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Artist Bio:

Vanessa Mercedes Harriss (née Aguilar) was born in Northern California in 1995. She started her painting career in Sacramento, California where she spent her time building foundational skills. After high school she began a nomadic undergraduate education studying for her Bachelor's of Art at Sacramento State, then Kansas State, and the Evergreen State College in the Olympia, Washington where she completed her last year of her Bachelor's of art degree with an emphasis on visual arts. Vanessa is currently working in Tacoma Washington as a museum educator, and is continuously pursuing artistic opportunities.

Artist Statement:

A lot of my work has a sense of surrealism and is very self reflective. Color and vibrancy play an important role in my work. I often use bold color to mask the darker undertones of the subject matter. Within my art I focus on themes of bringing the psychological into the physical with magical realist/surreal self-portraits that address personal trauma, and issues of cultural identity.

Highlights:

Education

- 2021 Bachelors of Arts, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

Emphasis: Visual Arts

Exhibitons

- 4 Year Anniversary group exhibition February 4th-February 26th 2023, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA.

- 16th Annual CVG Juried Show, January 14th-February 24th 2023, Collective Visions Gallery, Bremerton WA.
- Nuestros Saberes group exhibition January 7th-January 29th 2023, Curated by Eileen Jimenez, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA
- Art Under \$100 group exhibition December 10th-December 24th 2022, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA.
- Dia de Los Muertos group exhibition October 1st-October 30th 2022, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA.
- Chicano Art Not Yet at the Cheech group exhibition September 3rd-September 25th 2022, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA.
- Birds of Mexico & Latin America solo exhibition August 29th-September 2022, Tiny Art Gallery on Cedar Street, Tacoma WA.
- Art with Heart & Hope exhibition October 28th, 2021, Universal Preservation Hall, Saratoga Springs NY.
- Fantastic Impossibilities: Achieving and Undermining Dysfunction group exhibition July 21st-23rd 2021, Olympia Lamplighters, Olympia WA.
- Submergence: Below the Surface with Orca and Salmon Multi-Media exhibition June 2021-July 2021, Jack Straw Cultural Center, Seattle WA.
- Creators of FORM group art show September 2016 - R.W. Witt Gallery California State University Sacramento, Sacramento CA.



Other works:

