

Aynex Mercado

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Background

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, lived in the U.S. since 1996

Areas of Specialization

Original abstract realistic designs

Predominant Techniques: Machine piecing and quilting, embellishments

Selected Exhibitions

Quilting Frederick Solo Exhibit, Frederick, MD, 2023

AQS Quilt Week, Paducah, KY, 2023

Purpose/Repurpose, SAQA Regional Exhibit, 2022

Landscape Quilts, International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX, 2022

Simple Lines, SAQA Regional Exhibit, 2021

National Juried Exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD, 2021

Vermont Quilt Festival, online, 2021

Mid-Atlantic QuiltFest, online, 2021

International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX, 2005

National Quilting Association Quilt Show, Columbus, OH, 2005

American Quilters Society Quilt Show and Contest, Paducah, KY, 2005

Vermont Quilt Festival, Northfield, VT, 2004

Publications

Washingtonian Magazine, "Blanket Statements", April 2022

SAQA. Journal No. 4, "Emergence", 2021

Portfolio 14 and 15, Studio Art Quilters Association, 2007-2008

International Quilt Festival Class Catalog Chicago, December 2005

Crafts Report Magazine, August 2005

Paducah Travel Guide, 2005

Paducah Events Calendar, July – August 2005

Paducah Life, "Covering New Cultures", May – June 2005

Catalog of Show Quilts, AQS Quilt Show, April 2005

The Paducah Sun, "Quiet Artistry", March 6, 2005

Awards

Best Use of Theme, Common Threads, Vermont Quilt Festival, 2021

Maryland Federation of Arts Honorable Mention, Light and Shadow Exhibition, 2021

Frederick Community College Distinguished Artist Award for Graphic Design, 2018

First Place Fiber Category, Dogwood Trail Celebration, Paducah, KY 2007

Patricia J. Morris Scholarship, Museum of the American Quilters Society, Paducah, KY 2004

Third place, Small machine quilted wall hanging, CraftAdventure, West Springfield, MA, 2002

Corporate Collections

Harrah's Casino, Metropolis, IL

Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, KY

Associations

Studio Art Quilters Society, DE/DC/MD/WV Chapter, Newsletter Editor

DC Modern Quilt Guild, Vice President

Education

Fiber Artist, self- taught

Workshops with Katie Pasquini Masopaust, Caryl Bryer Fallert, Ruth McDowell, Joen Wolfrom
Katie Pasquini-Masopaust and Jo Diggs
A.S. in Digital Media Design, Frederick Community College, 2008-2009
B.S. in Hotel Management, University of Massachusetts, 1996 to 2000

Work Experience

Gallery Manager, Galeria Aynex, Paducah, KY
Exhibition Coordinator, LowerTown Arts District Quilt Walk, Paducah, KY
Gallery Assistant, Museum of the American Quilters Society, Paducah, KY
Quilt Instructor, Beginner to advanced quilting classes, South Hadley, MA