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Education

2012-2015 Bachelor of Art, *University of Washington-School of Art*, Fine Art – Painting & Drawing Major

2010-2012 Associate of Arts & Sciences, *Tacoma Community College*, Painting/Fine Art Major

Selected Exhibitions

2022 *LUSTER*, Lilith Pole Studio, Seattle, WA

2022 *Emerging Artist Scholarship Competition – Finalist Exhibition*, Gallery 110, Seattle, WA

2022 *Feast or Famine*, FoodArt Collection, Seattle, WA

2020 *Eros*, Pride Month, Gallery 110, Seattle, WA

2019 *Look How Far We've Come: A Queer Art Show 902 Ft in the Air*, Sky View Observatory, Seattle, WA

2019 *Fool's Paradise*, Ok Hotel & Art Gallery, Seattle, WA

2018 *Member Show*, A/NT Gallery, Seattle, WA

2017 *Imminent Mode: Revolution Resist*, Vermillion Gallery, Seattle, WA

2017 *Who Am I*, Forward Flux Productions @ Fred Wildlife Refuge, Seattle, WA

2015 *Strength + Struggle*, Community Art Show, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA

2014 *Floating World*, Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Lakewood, WA

2013 *EVOLUTION*, The Mix, Tacoma, WA

2013 *COLOR BOMB*, True Love Tattoo & Art Gallery, Seattle, WA

2013 *Generation*, Seattle RAW Artists @ Trinity Nightclub, Seattle, WA

2012 *The End*, The Mix, Tacoma, WA

2012 *Dawn of 2012*, Fulcrum Gallery, Tacoma, WA

2011 *CMYK*, The Mix, Tacoma, WA

Grants and Awards

2022 Hope CORPS @ Office of Arts & Culture

2022 Affiliate Membership @ Gallery 110 Emerging Artist Scholarship Competition

2020 smART Ventures Grant

2013 Best Artist of South Sound/South Sound Magazine Issue April/May

2012 Crabby Beach Foundation Scholarship

2012 Best Artist of South Sound/South Sound Magazine Issue June/July

2011 Primo Grill Art Endowed Scholarship

2011 Pearl Peterson Art Scholarship

2011 David Lassoie Memorial Art Endowed Scholarship

2011 CFM Consolidated Scholarship

2011 McCarthy Humanities Scholarship

2011 1st Place Tacoma Community College Student Show Best Painting

2010 Flex-A-Lite Scholarship

Selected Collections

2021 *Private Commission* ["I Dream of Blossoms and Beauty"], Geoffrey Palmer and Carrie Lipp, Seattle, WA

2018 *Series of Paintings for the Office Space* ["Wolf, Cat, and the Mouse & The Grand Narrative"], Tomorrow Ideas, Inc. c/o Henry Mason, Seattle, WA

Press

2022

Griswold, Marty, et al. "Julian Peña." *Public Display.Art* [Seattle], OneReel, Edited by Erica Tarrant, Vol 1 ed., 9 Sept. 2022, pp. 36–37.

2022

Curry, Kai. "Gallery 110 competition spotlights emerging BIPOC artists." *Northwest Asian Weekly*, Northwest Asian Weekly, Web. 2 June 2022, <https://nwasianweekly.com/2022/06/gallery-110-competition-spotlights-emerging-bipoc-artists/>.

2020

Milne, Stefan. "Capitol Hill's New Julian Peña Gallery Is Tiny and Audacious." *Seattle Met*, Seattle Met, Web. 17 July 2020, www.seattlemet.com/arts-and-culture/2020/07/capitol-hill-s-julian-pena-gallery-is-tiny-and-audacious.

2019

Hamlin, Andrew. "Julian Peña: Queer Happa Seattle Artist Going Places." *NW Asian Weekly*. NW Asian Weekly, 11 Oct. 2019. Web. 21 Sept. 2021. <<https://nwasianweekly.com/2019/10/julian-pena-queer-happa-seattle-artist-going-places/>>.

2019

Ed. Jasmyne Keimig. *Look How Far We've Come: A Queer Art Show 902 Feet in the Air*. The Stranger, 1 June 2019. Web. 4 June 2019. <<https://www.thestranger.com/events/40201598/look-how-far-weve-come-a-queer-art-show-902-feet-in-the-air>>.

2019

"Look How Far We've Come: A Free Queer Art Show 902 Ft in the Air." *Seattle Gay Scene: Your Daily Gay In Seattle*. SGS, 1 June 2019. Web. 6 June 2019. <<http://seattlegayscene.com/event/look-how-far-weve-come-a-free-queer-art-show-902-ft-in-the-air/>>

2015

Ruiz, Pablo J. *Gioconda Project_Digital Book*. Azuqueca: Gioconda Project, 30 Apr. 2015. PDF. It's a not-for-profit experiment where contributing artists have joined forces to bring contemporary art to everyone through a Online project.

2013

Schroader, Kayla. "Best of the South Sound 2013." *South Sound Magazine April/May Issue*. 01 Apr 2013: 46. Print. <<http://southsoundmag.com/print-articles/the-best-of-the-south-sound-2013/>>.

2013

Li, Carolyn. *JULIAN PENA at RAW: Seattle Generation 03/23/2013*. 2013. Video. YouTube, Seattle. Web. 23 Aug 2013. <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDO6ONmoPTc>>.

2013

McCoy, Nikki. "Eye on '13: Tacomans and Olympians with big plans in 2013." *Weekly Volcano*. Swarner Communications, Inc, 03 Jan 2013. Web. Web. 31 Jan. 2013. <<http://www.weeklyvolcano.com/mudroom/features/2013/01/2013-movers-and-shakers-in-tacoma-and-olympia/>>.

2012

Nagle, Matt. "Creativity and community celebrated at Cloud Nine / Artist Julian Pena again brings art to the masses, and vice-versa, at The Mix ." *Tacoma Weekly*. PCCNG, 20 2012. Web. Web. 24 Nov. 2012. <<http://www.tacomaweekly.com/citylife/view/creativity-and-community-celebrated-at-cloud-nine/>>.

2012

Kinoshita, Lisa. "An Artful Thanksgiving." *Tacoma Arts*. Wordpress, 22 2012. Web. Web. 24 Nov. 2012. <<http://tacomaarts.wordpress.com/2012/11/22/an-artful-thanksgiving/>>.

2012

Nagle, Matt. "Local artists bring their works to the public at The Mix." *Tacoma Weekly*. 21 Jun 2012: n/a. Web. 29 Aug. 2012. <<http://www.tacomaweekly.com/citylife/view/local-artists-bring-their-works-to-the-public-at-the-mix/>>.

2012

Trillium. Linda Ford. Print NW: Tacoma Community College, 2012.

2012

Ponnekanti, Rosemary. "New local artists invent and explore in "Dawn of 2012" at Fulcrum Gallery." *Tacoma News Tribune*. 14 Feb 2012: n. page. Web. <<http://blog.thenewstribune.com/arts/2012/02/14/new-local-artists-invent-and-explore-in-dawn-of-2012-at-fulcrum-gallery-tacoma/>>.

2012

Carroll, Bryan, Steven Jones, and JD Elquist. "Meet Julian Peña." *Camp 6*. Camp 6, 14 Feb 2012. Web. <<http://camp6tacoma.com/meet-julian-pena/>>.

2012

Davidson, Dave. "Emerging Artists Featured at Fulcrum Gallery." *Tacoma Weekly*. PCCNG, 09 Feb 2012. Web. <<http://www.tacomaweekly.com/citylife/view/emerging-artists-featured-at-fulcrum-gallery/>>.

2012

Clayton, Alec. "Dawn of 2012" impresses at Fulcrum Gallery." *Weekly Volcano*. Weekly Volcano, 01 Feb 2012. Web. <<http://www.weeklyvolcano.com/entertainment/visual-edge/2012/02/dawn-of-2012-show-emerges-at-fulcrum-gallery-tacoma/>>.

2012

Evans, Katy. "Dawn of 2012" Breaks at the Fulcrum Gallery." *Post Defiance*. 27 Jan 2012: n. page. Web. <<http://postdefiance.com/dawn-of-2012-breaks-at-the-fulcrum-gallery/>>.

Media

2021 DebtFreeGuys “What is an NFT?” on Queer Money Podcast
2012 1180 AM KLAY “Featured Artist” on *Tribal Talk*

Professional Experiences

Sep 2022 Art Workshop Instructor & Project Manager, *The Acrylic Lab Series with the Office of Arts & Culture*, Seattle, WA

Jan 2019 - Mar 2020 Art Workshop Instructor, *The Lab at Ada's*, Seattle, WA

2016 Cinematic VR Challenge Holiday Edition, SIXR, Seattle, WA

2016 Seattle Fashion Week, SIXR-Art & Tech, Seattle, WA

2014 Art Guerilla Marketing, Victoria Boom @ Bombsheller, Seattle, WA

2014 Drag Photo Shoot, James Majesty (Model)/ Maddelynn Hatter (Collaborating Photographer), Seattle, WA

Sep 2013-Dec 2013 Teacher's Assistant, Fall Quarter-*University of Washington Art 101*, Seattle, WA

Jan 2013-Jul 2013 Gallery Assistant, Winter/Spring Quarter-*Ryan James Gallery*, Bellevue, WA

Jan 2012-Jul 2012 Apprentice in Studio Life Drawing, Winter/Spring Quarter-*Tacoma Academy of Fine Art*, Tacoma, WA