

Title	Medium	Price	Artist
Renaciendo	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Saak Pakal - Mayan for White Dove	Mixed Media	\$1,200	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Sea Heart	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Sea Totem	Mixed Media	\$200	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
The Gorgone and the Birth of Pegasus	Mixed Media	\$1,500	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
The White Crow and the Hummingbird Travel	Mixed Media	\$1,500	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Yin & Yang	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Agripina y Saul	Oil	\$8,000	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Awesome Dude	Oil	\$180	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Call It What You Want	Oil	\$56,816	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Calling	Oil	\$180	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Echoes of Study	Oil	\$100	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Enlightened	Oil	\$300	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Fool	Oil	\$140	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Friends	Oil	\$200	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Garth	Oil	\$180	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Joy	Oil	\$140	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Love	Oil	\$1,000	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Lust and Passion	Oil	\$500	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Mirror	Oil	\$140	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Sacrament	Oil	\$100	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Sailor's End	Oil	\$350	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Something Needs to Change	Oil	\$85	Alexander (PaintWraith)
Última Canción	Oil	\$300	Alexander (PaintWraith)

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HISPANIC AMERICANS AND THE ARTS

SEPTEMBER 4 – 27

GIL ORTIZ

SOCORRO REYES RAMIREZ

ALEXANDER (PAINT WRAITH)

OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, September 4, 2025

7-8:30 p.m.

Hispanic Americans and the Arts

Gil Ortiz:

Gil Ortiz is an artist deeply influenced by his Spanish heritage, childhood memories, and the landscapes of southwestern Colorado and northern New Mexico. His abstract work reflects life’s textures and is inspired by both his surroundings and everyday moments. Initially studying music at Adams State College, Gil later transitioned to visual arts, earning honors in Visual Communications from the Colorado Institute of Art. With over 35 years of experience as a graphic designer, he worked at the University of Kansas and now semi-retired, continues to create, freelance, and exhibit his art across Kansas, Missouri, and nearby states.

Living in Lawrence, Kansas, Gil finds inspiration in spontaneous artistic processes fueled by his surroundings and imagination. His involvement with the Lawrence Art Guild, where he serves as Secretary, has been pivotal in his journey. Gil credits his success to the support of his loved ones and advocates for the arts, encouraging others to find joy in artistic expression everywhere and within.

Socorro Reyes Ramirez:

Socorro is a Mexican multimedia artist based in Kansas City, Missouri. Originally from Veracruz, Mexico, she studied Visual Arts at Universidad Veracruzana with a focus on illustration and visual narrative. Her diverse practice includes drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, murals, editorial design, illustration, installations, and multimedia performance.

Reyes Ramirez’s work has been featured in exhibitions across Mexico, Colombia, France, Italy, Spain, and the U.S., with five solo shows and over twenty group presentations. She has illustrated three published books and appeared in notable catalogs such as Conaculta (Mexico) and HICHAЕ (Las Vegas). In 2023, she was selected for Kansas City’s **Parade of Hearts** and has created fifteen public murals throughout the city.

Her art explores the fluidity of creativity and challenges traditional boundaries by incorporating everyday materials to create immersive, symbolic environments. Deeply rooted in community and collaboration, her work invites reflection, transformation, and connection.

Kansas City has been her home for over a decade—a place where her artistic vision has flourished and found meaningful support.

Alexander (Paint Wraith):

Alexander is a multidisciplinary painter whose work explores identity, social tensions and the sacredness embedded in everyday life. Through scenes that make oil feel half remembered, emotionally coded and quietly confrontational, each painting acts as a confession and a challenge. Inviting the soul to feel more deeply into a strange truth.

A born artist shaped by instinct rather than formalism, Alexander works under the online name PaintWraith. A persona that veils the artist and allows for a restless creative spirit to guide their brush. This wraith allows them to move freely through the work and conjure themes of spiritual stasis, interrupted nostalgia and the illusion of control over the natural world. The brush becomes a relic evocation that turns each piece into a window into the artist, as well as an eye into the viewer. Witness with caution.

“When I paint, I let everything go. It moves from my chest, through my hands, into the paint. What’s left is the bleed of something quiet and… finally still.”

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Camino	Acrylic	\$450	Gil Ortiz
Castle Rock	Acrylic	\$2,000	Gil Ortiz
Dead of Winter	Acrylic	\$575	Gil Ortiz
El Toro	Acrylic	\$1,200	Gil Ortiz
Fields	Acrylic	\$350	Gil Ortiz
Gallo	Acrylic	\$450	Gil Ortiz
Grumpy	Acrylic	\$550	Gil Ortiz
Hard Work	Acrylic	\$450	Gil Ortiz
Hermosa	Acrylic	NFS	Gil Ortiz
Initials	Acrylic	NFS	Gil Ortiz
Kansunflower	Acrylic	\$700	Gil Ortiz
Mirar	Acrylic	\$750	Gil Ortiz
Mountains	Acrylic	\$850	Gil Ortiz
Ortiz Mountain Range	Acrylic	\$200	Gil Ortiz
Ouray	Acrylic	\$750	Gil Ortiz
Shiprock	Acrylic	\$800	Gil Ortiz
Short Stories	Acrylic	\$700	Gil Ortiz
Abuelita Cheva - Grandma	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Carmina’s Face	Mixed Media	\$1,800	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Cosmic Cat Charlie	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Cosmic Cat Gaia	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Cosmic Cat Lucien	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Falling Angel and the Frogs of Change	Mixed Media	\$1,200	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Four Leaf Clover	Mixed Media	\$700	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Kukulkan - Feathered Serpent	Mixed Media	\$1,500	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
La Femme Cosmique	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Mexican Golden Eagle	Mixed Media	\$1,700	Socorro Reyes Ramirez
Mother Nature	Mixed Media	NFS	Socorro Reyes Ramirez