

# Alvaro Alvillar

*The Boxer / El boxeador*

2018

Sharpie pen  
drawing and acrylic  
paint on  
unstretched canvas  
/ Dibujo a pluma de  
Sharpie y pintura  
acrílica en lienzo  
12 x 17.5 in/plg



# **ALVARO ALVILLAR**

## **Biography**

Born in Deming, New Mexico and raised in Los Angeles, California, Alvaro Alvillar is a self-taught artist based in Atlanta. He has been exhibiting his work in Los Angeles, Nashville, and Atlanta since 1993. Alvillar's parents and eldest sister emigrated from Chihuahua, Mexico to the US in the early 1950s. His Latin American roots are evident in his colorful palette and cultural iconography.

## **Biografía**

Nacido en Deming, Nuevo México y criado en Los Ángeles, California, Alvaro Alvillar es un artista autodidacta con base en Atlanta. Ha estado exhibiendo su trabajo en Los Ángeles, Nashville y Atlanta desde 1993. Los padres y la hermana mayor de Alvillar emigraron de Chihuahua, México a los EE.UU. a principios de la década de 1950. Sus raíces latinoamericanas son evidentes en su colorida paleta e iconografía cultural.

## **Artist Statement**

Alvaro Alvillar artist statement: Alvaro Alvillar's work draws you in with its bold, vibrant colors and gradients across the canvas. A whimsical atmosphere engulfs each painting in such a way that seems almost childlike. When examined more closely, the art is so incredibly technical that it is difficult to believe a self-taught artist created such detailed work from pure imagination. Alvillar's art has a deeper meaning than meets the eye, the visual fiesta conceals a more complex commentary on human behavior and our relationships with each other.

## **Declaración del artista**

Declaración de artista de Alvaro Alvillar: La obra de Alvaro Alvillar te atrae con sus atrevidos y vibrantes colores y gradientes a través del lienzo. Una atmósfera caprichosa envuelve cada pintura de tal manera que parece casi infantil. Cuando se examina más de cerca, el arte es tan increíblemente técnico que es difícil de creer que un artista autodidacta haya

creado un trabajo tan detallado a partir de la pura imaginación. El arte de Alvillar tiene un significado más profundo de lo que parece, la fiesta visual oculta un comentario más complejo sobre el comportamiento humano y nuestras relaciones con los demás.



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**BIOGRAPHY**

1954 Deming, NM  
1956-1993 Resided in Los Angeles  
Currently resides in Atlanta

**EDUCATION**

self-taught

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2014 **In Your Face**, Further Gallery @ TULA Art Center Atlanta  
2008 **CHOICES**, Gallery East, Nashville  
2006 **Yo Soy Americano**, CherryLion Studios, Atlanta  
1997 **Signs of the Times**, 1610 Studio, Atlanta

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2015 *GA Artists Selecting GA Artists*, MOCA GA  
2014 *Fabric of a Soldier - A Tribute to Veterans*, The Arts Center of Greenwood, South Carolina  
2013 *Twenty Thirteen*, Blue Mark Gallery, Atlanta  
2012 **WHY PAINT NOW**, Kiang Gallery, Atlanta  
2010 *Word*, Peters Street Gallery, Atlanta  
2009 *Dissolving Stereotypes/Forging New Dialogue: An Exhibition Beyond Race*, MOCA GA  
2008 *Unveiled*, Tinney+Cannon Contemporary, Nashville  
2007 *Pin-Up Show*, City Gallery East, Atlanta  
*Emerging Artists*, Spruill Gallery, Atlanta  
2005 *Audacity*, Castleberry Gallery, Atlanta  
*First Latin American Biennial*, Creative Arts Guild, Dalton, GA.  
2004 *July 4th Show*, Striped Door Gallery Nashville, TN.  
2002 *Culture Shock*, SunTrust Gallery, Atlanta  
2001 *Atlanta Urban Artists*, Candler-Smith Warehouses, Atlanta  
1998 *Gallery Domo*, Atlanta  
1993 *First Los Angeles Biennial*, Los Angeles

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