



Rene Palomares

Visual Artist

René J. Palomares II is a father, husband, educator, and visual artist from La Mesa, New Mexico. He currently resides in Albuquerque and works at Explora as the Director of X Studio, a workforce development center that focuses on providing teens skills in STEAM careers. Palomares received his Bachelor in Fine Art with an emphasis in Drawing and Painting from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces in 2009. More recently Palomares attended the University of New Mexico and earned a Masters in Art Education. His passion for Art has lead him to opportunities in after school programs, summer camps, traditional classrooms, and now museum education. Palomares' artwork is inspired by New Mexican culture, his Hispanic and Chicano roots; along with pop culture, contemporary social issues, and lowbrow aesthetics.

Rene Palomares's Provocation for students:
How do we honor our past, without letting in dictate our
future?