

Mary Jhun

Surrealist Painter of the Girls

The girls and beings that carry Jhun's work act as a vase to her traumatic & emotional memories. The world of the girls emphasizes the melding of her psychological relationship to her emotions, broken apart, and bounded together by mechanical elements, organic illustrations & anatomical figures. With a 20 year focus on her subject, she currently utilizes her method of surrealism to tell deeper stories of others around her and the observations of life. Mary Jhun is currently a full time artist located in San Diego, CA.



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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

In Losing Sleep, I Painted Oceanside Museum of Art — *Oceanside, CA*

March 2025 - June 2025

A series dedicated to the artist's experience with sleep disruptions due to a sleep machine and the metaphor that lie in dreams.

Sons & Daughters Gramercy Art Gallery — *Riverside, CA*

March 2023 - May 2023

A showcase of 12 new works focused on the theme of parenthood & the emotional stages of someone who chose to not be a parent.

An Obsession Solo Show Thumbprint Gallery — *La Jolla, CA*

October 2021 - November 2021

A showcase of 13 new works created within 8 weeks. An Obsession focused on Jhun's lifelong obsession with her signature girls.

Identity Featured Artist Museum of Us— *San Diego, CA*

September 2021

Featured solo artist representing the strength in multifaceted identities. A current and continuing collaboration with the Museum of Us at Balboa Park.

All My Ghosts Are Girls Film Release Museum of Photographic Arts - *San Diego, CA*

November 2019

A short documentary by Chris Radomski. "...This intimate poetic documentary places the viewer in the center of her mind to represent the innermost expressions of the soul and acts as a visual emotional diay and reflection on memory and time." -IMDB

The Weight of Memories Solo Show Thumbprint Gallery — *La Jolla, CA*

April 2019

Showcasing the power of memories and depth of the mind in the 6 piece Ink series

Crafted Sandbox Venue - *Downtown San Diego, CA*

August 2019

A solo exhibition and immersive dinner experience.

The North Park Series Solo Show Little Dame Shop — *San Diego, CA*

August 2018

An exhibit featuring 26 Urban Sketches of an area we know and love.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

MEDIUMS & PRACTICE

Fine Art Painting Mediums

Muralist

Printmaking

Watercolor Maker

PUBLIC MURALS & WORK

Jaunt Coffee Roasters
Miramar, San Diego CA

Cafe Virtuoso
Barrio Logan, San Diego, CA

California Culinary Institute
Barrio Logan, San Diego, CA

Evolving Hair Studios
Barrio Logan, San Diego, CA

Sew Loka
Barrio Logan, San Diego, CA

Pop Pie
University Heights, San Diego, CA

Northside Shack
North Park, San Diego, CA

Nomad Donuts
North Park, San Diego, CA

Bank of America Electric Box
North Park, San Diego, CA

San Diego Herbal Medicine
Hillcrest, San Diego, CA

Sunset Kava
City Heights, San Diego, CA

Skillet Diner
Seattle, Washington

PRODUCT COLLABORATIONS

Alesmith Brewing Company
Women's Brew Label
2022 - 2023 - 2024

Museum of Us
Featured Box Set 2021

Local Visions: Reimagining The Facade San Diego Museum of Art — *San Diego, CA*

January 24, 2026 - July 26, 2026

Featured artist for the 100th year anniversary of the opening of the San Diego Museum of Art.

The Hummingbirds Visit SOMarts Cultural Center — *San Francisco, CA*

October 2023 - November 2023

Featured muralist for SOMarts' Dia De Los Muertos celebration.

To Be Loved SOMarts Cultural Center — *San Francisco, CA*

October 2022 - November 2022

Featured muralist for SOMarts' Dia De Los Muertos celebration.

Suenos Munzon Gallery — *Los Angeles, CA*

September 2022

Featured artist.

Extraordinary Measures — *Brooklyn, NY*

April 2022

Surrealism Group Show

Annual Showcase Gramercy Art Gallery— *Riverside, CA*

April 2022

Featured Southern California artist.

La Femme (+ More) La Bodega Gallery — *San Diego, CA*

January 2015 - March 2020

Featured artist for multiple group shows including: La Femme, Annual Frida Show, Full Moon Show, Annual All Women's Show, Annual Skull shows, 10x10 shows, Annual Anniversary shows & more.

Crafted Quartyard — *Downtown San Diego, CA*

May - August 2019

Wall to Wall exhibition featuring 5 San Diego Artists.

Designer Con Anaheim Convention Ctr. — *Anaheim, CA*

November 2019 - Current

Annual featured artist.

Cross Border Mural Exhibit The Front Gallery - *San Ysidro, CA*

September 2020

Blacked Out Thumbprint Gallery – *San Diego, CA*

2016 - 2021

Featured artist for multiple group shows such as: Blacked Out, Baker's dozen, First annual Taste of the Philippines, & currently displayed throughout the year.

PUBLICATIONS

KPBS Feature Article
February 2025

San Diego Union Tribune
December 2024

Bold Journey Magazine
September 2023

KPBS feature: An Obsession
October 2021

San Diego Union Tribune
September 2021

San Diego Magazine
September 2021

Stigma Solutions Artist
November 2020

IVN US Mural Feature
October 2020

Pacific San Diego
September 2020

KPBS
May 2020

The Conquered Sits at the Bus Stop, Waiting **Book*
September 2020

Filipino American Artist Directory
2019 Edition

SD Voyager
July 2018

Raising Arizona Kids
August 2017

GUEST LECTURE

San Diego Continuing Ed
June 2025

Creative Mornings SD
November 2021

High Tech High SD
March 2021

University of Oregon

BLM Featured Muralist Birkenstock— *Downtown San Diego, CA*

July 2019

Featured muralist in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Friday Fare Guest Artist La Jolla Playhouse — *La Jolla, CA*

July 2019

Overseas The Front Gallery — *San Ysidro, CA*

July 2019

A show dedicated to Filipino Fine Artists and their roots from the Philippines to life in the United States.

Nights Like These Guest Muralist San Diego Art Institute — *Balboa Park, CA*

June 2019

Mother By Action Guest Muralist Alex & Ani — *Irvine, CA*

May 2019

Unfolding Visual Gallery & Design — *North Park, CA*

April 2019

The opening show of Visual Gallery & Design.Intersection Murals Hyde Gallery — *San Diego, CA*

March 2019

New Year Mural Takeover Helmuth Projects — *San Diego, CA*

January 2019

LatinX Love Artist Feature Lyceum Theater — *San Diego, CA*

August 2018

West Elm Artist Feature West Elm Mission Valley — *San Diego, CA*

December 2017

College of Art & Design Exhibitions San Diego State University— *San Diego, CA*

August 2013 - January 2016

Exhibited works in the annual class exhibitions at The Everett Gee Jackson Gallery, the 418 Gallery, and the Flor y Canto Gallery.

January 2021

You Belong Here SD
April 2019

Urbanist Guide
April 2019

EDUCATION

Fine Art Painting & Printmaking
San Diego State University
2013-2017

Asian Studies & Art
Capital Normal University
Beijing, China
2014

Studio Arts
Southwestern College
2008 - 2013