

PORTFOLIO

SHARON PÉREZ Afrobolivian Plastic Artist



Manifest

My artistic work seeks to create an analogy between the history of objects and that of Afro-descendant people. While for one side I create portraits, which revalue the beauty and essence of Afro-Bolivian people, for the other and using rusty brass as canvas I try to connect with the viewers and provoke them into analysing the importance and the meaning of the doors and windows, why they are open or close or if they lead somewhere. The truth is, that using these objects and transforming them into works of art is precisely a metaphor of one's transformation during the process of recognizing themselves as Afro Descendant and trying to visualize their culture. Through these doors and windows one gets transported to more familiar places as part of the African diaspora, which we connect to, as part of our origins.

In my paintings I present the image of Afro-Bolivian people as aesthetic and main protagonists, which have specific, unique and beautiful physical features such as skin color and hair with strong contrasts of light and dark. Accompanied by the clothing used in dances such as the Saya, the Chiguanita and the Zemba, my paintings acquire their own personification. Therefore I show a little more of us, making ourselves visible as human beings and in relation to the African diaspora.

Through my paintings I want to take a tour of different places, taking images of our identity to Bolivia and to the world showing that in Bolivia there are also Afro-descendants who are proud to recognize their roots and from there continue to build our history.

In recent years, a strong worldwide analysis of structural violence has begun. It arose after the colonization and slavery of entire communities and highlighted the revaluation of the colonialization independently of every culture and tradition. That is how different people now rescue ancestral cultures. The Afro-Bolivian people, who have also begun the journey and search for their origins, tell the story from the inside, trying to rebuild and recognize their identity.



Biography

Sharon Pérez Sillerico is an Afro-Bolivian plastic artist and graphic designer. Born in La Paz on January 2, 1989. After completing her Bachelor in Arts in Universidad Mayor de San Andres - UMSA (2008), she got a scholarship in the Martin Luther King English program at the United States Embassy in Bolivia (2010). She completed a graduate study in art curation at Universidad Nuestra Señora de La Paz (2013), and another one in structural violence at the Universidad Salesiana (2017). In the present time she is pursuing a specialization in Afro-Latin American and Caribbean Studies in the CLACSO network.

Sharon combines her creative talent with her passion to promote and value the rights of the Afro-Bolivian people. She intervenes furniture, doors and windows with portraits painted on metal. During the last years she has held individual and collective exhibitions nationwide in spaces such as the Palacio Portales (Cochabamba), the Centro Cultural Plurinacional of Santa Cruz, the Casa de la Libertad (Sucre), the gallery of the Alianza Francesa (La Paz) and the Espacio Municipal de Cultura (La Paz, Coroico). She represented Bolivia in the international art exhibition "MINUEGRA 2013" in Brazil and in 2017, currently her works are part of exhibitions held by the Contemporany Bolivian Art Trut in London.

She was the twice consecutive winner of the Residencia Leche for the elaboration of living arts projects (Cochabamba 2019 and Virtual 2020 format), was invited to participate in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) organized by the State Department of the United States of America. She was lecturer and exhibitor at the Festival Internacional de Cultura in Sucre FIC 2019. She was invited to give a lecture at TEDx UMSA 2019 and was a panelist of the PED program of the Museo Nacional de Arte 2020. She was coordinator of the Nucleus Afro with the Museo Nacional de Arte, in addition to carrying out different webinar activities during 2020 for different organizations. She began 2021 with the exhibition in the gallery Manzana 1 (Santa Cruz) and she was selected as part of the 2021 Women Models program of Paceña. Currently she is taking part in an artistic residency at the British Museum in London.



My works

Reflections are necessary in order to look and find ourselves. Images show African heritage as a legacy of pride. We can reflect and inspire ourselves by appreciating our features as symbols of beauty, moving away from stigmas and false concepts about Afro-descendant skin.

My works invite you to walk through history and identity, presenting objects, doors, windows and metal, which portraits are painted on. The stories are told from the perspective of the protagonists of her artwork. The pieces look at the movement of presentation and representation simultaneously in the formality of painting, challenging conventional formats in an artistic proposal that induces us to be part of these reflections, which inspire changes in our perception.





TITLE: Ajayu DIMENSIONS: 1.25 cm x 1.70cm **TECHNIQUE: Mixed on metal**





TITLE: Nojotro (us)
DIMENSIONS: 80 cm x 1.90 cm

TECHNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Aquele (that)

DIMENSIONS: 53cm x 98cm

TECHNIQUE:Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Dadiva

DIMENSIONS: 80 cm x 1.80cm

TECHNIQUE: Mixed



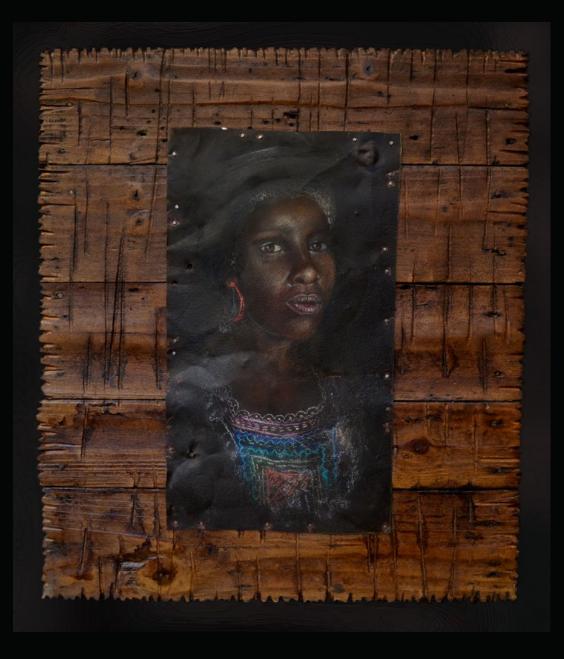


TITLE: Janchirá (DESOLATED SCREAM)

DIMENSIONS: 51 cm x 1.12cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Saya

DIMENSIONS: 38cm x 53 cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITULO: Samora Amor

DIMENSIONES: 46 cm x 85 cm

TECNICA: Mixta acrilico y pastel sobre metal

AÑO: 2020





TITLE: Encanto

DIMENSIONS: 51 cm x 1.12cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Lauti (Lauti tall thin person)
DIMENSIONS: 46 cm x 2.68 cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal







TITLE: It's worth a Potosi

DIMENSIONS: 1.09 cm x 1.70cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal on a potosinian door with hand wrought iron from 1940





TITLE: Muse

DIMENSIONS: 40cm x 90 cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal,

installed on a chair





TITLE: Rocking time

DIMENSIONS: 66 cm x 1.10cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Flaky

DIMENSIONS: Diameter 60cm with 1.10cm

length of the strings.

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Amaya(Soul)

DIMENSIONS: Diameter 60cm with 1.60cm of

strings

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal





TITLE: Quinturá II (Cut)
DIMENSIONS: 49cm x 65 cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal

installed on wooden boxes.





TITLE: Silence

DIMENSIONS: 37cm x 27 cm

TECNIQUE: Mixed acrylic and pastel on metal

installed on wooden boxes.



Exhibitions

Lu Puerta di Umbral Afro La Paz 2019





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Espejos Afrobolivianos Santa Cruz 2021













Performance

Performance "Bailar sin Bailar", outcome from Residencia Vía Láctea 2019

Download link:

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Performance "NO SE TOCA", outcome from Residencia Vía Láctea 2020

Download link:

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Publicaciones

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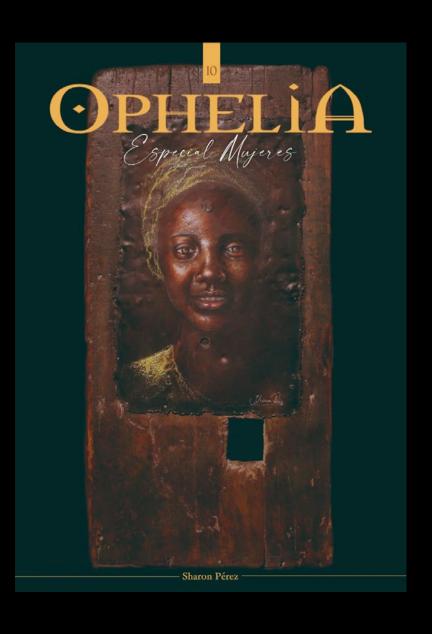
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puertas y ventanas

En la muestre, la creadore, licenciada de la Camera de Artes Plásticas de la UMSA, busca revalorizar la belleza y la esancia de la mujer afroboliviana.

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Anghi Cazas / La Paz

Para la paceña Sharon Pérez, el arte no tiene limites. Decició pintar la esencia y el ser de las mujeres afrobolivianas. Y. además, dio un paso más y utilizó como llenzos ventanas y puertas antiguas.

lunes, 20 de julio de 2016

Begün Pérez, en lesta muestra busca también revalorizar la belleza y esencia de la mujer afrobaliviana. "Esto parte del reconocimiento de una identidad étnica con la que me sierrio enteramente compremetida e identificada, per ser mujer

La exposición, bautizada como "Lu Puerta Di Umbral Afro", abrió el 9 de julio y corrardi maffana, en la galería Arte San Miguel (calle Pancara, 1002, entre la 21 y Montenegro).

Para plasmar las doras. Pérez utilizó una técnica mixta y acuarela. "He utilizado puertas y ventanas porque me ayudan a transformar una idea. Además, estos elementos me ofrecen colores y texturas únicas para clasmar mis obras", ascourd,

La oreadora conió que lla muestra fue montada este mes en homenaje al 26 de julio, el cita en que se celebra la rehándicación de los derechos humanos de las mujeres afrodescendientes desde una perspectiva social, cultural y politica.

Pérez nació en La Paz el 2 de enero de 1989. Es artista plástica y diseffadora paceña. Es afreboliviana. En 2010 ganó la beca de linglés "Wartin Luther King" en el Centro Bol Mano Americano. Es licenciada de la Carrera de Arios Plásticas de la Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (2014). Curso un diplomado de Curaduria de Arte en la Universidad Nuestra Señora de La Paz. (2013). En los últimos echo años, participó en diferentes expesiciones.

Lina búsqueda constante

El 2018, la greadora i represento a Boltvia en la tercera lecición de la Muestra Internacional de Arte de la Muier Negra (Minunegra) en Río de Janeiro (Brasil). Para la ocasión, llevó una muestra fotocráfica, de mujeros afros. "En esta oportunidad pude ver lo importante que es mestrar y reseatar a la mujer afreboliviana en su complejidad y plasmaria en pirituras que reflejen, su ser, su color de piel, más altá de la estética relacionada a la saya y a su vestuario lamativo", finalizò.

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La exposición "Lu puerta di umbral afro" busca reivindicar a la mujer afroboliviana

▲ César Sánchez
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Las Paz, 9 de Julio de 2015 (Codgeno).- Shanon Pêrez, artista plástica y gráfica paceña, presentará, desde este 9 de julio, su exposición titulada "LU PUERTA DI UMBRAL AFRO", que busca "relvindicar y revalorizar a la mujer

La exposición de la artista paceña consta de quadros hechos a partir del rescate de elementos como puertas y ventarias antiguas usadas como lienzo.

"Esto parte del recongcimiento de una identiciad étnica con la que me siento enteramente comprometida e ficada por ser mujer afrodescentilente", aseguró Pérez a Oxígeno.

ociales, políticas, económicas, culturales y de género basadas enel color de la piel", señaló Pérez.

La artista paceña agregó que "el fruto de aquel maltrato es el estereotipo, donde se las relega como objetos

Sharon Pérez, entro otras presentaciones, tuvo la oportunidad de ser parte de la 3ra edición de la Muestra Internacional de Arte de la Mujer Negra (MINUNEGRA) en Rio de Janeiro (Brasil) en representación de Bolivia

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