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Bio

I am Luis Tinoco, a Mexican American painter born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. I've been active as a gallery artist since 2009. I produced my first solo show in April 2016, entitled "Beauty & The Streets" – A focus on empowered female subjects via emotive figurative portraits surrounded by graffiti heavy backgrounds to highlight the harmony of beautiful and tough women and stark urban environments. "Chingonas" was a body of work created as a postscript to "Beauty & The Streets". A three person show, co-produced by me and featured in Remezcla.

"Flowers Do Grow In Hell" was my 2nd solo show, which showcased my interpretation on the motif and celebration of Dia De Los Muertos. Taking inspiration from Baroque era style using gold leaf and religious iconography, as well as modern street style to blend them together to create a moodier, darker but overall vibrant feel.

"Nocturnal Colours" (2017-2022) is focused on mainly women of color, set in stylized and surrealistic environments. Figurative works of women in punk/goth aesthetics surrounded by vibrant neon colored lights and pop culture details are captured in arresting cinematic moments. The paintings aim to blur the lines between a surreal reality and a melancholy dream.

Key Achievements: In 2020 my painting "Sister Midnight" was on exhibition at The De Young Museum in San Francisco for the first "De Young Open Exhibition".

In 2021 I was selected by Everydayoriginal.com to be a part of their "Newbie November" campaign to sell original artwork exclusively through their artist community platform. I was selected to return to sell original artwork exclusively through their site from 2022 - 2023.

In 2022 I was selected by WOW x WOW to exhibit and sell my work through their platform wowxwow.com WOW x WOW is a UK based, progressive online gallery and art resource specializing in exhibiting, promoting and celebrating the very best New Contemporary Art from around the world and founded in 2014.

Statement

"Night Wave" is the next phase of my series "Nocturnal Colours". Neon sign making is a slowly dying art form. However, nightlife subcultures are keeping neon signs alive via theaters, liquor stores, dive bars, diners, tattoo shops and adult entertainment. The representational work focuses on mainly women of color in contemplative moods, set in a nightlife landscape full of real and imagined vibrant neon signs. Leather, pop culture, punk/goth and other aesthetics are captured in compositions reminiscent of old master paintings.

Achievements/ Competitions

2020 - The De Young Museum - San Francisco, CA - "The De Young Open Exhibition"

2017 - Gross Magazine "RELISH Vol. 1" - San Francisco, CA - Magazine Release and Art Show

2015 - White Walls Gallery - San Francisco, CA - Bombay Artisan Series Regional Semifinals

Solo Exhibitions

2018 - Oros Gallery, San Francisco, CA - "Flowers Do Grow In Hell"

2016 - Galeria Beso Maya - Oakland, CA - "Beauty & The Streets"

Online Group Exhibitions

2023 - August - Every Day Original

2023 - May - Every Day Original

2023 - February - Every Day Original

2022 - November - Every Day Original

2022 - August - Every Day Original

2022 - Monochromatic 5 - WOW X WOW

2022 - May - Every Day Original

2022 - February - Every Day Original

2021 - November Newbie - Every Day Original

Group Exhibitions

2023 - Helvella Art - Oakland, CA "Arte Picante"

2023 - La Luz De Jesus Gallery - Los Angeles, CA "EBTKS 2023"

2023 - Modern Eden Gallery - San Francisco, CA "Beyond Original, Portrait Show 11"

2023 - Helvella Art - Oakland, CA "Bring Me Across The Sea"

2022 - Mirus Gallery - San Francisco, CA "16x16"

2022 - Modern Eden Gallery - San Francisco, CA "Portrait Show X"

2022 - Helvella Art - Oakland, CA "Wonderland"

2022 - Mirus Gallery - San Francisco, CA "LOCAL LEGENDS"

2022 - Mirus Gallery - San Francisco, CA "SKATE"

2021 - Modern Eden Gallery - San Francisco, CA "Portrait Show IX"

2020 - 111 Minna Gallery - San Francisco, CA - "Return of Discolandia"

2019 - Studio Gallery - San Francisco, CA - "Tiny Show"

2019 - Fleetwood SF - San Francisco, CA - "100 Under 100"

2019 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Arte Para La Gente"

2019 - The Hive Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Haunted House"

2019 - La Bodega Gallery - San Diego, CA - "Full Moon"

2019 - The Press Room - Santa Barbara, CA - "Drinks on Me Coaster Show"

2018 - Wonderland Gallery - San Francisco, CA - "Discolandia II"

2018 - Fleetwood SF - San Francisco, CA - "100 Under 100"

2018 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Holiday Art Show"

2018 - The Hive Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Femme Fatale"

2018 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "13th Anniversary Exhibition"

2017 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "12th Annual Holiday Exhibition"

2017 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Recuerdos"

2017 - La Luz De Jesus Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Coaster Show 2017"

2017 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "12th Anniversary Exhibition"

2017 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Doce 12x12 Silent Auction"

2017 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Pasion De Frida Group Show 2017"

2017 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Chingonas rEvolution" - 4 person show

2017 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "LUXE"

2016 - Menagerie - Sacramento, CA - "Stranger Things Group Show"

2016 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Small Works"

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2016 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "11th Anniversary Exhibition"
2016 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Altars de Amor"
2016 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "All Things Frida!"
2016 - Public Works SF - San Francisco, CA - "The Murray Invitational. A Bill Murray Art Exhibition"
2016 - Sanchez Contemporary - Oakland, CA - "Pasion De Frida Group Show 2016"
2016 - The Hive Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Uneasy Lies The Head That Wears The Crown"
2016 - Studio One Art Center - Oakland, CA - "A Portrait In Diversity"
2015 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "10th Annual Holiday Exhibition"
2015 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "October Group Show"
2015 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Chimmaya Gallery 10th Anniversary Show"
2015 - Studio Gallery - San Francisco, CA - "Make It Work"
2015 - Roll Up Gallery - San Francisco, CA - "Retratos"
2015 - Chimmaya Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - "Sagrado Corazón"
2014 - Public Works SF - San Francisco, CA - The Murray Affair: The Bill Murray Art Show
2014 - Balançoire - San Francisco, CA - Nicolas Cage Art Show
2014 - 423 West Gallery - Los Angeles, CA - Guilty Kiss: Gustav Klimt Inspired Art
2013 - Muddy Waters Cafe - Santa Barbara, CA - Noche De Los Muertos: Loteria
2013 - Blackbird Studios - Las Vegas, NV - Dr. Seuss: A Tribute
2013 - Blackbird Studios - Las Vegas, NV - The Greatest Show on Earth
2013 - South First Billiards - San Jose, CA - Subzero
2012 - Trais Gallery - New York, NY - Bring Back The Boardwalks Silent Art Auction Fundraiser
2012 - Antonio's Nut House - Palo Alto, CA - Painted Ceiling Tile Installation
2012 - The Sun Gallery - Hayward, CA - Dedicated To You
2012 - 1015 Folsom - San Francisco, CA - RAW Artists San Francisco
2011 - Mezza Luna Restaurant and Bar - Half Moon Bay, CA - Half Moon Bay Relay for Life Fundraiser
2011 - WWA Gallery - Culver City, CA - Lunch Bunch Art Fundraiser
2011 - Blackbird Studios - Las Vegas, NV - JAPAN AID - A Japanese Relief Silent Auction
2011 - Salon Kavi - San Mateo, CA - Group Art Show
2010 - Blackbird Studios - Las Vegas, NV - Halloween Group Art Show
2010 - Blackbird Studios - Las Vegas, NV - "Life Comes in Pairs" 2 Person Show
2009 - Club 6 - San Francisco, CA - Hyphen Magazine 6 Year Anniversary - Live Painting

Media Features

2022 - Juxtapoz

<https://www.juxtapoz.com/news/installation/mirus-gallery-san-francisco-looks-at-the-local-legends/>

2020 - Voyage LA - <http://voyagela.com/interview/meet-luis-tinoco-grimhearts1985-oakland/>

2017 - Remezcla - <http://remezcla.com/features/culture/tertulia-coffee-oakland/>

2011 - MLovesm.com

2016 - SF Weekly -

<http://www.sfweekly.com/exhibitionist/2016/07/18/ezra-croft-wants-you-to-come-get-your-bill-murray-on>

2014 - The Creators Project -

<http://thecreatorsproject.vice.com/blog/we-talked-to-the-curator-organizing-a-bill-murray-themed-art-exhibition>

2013 - Suicide Girls Blog -

<http://suicidegirlsblog.com/blog/the-art-of-suicidegirls-feat-luis-tinoco-a-k-a-xtinocox/>

Published Media

[2018 October- The Art of Being Bill: Bill Murray and the Many Faces of Awesome](#)

2017 July - Gross Magazine - RELISH Vol. 1
2016 - Strangeways Magazine - No. 5 Vol. 3 - October 2016
2013 - Catapult Magazine Issue 0612.v10

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