He began his formal training and graduated from the Puerto Rico School of Plastic Arts in 2001. After graduating he was awarded the Arana Scholarship, providing him with the privilege of living in Paris for a year. Santiago took full advantage of his stay by enrolling at the Theophile Gautier institute; the De la Marie Fine Arts Workshop; and the Daniel Fisher Studio. In addition, he had the opportunity to work at the Alfonso Arana atelier, and at his own atelier in Gambetta. To further his technique and knowledge, Santiago joined the "Les Rats Du Champs", a group that travels yearly to the Alps to paint exclusively in watercolors. In 2015, Santiago decided to continue his studies finishing a M.A. in Painting and Drawing from the Catholic University of Ponce, PR.

Since 2001, Santiago has held eleven individual exhibitions in Puerto Rico and abroad. Equally, he has participated in collective exhibitions in the United States, Canada, France, Peru and Puerto Rico. In 2004 he participated in the UNESCO House in the Dominican Republic. In 2021, he was selected to exhibit at Puerto Rico's Governor's Mansion, La Fortaleza, a true honor for a Puerto Rican artist. Santiago's work embodies his expressionism and speaks to us of resistance, humanity, and defiance.

Education

2015 M.A. Drawing & Painting. Catholic University of Ponce-Ponce, P.R.

2003 Daniel Fischer Student - Paris.

Atelier Marie du Paires intensive course in the drawing of anatomy

2001 B.A. Education of Art / School of Plastic Arts of Puerto Rico - San Juan, P.R. Cum Laude

Individuals

- 2021 Prisma, Petrus Gallery San Juan, P. R.
- 2020 Planetario, Petrus Gallery San Juan, P. R.
- 2017 Azzurro, Petrus Gallery San Juan, P. R.
- 2015 El Pasado como Presente, Guánica History Museum Guánica,
- 2010 Vírgenes del Trópico, Principal Gallery Altos de Chavón La Romana, Rep. Dom.

En mi Jardín, Home of the History of Ramón Rivera Bonyé - Peñuelas, P. R.

2009 Tres Décadas, René Marqués History Museum - Arecibo, P. R. 2008 Viaje sin regreso, Prinardi Gallery - San Juan, P.R. Reyes Veray Collection, Contemporary Art Museum of Puerto Rico - San Juan, P. R.

2007 Mitos y Realidades, Prinardi Gallery - San Juan, P. R. 2006 Del Amor a la Guerra, Prinardi Gallery - San Juan, P. R. 2004 Iracundo y racional, Hall of Temporary Exhibitions of the UNESCO House - Santo Domingo, Rep. Dom.

2001 Gallery Nights, Prinardi Gallery - San Juan, P. R.