers*[™], *Brava: A Celebration of Women*[™] and cultural arts program, Vivan Los Niños. She has exhibited her work at colleges, universities, primary and secondary schools, corporations, and youth organizations and featured in various publications.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Artist and Curator, *Uvalde: Siempre Contigo* Exhibition, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
- 2022- Founder and Creative Director, *Vivan Los Niños Cultural Arts Festival*[™]
- 2019- Artist, *Brava: A Celebration of Women*[™]
- 2018- Artist, *Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers*[™]

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 “San Antonio Stories,” San Antonio Voyage Magazine
- 2018 “Good Works: Art exhibit show children as they dream to be,” San Antonio Business Journal, Andi Rodriguez
“Photos show San Antonio kids dressed up as Manu Ginobili, Selena, other Hispanic innovators’ “San Antonio Express News, Madalyn Mendoza

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Bilingue,” Student Conference, Edgewood Independent School District, San Antonio, TX
“Hispanic Heritage Month” University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 “The Power of Our Identity,” Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
“Hispanic Heritage Month” University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX
“Damas in Leadership” Student Conference, Edgewood Independent School District, San Antonio, TX
“Latinx Heritage Month” Alamo Colleges, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 “Women in Photography,” Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
“The Latina Identity,” Latina Leadership Institute, San Antonio, TX

Artist Talk, “Beyond Hispanic Heritage Month,” Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

- 2020 “Women Entrepreneurs,” Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
- 2019 “Women in Storytelling,” Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 “Women in Photography,” Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Uvalde: Siempre Contigo*, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
Brava: A Celebration of Women™, Alamo Colleges, San Antonio, TX
Brava: A Celebration of Women™, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX
“*San Antonio Stories*,” Centro San Antonio’s Art Everywhere Project, Public Art Installation, San Antonio, TX
“*Stories of Nuestra Gente*,” Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™, Stevens High School, San Antonio, TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™ Second Edition, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX
Latina’s Con Fuerza, South Texas Business Partnership, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 *Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™* Second Edition, IKEA, San Antonio, TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™, Edgewood Independent School District, San Antonio, TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™, Permanent Installation, Roosevelt Elementary, Edgewood Independent School District, San Antonio, TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™, University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX
“*Stories of Nuestra Gente*,” Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio TX
- 2021 *Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™*, Permanent Installation, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
“*Stories of Nuestra Gente*,” Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio TX
- 2019 *Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™*, IKEA, Live Oak, TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 *Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™*, San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, TX
Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers™, VIA Metropolitan Transit, San Antonio, TX

AWARDS

- 2023 “Latina Entrepreneur of the Year,” Nominee, Latina Style Magazine, Houston, TX
“Estrella de Tejas,” Award Recipient, Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 “Hermana Award,” Hispanic Women’s Network of Texas, San Antonio, TX