

Artist Statement

Past & Present work by: Fernando (Force 129) Amaro Jr B. 1980, Artist & designer currently living & working in San Jose, CA.

This exhibition highlights my love for self expression sharing available past & present art works created by Force 129 using a variety of mediums to create figurative, abstract, contemporary mixed media original handmade works of art on paper, canvas & wood as well as found objects.

Creating art has always been my goto thing from an early age as far back as I can remember my older sister shared with me graffiti drawing and photos that blew my mind and I was hooked. Next thing you know all I wanted to do was draw draw & keep drawing. Instead of going to play with my friends, I would rather be alone and drawing practicing graffiti letters this was way before the internet so I would come to the library and look at art books like my life depended on it.

Everything and anything I did was art related. Next thing you know I was given the name “force” by an old friend & mentor named Raphael in 9th grade he said I was a positive force connecting people & spreading love and the rabbit hole / inspiration got deeper & deeper and I came across Spray Can Art and then Malicious Mischief what I thought was the freshest movie I ever seen soon to find out about Beat street, Wild style just to name a few and it was like I fell in love over and over more & more art art art art is all I cared about going out doing dirt putting up my name was a daily routine trying my best to “get up” meeting people from all different races and bonding over the love of Graffiti.

Truly a wonderful thing and I can honestly say the flame has never gone out but I learned to make the most of every opportunity I get to paint and as time went on and decades passed and the love remained the same but the desire to continue to draw and make art became my form of art therapy helping me feel good mentally & physically well at the same time continuously learning and practicing to this day.

I just recently feel back in love with my sketch book and was gifted a hand made book with hand made paper that sparked my imagination again & again. With that briefly described walk down memory lane I proudly would like to share with you a variety of my Past & Present art works from 2002 - 2023.

*I think in the year 2000 I started taking my art more seriously and really trying to find my style. I got a job as an illustrator & designer for DE-BUG magazine. That was a great opportunity & learning experience. I was able to learn photoshop & quark express. I still utilize design today.

Fast forward to the year 2023 here I am.

I still do what I love and I still get down like James Brown.

Thank you for your interest.

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To see more of my work I'm a resident artist in the space and have a solo show coming up first Friday on October 6th, 2023 at KALEID Gallery.

Peace, **Fernando, @force129**