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Artist Statement

Franck de las Mercedes lives and works in New York City. His multifaceted body of work includes painting, collage, drawing, photography and writing. His paintings combine abstract figuration, journal entry, and hieroglyphic-like text, in energetic abstractions bursting with color. Franck's personal history, childhood memories and upbringing are extracted and combined with fragments of current events, family dynamics and books. Exploring the contrast between memory and present-day cultural context, Franck creates scenes of an emotionally charged urban landscape.

In 2006, de las Mercedes achieved international acclaim with his conceptual art project “The

Priority Boxes.” A public project conceived as a way to promote peace through participatory free art. The project has been adapted as a teaching tool for educators, community centers and art therapy counselors across the US. On October 2014, The New Jersey Senate and General Assembly passed a joint legislative resolution honoring Franck and the Peace Boxes Project, commending him for his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment in the arts and his community.

In 2017, Franck's painting "April Flowers" was selected by The Artists Unite Poster Project, in cooperation with the MTA, to become a poster to display in the elevators at the A line subway station. The work will be seen by thousands of residents and tourists en route to the Cloisters Museum.

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EXHIBITIONS

2018

New York, NY | Maggi Peyton Art Gallery Borough President of Manhattan's Office | Common Views

Ciudad Real, Spain | Museo Cristina García Rodero | *El Humor en Quevedo*

2017

New York, NY | El Barrio's Art-space PS109 | *City Limits: Inside, Above, Within*

New York, NY | *Sing for Hope Pianos*

New York, NY | Artists United MTA Poster Project

The Directed Art Modern, Miami, FL, United States | *The Art of Manliness*

2016

Superfine! Art Fair, Miami, FL | DAM / Miami Art Week

BronxArtSpace, Bronx, NY | Fifth Bronx Latin American Art Biennial 2016

The Queens Museum, Queens, NY | *Costumbres y Tradiciones Hispanas*

Local Project Art Space, Long Island City, NY | *The Food Show*

2015

New York, NY | *Sing for Hope Pianos*

Brooklyn Expo Center, Brooklyn, NY | *BKLYN Designs*

2014

New York, NY | *The Fabergé Big Egg Hunt*

2013

The Museum of Modern Art - MoMA PopRally, NYC | *Abstract Currents*

L'Aart de Rien Galerie, Aubusson, France | *Le Renouveau*

The Centre For Performing & Visual Arts, Newnan, Georgia | *Summer Focus*

2012

Speakeasy Art Gallery, Boonton, NJ | *Munny Makers*

Therese A. Maloney Art Gallery / College of St Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ | *Holy Lives*

Torre de Juan Abad - Ciudad Real, Spain | *El humor en Quevedo*

Folklore Museum of Triptamos, Tinos, Greece | *Journeys*

Times Square Alliance and Chashama, Times Square, NYC | *Art Takes Times Square*

Naples Museum of Art, Naples FL | *Incognito*

2011

The Winter Garden at the World Financial Center, NYC | *Pongtopia*

Francesca Arcilesi Gallery, NYC | *Take Me Home*