

The Talented Mr. Gaw Artist Biography

Born and raised in Miami, FL, Mr. Gaw is the son of two Cuban immigrants who came to this country seeking a better life. As the first generation American in his family, he is the product of his parents sacrifice. He grew up in the heart of Little Havana and exhibited signs of being an individual, artist, free spirit, dreamer and challenger of the status quo from a young age.

Mr. Gaw draws inspiration from the likes of Andy Warhol, Goya, Quentin Tarantino, Bob Dylan and Tim Burton to name a few. Those influences paired with the beauty, sorrow, love, darkness, passion in his vision give birth to his unique artistic style and innovative work.

A multifaceted, multitalented artist, his skills include oil and acrylic painting, art direction, stage design, costume design, theatrical makeup, sculpting, muralist, photography, poetry, interior design and graphic design.

Mr. Gaw received his degree at Florida International University where he earned a Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts with a Minor in Fine Art. He is currently pursuing his MS in Art Education under the guidance of nationally renowned artist Professor David Y. Chang.

For his remarkable dedication to his work, Mr. Gaw was awarded *2015-2016 Teacher of the Year* by Somerset Gables Academy. His work has been exhibited in the FIU GC Art Gallery and Miami Lakes Senior High School Gallery.

When he is not working on a painting, designing a stage, or putting a costume together – Mr. Gaw can be found at Somerset Gables Elementary School where, as the lead art educator, he spends his days sculpting young minds to have a love and appreciation for the arts. Prior to his career as an art educator, he spent 4 + years working in the interior design industry and has been commissioned to create various pieces of art work including murals, commercial point of purchase materials, theatrical stage props, back drops and costumes. He has also partnered with top Miami event planner, Monica Pardo Events, on various projects.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and exposing his three children to the beauty in the world around them. Mr. Gaw also enjoys writing poetry and spending time gardening at his home in Redland, FL.