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"Ele Eme"

Graphic Designer, Muralist and Teaching Artist, born and raised in Medellín, Colombia. Based in New York City since 2010. My artistic practice is driven by my immigrant experience; the murals, paintings and installations intend to 'sing' songs about migration, personal experiences and stories about communities; this journey has taken me to explore and reflect the dualism of the world as an 'Immigrant Artist'

PUBLIC ART & COMMISSIONS

2019

"The Immigrant Journey - Past Meets Present" P.S. 39 @ Arrochar Playground, Sundog Theatre, Staten Island, NY.

"Għandi Pjaċir Inhawi", St. Jualan's, Malta.

"Mariposas Lamps" Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. Staten Island, NY.

"Tu Si Sabes Quererme" Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. Staten Island, NY.

"Food For Thought" at P.S. 78, Sundog Theatre, Staten Island, NY.

"Make The World A Better Place" at P.S. 78, Sundog Theatre, Staten Island, NY.

"Not Dead Can Quit", Baselang Spanish School, Private Commission, Medellín, Colombia.

"Que Más Pues", Baselang Spanish School, Private Commission, Medellín, Colombia.

La Lupa Arte Digital, Private Commission, Medellín, Colombia.

2018

"Las Estrellas Brillarán" Long Island City Arts Connection, Long Island City Partnership and P4 Skillman School, Queens, NY.

"Sembrar Para Recoger" Selected Artist PICOTPIA Street Art Festival, Medellín, Colombia.

"Tus Canciones Favoritas" KJ Art Shop and Coffee, Medellín, Colombia.

"Evolucionar" Torre de Colores, Bello, Antioquia, Colombia.

NYC Murals Art Project in Collaboration with Serving the Underserved. Studio Manager and Assistant Artist. Brooklyn, NY.

"Sonic Gates", Future Culture, Design Trust for Public Space and Staten Island Arts, Mural: "Ballena & Vallenato" Installation: "Dolphins del Fin". Staten Island, NY.

"Winter" for Reflections of Staten Island, Richmond County Savings Foundation and Staten Island Zoo. Staten Island, NY.

"Somos Una Especie en Viaje", Installation ,Yonkers Arts Weekend, Urban Studio Unbound, Yonkers, NY.

"P.S. 36 Banner Design Program", Department of Transportation and Groundswell NYC, Staten Island, NY.

#SIUnited2018 Conference, Graphic Design. Sustainable Staten Island, Staten Island, NY.

"Night of Freedom", Mural at the Urban Assembly School of Emergency Management, Groundswell NYC, New York, NY.

2017

"Mariposas Lamps", Installation at Faber Park, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Staten Island, NY.

"100 Butterflies", Mural for the 100 Gates Project, at Port Richmond Avenue and Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, NY.

"The Beauty of Migration", Temporary Installation at Central Park , Art in the Parks: 50 Years of Public Art in NYC Parks, New York, NY.

"MariPAZos II", Colombia Fest at the Penn Plaza Pavilion, Colombian Consulate in New York, New York, NY.

"BottleFlowers & Butterflies", Temporary Installation at Times Square, Car Free NYC Department of Transportation, New York, NY.

"Las Semillas del Sol" Plant Installation at the Juan Cancio Restrepo Primary School, Area Metropolitana del Valle de Aburrá, Medellín, Colombia.

"Green Virus" Asphalt Painting at Pasaje La Bastilla, Ciudad Creativa, Medellín, Colombia.

"BottleFlowers", Installation at he Richard H. Hungerford School, Staten Island, NY.

"Our Deepest Fear", Mural Groundswell NYC, Rikers Island, NY. (Lead by Demetrius Felder)

"Hard Battles" Mural, Groundswell NYC, Rikers Island, NY. (Lead by Demetrius Felder)

“We Love You Love You”, Installation ,Yonkers Arts Weekend, Urban Studio Unbound, Yonkers, NY.

“Me Haces Bien” Mural at La Casa Redonda, Medellín, Colombia.

“La Vida Te Da Sorpresas” Mural at MotoWork, Medellín, Colombia.

“Arte Digital” Mural at La Lupa Agency, Medellín, Colombia.

2016

“Unity Mural”, at P.S. 020 Anna Silver, New York Cares, New York, NY.

“Eat the Rainbow”, OH SNAP Campaign, Grow NYC, Staten Island, NY.

“Yellow Butterflies at the High Line”, Artist Teen Night, High Line Park, New York, NY.

“Empowering the People, Transforming Our Home” SLI Groundswell NYC and NYCHA, Stapleton Houses, Staten Island, NY. (Lead by DonChristian)

“Amor, Vida y Libertad” Mural at Caddell Dry Dock, Staten Island Youth Justice Center, Staten Island, NY.

“We Are Birds” Installation at Levy Playground, 5050 Skatepark and Partnerships for Parks, Staten Island, NY.

“MariPAZos”, Interactive Mural, Remembrance and Solidarity with the Victims of Armed Conflict, Colombian Consulate, New York, NY.

“The Foundation of Stapleton” Mural at Stapleton Houses, Groundswell NYC and NYCHA, Staten Island, NY. (Lead by Misha Tyutyunik)

“Stapleton: The Community as Home” Mural at Stapleton Houses, Groundswell NYC and NYCHA, Staten Island, NY. (Lead by Misha Tyutyunik)

“La Isla Bonita” Mural at Caddell Dry Dock, La Isla Bonita Summer Festival and LMproject, Staten Island, NY. (Lead by Lili Cuca).

2015

“Mariposas Amarillas at Wagner College” Temporary Installation at the Horrmann Library, Staten Island, NY.

“El Sol de La Noche” Mural at Richmond Terrace and Jewett Avenue. Staten Island Arts, Staten Island, NY.

“Cumbia” Mural in Collaboration with Kwue Molly. Port Richmond, Staten Island, NY.

“Yellow Butterflies, Sirens & Guitars” Installation at Faber Park, La Isla Bonita Festival, Staten Island, NY.

“Daffodil Festival: Bottleflowers and Butterflies” at Faber Park, Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness, Staten Island, NY.

“Man in the Mirror Project” Installation at New World Preparatory Charter School, Staten Island, NY.

“Catalyst Festival: Bottleflowers & Butterflies” at Faber Park, Partnerships for Parks, Staten Island, NY.

“StapletON” Interactive piece at Historic Tappen Park, Illuminate Stapleton Festival, Staten Island, NY.

“Te Vi Mariposa” Mural at Centro Educativo 18 de Marzo, Michoacan, Mexico.

“Mariposas Amarillas: Jackson Heights”, Installation, Citizens Committee of New York and Híbridos Collective, Queens, NY.

“El Niagara en Bicicleta” Installation, Richmond Hood Co., Staten Island, NY.

2014

“Las Mariposas Amarillas” Installation on Richmond terrace and Jewett Avenue, Department of Transportation NYC and El Centro del Inmigrante, Staten Island, NY.

“Mi Renacimiento” Mural at Bodhi Hostel, El Valle de Anton, Panamá.

“Vaya Guacamaya” Mural at Port Richmond Furniture, Staten Island, NY.

“Todos Vuelven”, Mural, Ele Eme Project, Medellín, Colombia.

“La Vida Es Bonita”, Mural, Ele Eme Project, Medellín, Colombia.

TEACHING ARTIST EXPERIENCE

2019: Sundog Theatre Mural Program at P.S. 39, Staten Island, NY.

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2015 - 2019: Universal Temple of the Arts. Staten Island, NY

2018: Staten Island Museum, Family Workshops Spring-Summer, Staten Island, NY.

2018: NYC Murals Art Project in Collaboration with Serving the Underserved.

2018: Project Art USA, Port Richmond Library, Staten Island, NY.

2015 - 2018: Groundswell Community Mural Project, Brooklyn NY.

2016: Center for Court Innovations, SI Youth Justice Center. Staten Island, NY.

2015 – 2016: Art Consultant, City Parks Foundation.

2015: Police Athletic League, New York, NY.

2014 - 2015: New World Preparatory Charter School, Staten Island, NY.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 - "Finding Beauty", CANVAS Institute of Art, Culture and Civic Engagement, Staten Island, NY.

2018 - "Art of the Protest", CANVAS Institute of Art, Culture and Civic Engagement, Staten Island, NY.

2017 - 2018 "Future Culture: Connecting People and Place on Staten Island's North Shore", Design Trust for Public Space and Staten Island Arts, Staten Island, NY.

2016 - "Working Waterfront Memories Hold", Culture Lounge Staten Island Arts, Staten Island, NY.

2016 – LUMEN Festival "Illuminating the Harbor: Lights, Lanterns and Lyricists of our Working Waterfront", Staten Island Arts Folklife, Staten Island, NY.

2016 - "Every Time You See Me", at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, Groundswell NYC, New York, NY.

2016 - "VIRAL", by ISLA Collective at Deep Tanks INC. Staten, Island, NY.

2015 - 2018 "FemaleCentric", Stereotype Co., Staten Island, NY.

2015 - 2016 "Coolin´on Castleton Public Art Exhibit", Richmond Hood Co., Staten Island, NY.

2015 - "Public Art in Port Richmond" Horrmann Spotlight Gallery at Wagner College, Staten Island, NY.

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2015 - "My Wagner Story" Atrium Gallery at Wagner College, Staten Island, NY.

2015 - "Port Richmond Transient Art Project" Pop-Up Exhibit, Staten Island, NY.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

2019: Long Island City Partnership, Honoree "Las Estrellas Brillarán".

2019: NYSCA Future Culture Creative Placemaking Grant, Staten Island Arts, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs.

2019: DCA Grant Art Fund Grant, Staten Island Arts, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs.

2018 "Future Culture: Connecting People and Place on Staten Island's North Shore", Design Trust for Public Space and Staten Island Arts, Staten Island, NY.

2017: Art in the Parks: UNIQLO Park Expressions Grant, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.

2017: Partnerships Academy Fellowship, City Parks Foundation & NYC Parks, New York, NY.

2016 - 2017: Capacity Fund Grant, City Parks Foundation & New York City Parks for Faber Park.

2016: Recognition of Commitment, Staten Island Youth Justice Center.

2016: Capacity Fund Grant, City Parks Foundation & New York City Parks for Levy Playground.

2016 - 2017: Working Waterfront Folklife Fellowship Staten Island Arts, Staten Island, NY.

2015: Hispanic Heritage Month Honoree, El Centro del Inmigrante.

2015: Illuminate Stapleton Community Award, Historic Tappen Park Community Partnership.

2015: Immigrant Artist Mentoring Program, New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA).

2015: Premier Artist, Staten Island Arts Department of Cultural Affairs NYC.

2015: Premier Artist Port Richmond Partnership Wagner College.

2015: Commissioned Artist Richmond County Savings Foundation.

2014: NYC DOT Urban Art Commission, pARTners Program.

TALKS & PANELS

2019: NYU Wallerstein Collaborative, Riverworks Stewardship, Alice Austen House, Staten Island, NY.

2018 "Mural Making in the Garden", NYC Parks Greenthumb and Groundswell NYC, Brooklyn NY.

2016 "Art as Social Activism", New York University and Organization for Chinese Americans OCA NY, New York, NY.

2016 "Teaching Artist Institute", Staten Island Arts and Art Lab., Staten Island, NY.

2015 "Contra-Cuentos: Nuestra Historia, Hispanic Heritage Month", New York University and NYU Dream Team, New York, NY.

2014 - 2015 "Port Richmond Panel", Wagner College and Port Richmond Partnership, Staten Island, NY.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2015 - 2019 Co-Founder of "La Isla Bonita Summer Festival", Staten Island, NY.

2018 - 2019: Freelance Graphic Design AC Music and Lili House Music.

2018: Freelance Graphic Designer "Families Belong Together" Fundraising, Texas Civil Rights Project. Jersey City, NJ.

2017: Freelance Graphic Designer, Communications Workers of America, Staten Island, NY.

2015 Co-Founder of "Do Me A Faber Community Group", Staten Island, NY.

2015 – 2018: Freelance Graphic Designer JMT Media, Staten Island, NY.

2014 - 2015: Project Manager, New World Preparatory Charter School, Staten Island, NY.

2010: Ele Eme Project Founder, Staten Island, NY.

2005 - 2009: Volunteer Colombian Red Cross, Medellín, Colombia.

EDUCATION

2008: Graphic Design, CESDE. Medellín, Colombia.

2009 - 2010: Advertising, Ideartes. Medellín, Colombia.

2012: ESL Program, Long Island University. Brooklyn, NY.

2014: Bridge Program Adult Learning Education, College of Staten Island.

SELECTED WEB & MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

2019: "Las Estrellas Brillarán" Fox News.

2019: Public Art Goes Up On Skillman Avenue, Features Mascot of Local School, LIC Post.com

2018: A Staten Islander: Lina Montoya. Design Trust for Public Space.

2018: Free Summerstage concert series feels fresh with "La Isla Bonita".

2018: De Blasio administration reps visit "Sonic Gates" on North Shore. Staten Island Advance.

2018: Interview at Make Her Space, Makerpark Radio. Staten Island, NY.

2017: "100 Gates Project Expanding on Staten Island". Interview, NY1.

2017: "Living Large", Interview Industry Magazine May/June.

2016: "Face 2 Face", Interview Pressenza. New York, NY.

2016: "Love, Art, and Color for NY", Interview El Diario NY, Voices of NY.

2016: "Stapleton Houses mural addresses NY Wheel, violence and more". SILive.com.

2016: "What makes the Island beautiful? 'La Isla Bonita' nails it", SILive.com.

2016: "La Isla Bonita festival returns: Music, culture, skateboards & 'circus punk'", SILive.com.

2016: "Global Music and Art Festival in Faber Park", NY1.

2016: "Youth Justice Center mural shows Livingston some love", SILive.com.

2016: Documentary Film "Butterfly Utopia" by Daria Kushev, Wagner College Film Program.

2016: "Youth Artists Are Painting Gorgeous Murals Inside New York City Public Housing", Citylab.com.

2015: "Young Staten Island talents to look out for in 2016", SILive.com.

2015: "Through art, injecting hope & beauty", Staten Island Advance.

2015: "Artist Lina Montoya brings magic realism to Staten Island", SILive.com.

2015: "Local Artists Light Up Tappen Park", NY1.

2015: "College and Elementary Students Collaborate on Art Project," NY1.

2015: "7 artists 'Illuminate' rich history, emerging story of Stapleton", SILive.com.

2015: "'Illuminate Stapleton' Light-Based Art Festival Highlights Neighborhood", DNA.info.

2015: "Celebrate how beautiful our Island is at free fiesta with Live Music & Visual Arts, Advance Weekly Entertainment", Staten Island Advance.

2015: "Escape the lists, get to SI for Public Art", Site Specific Blog.

2015: "How it's made: Port Richmond's latest street art", SILive.com.

2015: "New street art by Port Richmond's 'butterfly mural' creator", SILive.com.

2014: Special Edition "100 días de Soledad sin Gabo", El Tiempo, Bogotá, Colombia.

2014: "Pop-up showcases in unexpected Staten Island places", SILive.com.

2014: "Port Richmond No se Raja", El Diario NY.

2014: "18,000 yellow 'butterflies' turn drab intersection into uplifting vision of the world, SILive.com.

2014: "18,000 yellow butterflies turn fence into art", SILive.com

2014: "Butterflies Pay Homage to Staten Island's Immigrants in Public Installation", NY1.

2014: "A work of art with wings, and a meaning", SILive.com.