

*Alex Mijares: Because He Says So.*



Beauty seems to be the transcending inspiration that seeps through every stroke of artist Alexander Mijares' work, whether that beauty comes to fruition through the courage of a horse or the hope of an angel.

Mijares invited me into his world, and shared the importance of living your life as if it were on canvas. Alex explains how he imprints the beauty he sees around him into every work, *“that’s the thing with art, that I love, is that you can do whatever you want, because YOU say so.*



Lauren & A. Mijares @Katsuya Gallery Nights

Distant cousin of famed artist Jose Mijares, many say there are uncanny similarities between their works, almost as though Jose's memory is living on through Alex... *"It's in the blood, so the styles could resemble... we even sign the same, hence the reason why I actually put an A. Mijares... my father, my uncles, we all sign with Caps."*

Q:What inspires you, Alex?

*"I come home and I have no idea what I want to paint, I travel and I take a bunch of photos so I always have all of this stuff in my head... I wake up with something in my head and I'm like alright I gotta paint that."*

Alex goes on to explain his artistic process... *"I don't sketch anything, usually everything I do, is I start with paint so I can't erase... I start off painting one thing and by the time I get to the other side of the canvas, a whole story has been developed."*

Q: Does your heritage play a role in your art?

*"I would say very much so. My mom is Cuban and my dad's from Spain, so it has that very Latin, tons of water, mountains, dancing, music and bright colors..."*

Q: Which artists have influenced you?

*"Cundo Bermúdez, Picasso... The Greats! What I like about their style is they always painted and created something from nothing... creating facial expressions, body expressions that don't exist, that you can't find in a magazine or a book."*

And last, but certainly not least, I wondered who the woman is that infatuates much of Mijares' work, as he let out a boyish grin, he responded... *"There's a few, that basically pertain to certain people, sometimes not, sometimes maybe it's what I'm looking for..."*

You know what that means ladies put in your bids for 'Basel', because this 28-year old is quite the eligible bachelor!

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