

RUBEN
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ABOUT

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Bio & Things done

I'm Ruben Sanchez. Born and raised in Madrid, Spain (1979)

In 1993 I was kidnapped while I was drawing on my text books. The two kidnappers left this note:

"We got your kid

Cheers,

Graffiti and Skateboarding"

They never asked for a ransom from my family so they gave me up for lost. I would never be an astronaut or that guy hanging onto a garbage truck (that looked so cool).

The consequences of this kidnapping were bad in a way: troubles in school, shitty jobs, disappointments, fines, injuries... but the good ones made it worthy: friends, travels, fun, survival, freedom.

This experience has given me a curious vision of the environment: The b-side of things.

You don't learn this in school... or I don't know, I quit school pretty soon... but where people don't see anything special we the kidnapped people see spots. Either for skate or paint.

The streets and its elements belong to its people.

With this in mind I'm interested in reviving old spaces, in resurrecting stuff, giving life to dead boring things through colors, creatures, or silly faces. Where there's an abandoned factory, a cut tree or a dead train there were humans before messing it all up. Sometimes I try to make that footprint nicer. Sometimes I paint on clean walls and white canvases too.

If you dissect today some of my artworks in an operating room you might find mediterranean life, graphic design, flamenco, graffiti, cubism, reclaimed stuff, skateboarding, 80's music, surrealism, social situations and a kaleidoscope among others.

From Madrid then adopted by Barcelona in a cloud when I was younger (met surrealism there) and currently living in Dubai for a one year residency thanks to [Tashkeel](#).

Thanks to you too for visiting my site,

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Artshows:

- Made in Tashkeel, Dubai (UAE). 2014
- Art Dubai, Dubai (UAE). 2014
- Art4sight, Dubai (UAE). 2014
- The B Side, Solo show, Dubai (UAE). 2013
- Manarat Al Saadiyat Galleries, Abu Dhabi (UAE). 2013
- Centro Mutuo, Barcelona (Spain). 2013
- Art4sight, Dubai (UAE). 2013
- Sikka art fair, Dubai (UAE). 2013

SuperGráfica. Una colección de obras de los artistas de 'Gráfica' :

-Galería Finestra Estudio, Zaragoza (Spain), 24 Feb-31 Mar 2012

-Estación Diseño Andalucía, Granada (Spain), 18 Oct-7 Jan 2013

Gráfica. 30 Artistas de la España Joven (30 Artists from a young Spain). Exhibition tour:

-National Gallery of Jordan, Ammán (Jordan), 21 Feb - 20 March 2011

-Villa Audi, Beirut (Lebanon), del 13-30 April 2011

-Instituto Cervantes, Bordeaux (France), 9 Sep-25 Nov 2011

-Instituto Cervantes, Madrid (Spain), 7 Oct-22 Jan 2012

-Instituto Cervantes, Sofía (Bulgaria), 16 Feb-16 March 2012

-Centro de Historias, Zaragoza (Spain), 23 Feb-20 May 2012

-Mikser House e Instituto Cervantes, Belgrado (Serbia), 3 April-7 May 2012

-Instituto Cervantes, Argel (Argelia), 13 de Jun-15 Sep 2012

-Instituto Cervantes, Toulouse (France), 14 de Nov-21 Dec 2012

-Arthoteque, Burdeos (France). Rorro Berjano, Anton Unai, Okuda San Miguel & Ruben Sanchez. 2012

-Los Pájaros de Neruda, Ikara Gallery, Barcelona (Spain). Collective exhibition. 2012

-Ojo x Ojo, Paris (France). Gaston Francisco & Ruben Sanchez. 2012

-Bright Tradeshow, Berlín (Germany). Reskate exhibition. 2012

-Sa Possessio, Mallorca (Spain) "Vias Subversivas" Artists: Ricardo Cavolo, Teddy Kelly, Hovin Wang, Grip Face, Javier Siquier, Pato Conde, Michael Hsiung, Alona Vinç, Javier Garló, Ian Waelder & Rubén Sanchez. 2012

-Ikara Gallery, Barcelona (Spain). Solo exhibition. 2011

-Proyecto Haiti, Barcelona (Spain). Graffiti artists exhibition. 2011

-Eggs&Chips, Barcelona (Spain). "My little sister can do it better" Alex Castañeda, Danny Wainwright & Ruben Sanchez. 2010

-Ikara Gallery, Barcelona (Spain), Alex Castañeda y Ruben Sanchez. 2010

-Bouil'hot, Vasava Gallery, Barcelona (Spain). Various artists. 2010

-Espacio Espora, Madrid (Spain). "Symbiosis" Alex Castañeda, Danny Wainwright & Ruben Sanchez. 2009

-Appetit Gallery, Bilbao (Spain). "Painting alive", Pepa Prieto, Murphy, Asier, Adrian Blanca & Ruben Sanchez. 2009

-Heclewood Gallery, Portland, OR (USA). "Wood Pushers". Collective Exhibition. 2008

-Hey Ho Let's Go, Barcelona (Spain). Collective Exhibition. 2006

Press:

- [El País](#)

- [Beautiful Decay](#)

- [ABC](#)

- [La Sexta](#)

- [Uno Pop Mag](#)

- [StreetArtNews](#)

- [Staf Magazine](#)

- [Lamono](#)

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