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His work develops through various media such as ceramics, collage, installation, painting, and sound. With a Bachelor's in Arts and Science from Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA), Mendoza-Sánchez explores the unnoticed—the passage of time, language, and the objects we engage with daily—in an attempt to animate the small, often overlooked elements that form the fabric of society.

Recent solo and group exhibitions include: Saga (2023; San Juan, PR), La última Coca-Cola del Desierto at Rachel Uffner Gallery (2023; New York, NY), We Are All Over the Place at Kilómetro 0.2 (2024; San Juan, PR), Santuarios del Fuego at Revolver Gallery (2024; New York, NY), I See the Future, It's Black at Tubman Gallery (2025; Texas, USA), and Bunny Business at Recinto Cerra (2025; San Juan, PR). His work was recently acquired by the Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico for its permanent collection (2025). He has participated in fundraising auctions for Fundación Casa Cortés in both 2024 and 2025.

Previous solo exhibitions include Common Grounds at Embajada (2019; San Juan, PR) and From Aa to Zz at Hidrante (2017; San Juan, PR). Other group shows and fairs include Nunca es suficiente at KM 0.2 (2021), Liste Art Fair (2021; Basel, CH), Documento at Embajada (2020–2021), Material Art Fair (2020; Mexico City, MX), and MECA International Art Fair (2018–2019; San Juan, PR).

He has participated in several artist residencies such as La Práctica, Beta-Local (2019; San Juan, PR), and La Ira de Dios (2018; Buenos Aires, ARG). In 2024, he launched SORBO ARTEFACTO, a ceramic project that explores the cup as a tactile, intimate ritual object.

EDUCATION

2014 BA, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

2014 Escuela de Arte Plásticas, San Juan, PR

2016 Taller Escuela, Rene Delgado, Carolina, PR

2013 Benedetto Ebanistería Italiana, Santurce

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 SAGA, Firpi. San Juan. Puerto Rico.

2023 La última Coca-cola del desierto, Rachel Uffner Gallery New York, New York (2 person show)

2019 Common Grounds, Embajada, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2017 From Aa to Zz, Hidrante, San Juan, Puerto Rico

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 "Bunny Business", Recinto Cerra. San Juan. Puerto Rico

2024 "Penland Hurricane relief" North Carolina. USA

2024 "Santuarios del fuego" Revolver. New York City. NY
2024 "We are all over the place" Kilometro 0.2. San Juan. Puerto Rico
2022 "We didn't ask for permission, we just did it..." Contemporary Art Museum of St.Louis
2022 "Tamo Aqui (We here)", Embajada, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2021 "Desde afuera: La casa de la mirada" San Juan. Puerto Rico
2021 "It is never enough", KM 0.2, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2021 Foundation Cortés, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2020-2021 Documento, Embajada, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2019 Espacio KB, Bogotá, Colombia
2019 Futuro Modular, Rachel Uffner Gallery, NY, New York
2019 Estado Tropical, curated by Armig Santos, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2019 MALL en el Tamayo, organized by Adriana Martinez, Mexico City, Mexico
2018 MALL, NADA Miami, organized by Adriana Martinez, Proyectos Ultravioleta, Miami, FL
2018 A New Visual Play, PR
2018 MALL, Artbo, organized by Adriana Martinez, Bogota, Colombia
2018 COCO DE ORO, San Juan, PR
2018 Todxs con el universo, Chela, La Ira de Dios, BA, Argentina
2018 Fuego Tropical, curated by Armig Santos, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2018 Dolores, DF, México
2017 About Clay, Souvenir154, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2016 2da Gran Bienal Tropical, curated by Pablo León de la Barra, Marina Reyes Franco, Stefan Bechoam, Radames "Juni" Figueroa, Jesús "Bubu" Negron, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2016 "23" collective show, 2bleó, Santurce, Puerto Rico
2015 Monumento al Dron Chinita, Santurce, Puerto Rico
2014 9:45 Thesis show, Philadelphia, PA

ART FAIRS:

2024 Meca. Republica Dominicana
2022 Museo Arte y diseño Miramar, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2021 Liste Art Fair, Basel, Suiza
2020 Material Art Fair, Embajada, Mexico City, Mexico
2019 Meca Art Fair, Embajada, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2019 ArtBo Fair, Embajada - solo booth -, Bogota, Colombia
2018 Meca Art Fair, Embajada, San Juan, Puerto Rico

RESIDENCIES

2022 Cristina Córdova and Pendant School of Craft, North Carolina, US
2021 Jose Luis Vargas, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2019 La Práctica, Beta-Local, San Juan, Puerto Rico
2019 Nuevo MIAMI. Bogotá, Colombia
2018 La Ira de Dios, Buenos Aires, Argentina
2015 Sonido Vieques, Summer Session organized by Beatriz Santiago Muñoz & Michelle Nono, Beta-Local, San Juan, Puerto Rico