

DANNY RIVERA CRUZ

The relationship with my subjects goes beyond esthetical inclinations, reflections upon popular cultures or intertextualities. My work seeks to operate as tributes, not to these discrete entities, but to a specific instance of transformative process that challenges perception and memory; that looks to reorganize and pair what can be significantly meticulous emotions of self referential humor. I work to deconstruct their traditional aura, mediate their authority and power exploring a pliant nature that highlights their human condition. In a dual experience, these subjects that were once familiar destroy themselves becoming monstrously unfamiliar exceeding as individuals of pure event.

- Danny Rivera Cruz / (Bayamón, Puerto Rico 1986),

Artist and designer from Bayamón, Puerto Rico. Completed his BFA in Image & Design from E.A.P in 2010 and a MFA in Painting and illustration from Brooklyn College in 2014. Lives and works in Santurce, PR

EDUCATION

2014 / MFA, Painting & Illustration / Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York

2009 / Image & Design with a minor in Painting / BFA, Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

RESIDENCIES

2015 - Residencia Corazón, La Plata, Argentina

GRANTS / AWARDS

2014 - (spring) / Shaw Award Recipient - For excellence in painting, Brooklyn College

2013 - (fall) / Shaw Award Recipient - For excellence in painting, Brooklyn College

2009 - Finalist, First Emerging Art Prize, "Manos en Lienzo", Baco Popular de Puerto Rico

2008 - Finalist, Cúspide, "Lee y Sueña", Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico

EXHIBITIONS

2016 - La Vista: mamihlapinatapai - The Flat-Screen, The Franklin, Chicago IL

2015 - "Standing Ovation" : (solo show) Espacio 20/20, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2014 - "Possible as pair of shoes" : Brooklyn College MFA Exhibition, Show Room Gowanus, Brooklyn, NY. Curated by Sharon Butler

2013 - "Tropicaleo : Una provocación caribeña", Espacio 20/20, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2013 - "Muestra Nacional de las Artes", Antiguo Arsenal de la Marina Española, Instituto de Cultura de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2013 - "ABC: Artistas contemporaneos VOL. 2", Espacio 20/20, San Juan, PR.

2012 - "ABC: Artistas contemporaneos VOL. 1", Trailer Park Proyectos, San Juan, PR.

2012 - "la Juantilla", El 1B, San Juan, PR.

2011 - "De Bayamón a la 15" , cART Watch, San Juan, PR. Curated by Juan A. Negroni

ART FAIRS

2017 - MECA International Art Fair, Zawahra Alejandro, San Juan, PR.

PRESS LINKS

<http://hyperallergic.com/121189/possible-as-a-pair-of-shoes-an-mfa-thesis-exhibition-presented-by-brooklyn-college/>
<http://www.twocoatsofpaint.com/2014/04/message-to-mfa-class-of-2014.html>
http://artforum.com/uploads/guide.003/id22202/press_release.pdf