



Portraits

DIANA CONTRERAS

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Diana Contreras (b. Peru, 1981) has established herself as an influential Miami artist. From painting murals in the street art scene, to exhibiting in various galleries, her work has been seen in exhibitions and private collections in several parts of the world.

Contreras's primary medium is oil yet, enjoys experimenting with anything she can make a mark with or on. From canvas, paper, to walls, her work deals with femininity; set in whimsical portraiture. With a distinct style Contreras's work merges her love of illustration and street art with the classical techniques of the Masters.

Contreras received her B.S. in Art Education and a Post-Graduate of Art in Teaching from Florida International University. She also joined in the study abroad program in Florence, Italy. Additionally, Contreras enrolled at the Art Students League of New York in New York City.



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ARTIST STATEMENT

Women are the primary subject matter in my work. Emotions or intuitively is how I begin a piece, as a result, creating provides a sense of healing. I aim to find beauty even in the darkest emotions. The reoccurring themes in my art are love, beauty, and empowerment. My works are a combination of classical realistic rendering with a personal element of distortion and street flavor. The figures are a reflection of myself, thus, every painting is a self-portrait.

Oil is my favored medium for its buttery texture and blending abilities still, I enjoy aerosol as well. When I work with paint I am reminded that movement of the brushstrokes is an extension of my body. Also, I am not afraid of using massive amounts of color and I love the challenge of combining mixed media elements into my work.

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COMMISSIONS

- *Apple*
- *DC Comics*
- *Warner Brothers*
- *Miami Dolphins*
- *Red Bull*
- *Converse*
- *Smart Car*
- *Hawaiian Airlines*
- *SoulFrito Music Festival*
- *Corporate Stays*
- *Piola*
- *Suviche*
- *Brisky Gallery*
- *Gallery 212*
- *Murals for Moral*
- *Bloomingtondales*
- *Midtown Pawn Boutique*
- *Big Fish Restaurant*
- *Style Ctzn*
- *Flash Studios*
- *Cubaskate*
- *The Kult*
- *Travel Channel*
- *Wynwood Cigar Factory*
- *Twins For Peace Artist Series Shoes*
- *Lof Center*
- *City of Pembroke Pines*
- *Portrait of Rihanna commissioned by 1ofK Jeans*
- *Commissioned painting for LEBO*
- *Modani Furniture Dog Sculpture Commission*
- *Collaboration with Daniel Johnston*
- *Commissioned Bench Portraits for Alejandro Sanz*
- *Irreversible Projects Mural for Art Miami*
- *Guitars over Guns Orgnization*
- *Downtown Hollywood Mural Project*
- *BET*
- *Becks Urban Canvas*
- *Ford Motors*
- *Raw Project*
- *Guayabitas Eatery*
- *Voices Productions*
- *Miami Book Fair*
- *Perry's Florist*
- *City of West Palm Beach*
- *Canvas Condos*
- *Secret Walls*











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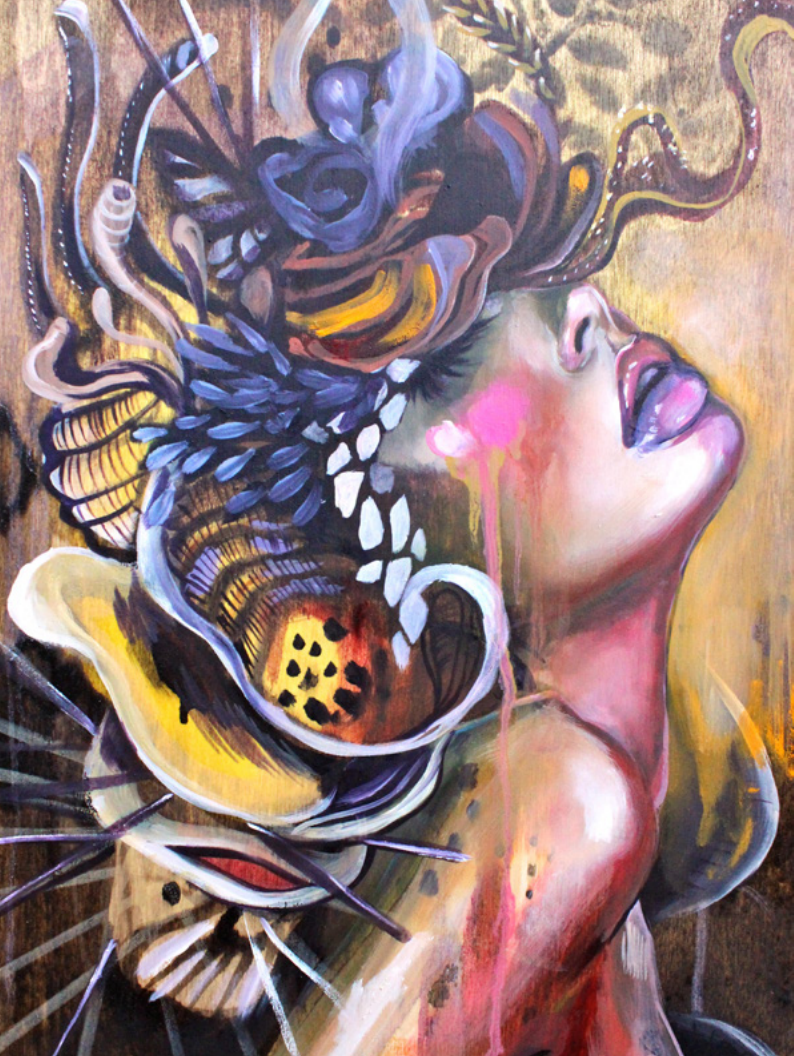
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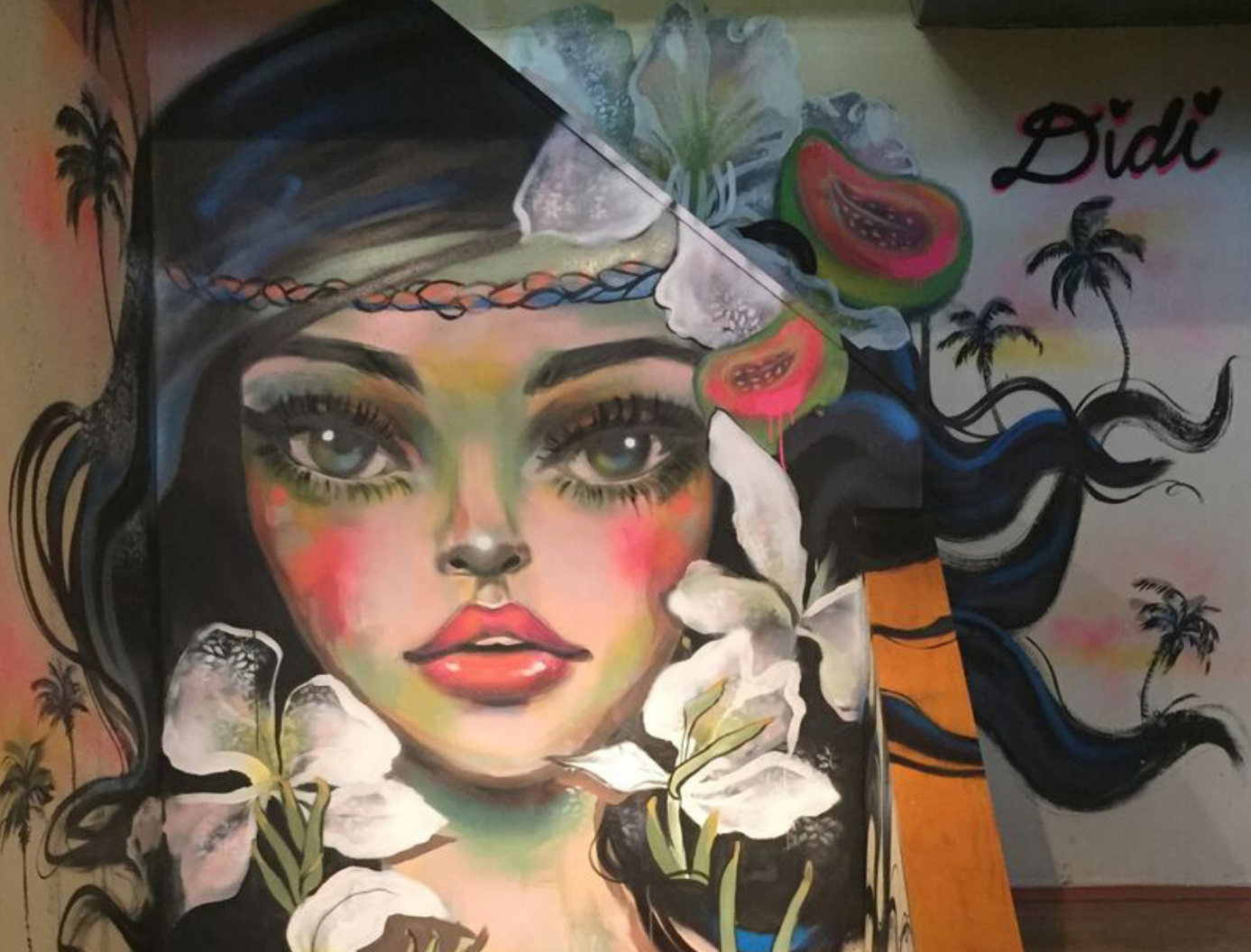




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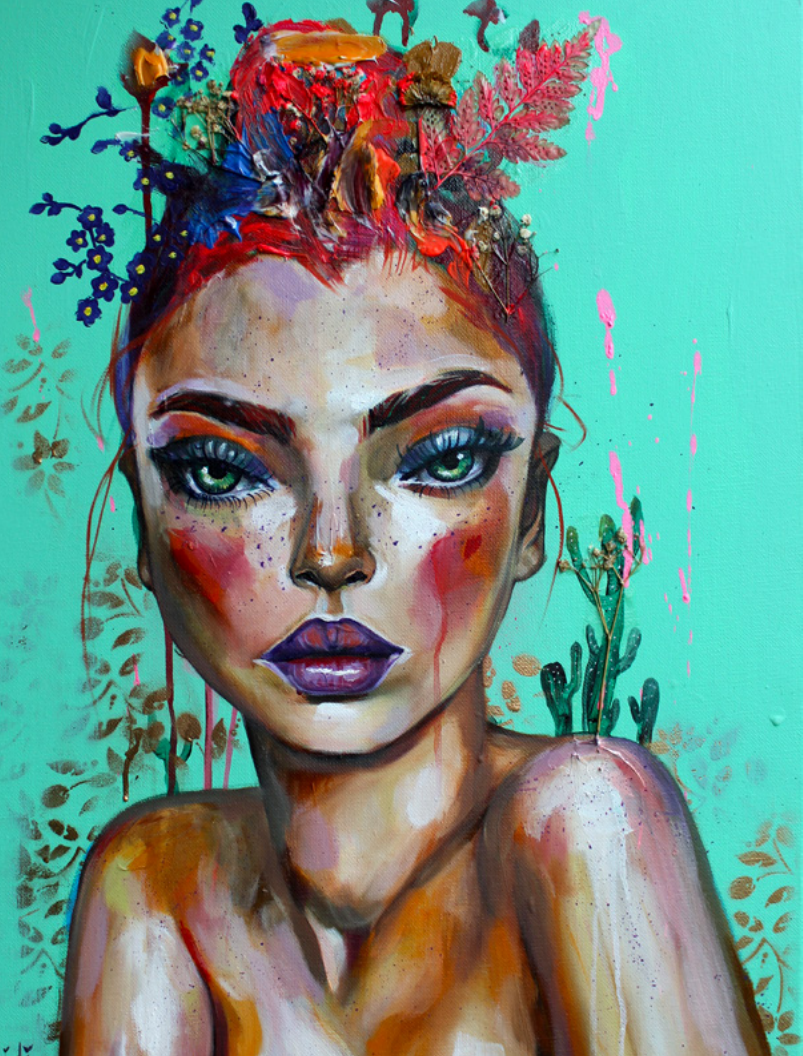
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CV: CURRICULUM VITAE

1981 *Born in Chiclayo, Peru (Currently lives and works in Miami, FL, USA)*

EDUCATION

2008 *Masters of Art in Teaching, Florida International University; FL*

2005 *Bachelor of Science in Art Education, Florida International University; FL*

SELECT EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Extra Crispy, Jen Tough Gallery, Benicia, CA This is Now, Wyn317, Wynwood, FL*

2017 *Only In Miami, Gallery 2612, Wynwood, FL*

Outside In, Art and Culture Center, Hollywood, FL

Wonder Woman Exhibit, Sagamore Hotel, Miami Beach, FL

2016 *Group Exhibit, El Fresco Art Gallery; Little Havana, FL*

World Artists Exhibition, SAAF Street Art Festival, Seoul, South Korea

Strangers Face, Magnetic Gallery; Pompano Beach, FL

2015 *Streets, Voices Art Gallery; Dubuque, IA*

Enchanted, Redefine Gallery; Orlando, FL

Towers of Power, MOMA Design Store, New York, NY

2014 *Wynwood Goes Dubai, Street Art Dubai Gallery; Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

Major Street Art Auction, Fine Art Auctions Miami, LMNT, Miami, FL

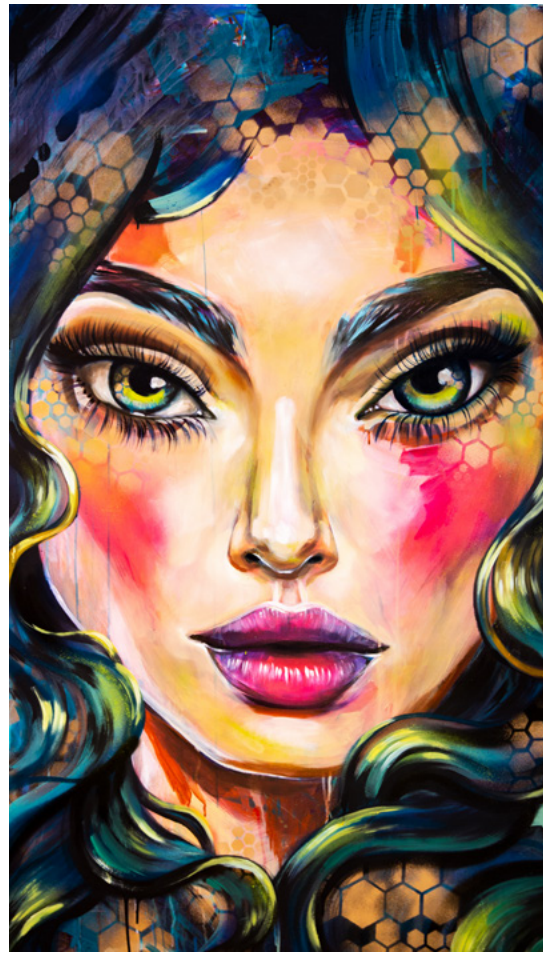
Art Palm Beach, West Palm Beach Convention Center; West Palm Beach, FL

2013 *Pinta The Modern and Contemporary Latin American Art Show, New York, NY*

External Reflections, The Brisky Gallery; Wynwood, Miami, FL

2012 *Between Artists, Sierra Del Rio, San Juan, Puerto Rico*

2011 *Seventeen, Xavier Cortada Gallery; Brickell, Miami, FL*



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CURATORIAL PROJECTS

The Good Wall Mural Project located at the Goodwill store in Little Havana.

Wall 2 Wall Women Mural featuring the top female street artists in South Florida in the Bird Road Art District

SELECT INTERVIEWS

Pascal Doytier. "Diana Contreras Painting By Faith Not By Sight." Talking Off The Wall July 2014: Issue 3. Magazine.

Lily; Christiana. "The Girl Power Behind 'Sofia Rose' ". Huffington Post, My Miami: Diana Contreras And Cristina Isabel Rivera Talk Street Art, Pastelitos, And Creepy Guys, Web., 25 Sept. 2012.

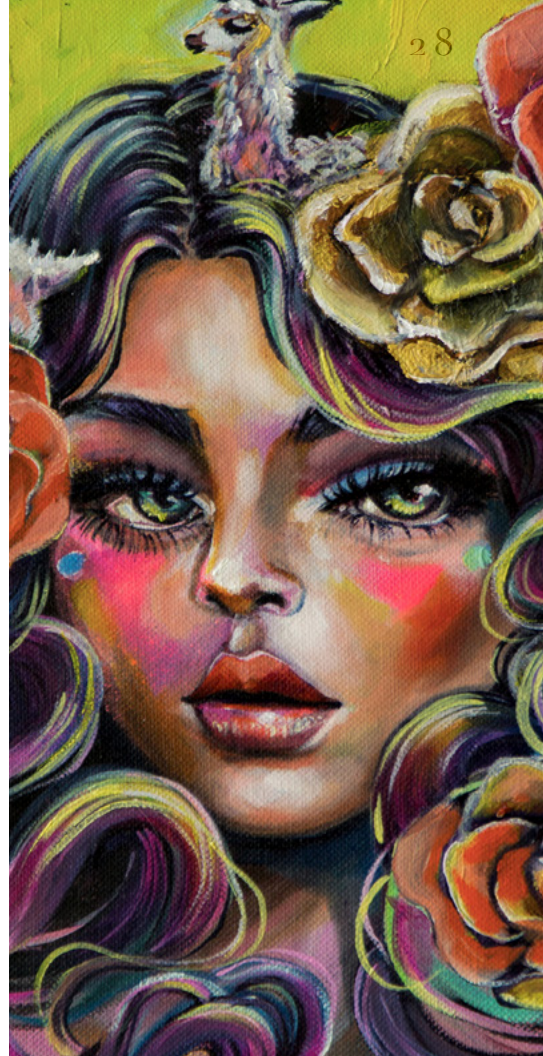
Soler; Mercedes. "NotiMujer." Art Interview by Mercedes Solar. CNN Espanol, 25 June 2012.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2002 Miambiance First place winner for Illustration Portfolio

2001 Miambiance Volume XI Magazine Cover Winner

1999 Grant Scholarship for the Fine Arts at Miami Dade College





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