

Today's Artist: Mario Martinez (Rockford)

Mario is a local artist with a background and strong emphasis on design.



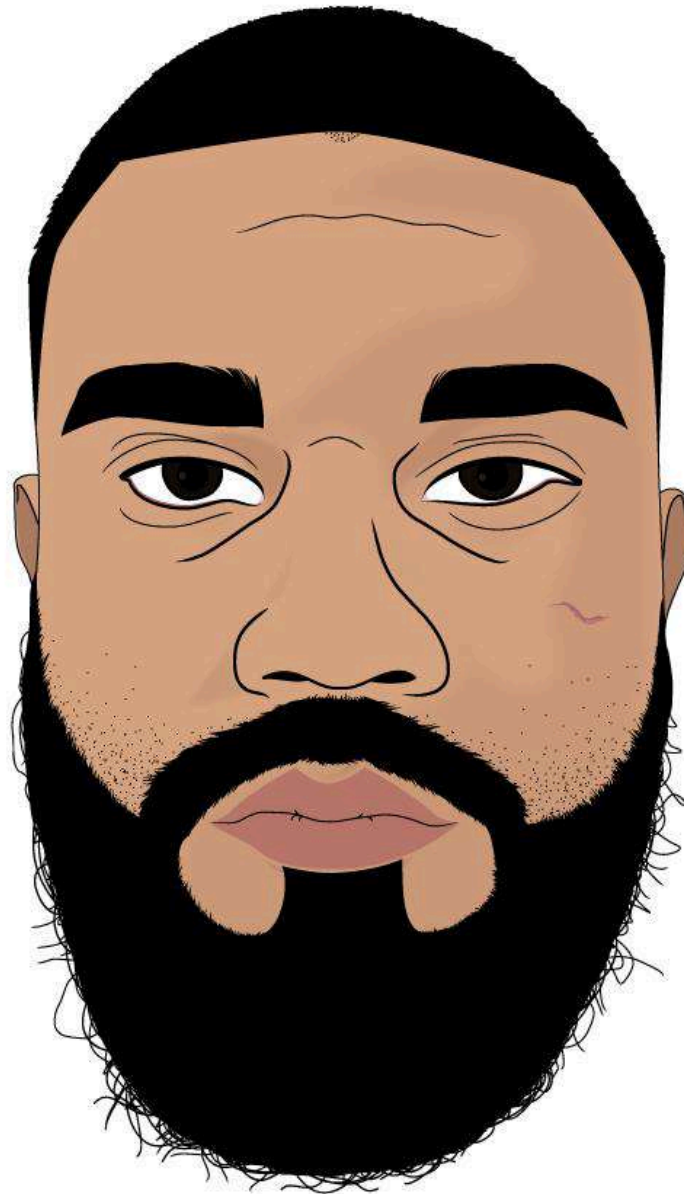
His work features strong line work and contrast that make parts of his images come towards the viewer.

His recent work employs the use of shadow boxes to literally make parts of the work separate from other parts.

Mario has a military background and a love/ need to serve the community. He frequently organizes art shows that benefit one charitable cause or another.

He also organizes the Rockford Hip Hop Congress which creates events that inform and serve the community, especially high school age Rockfordians

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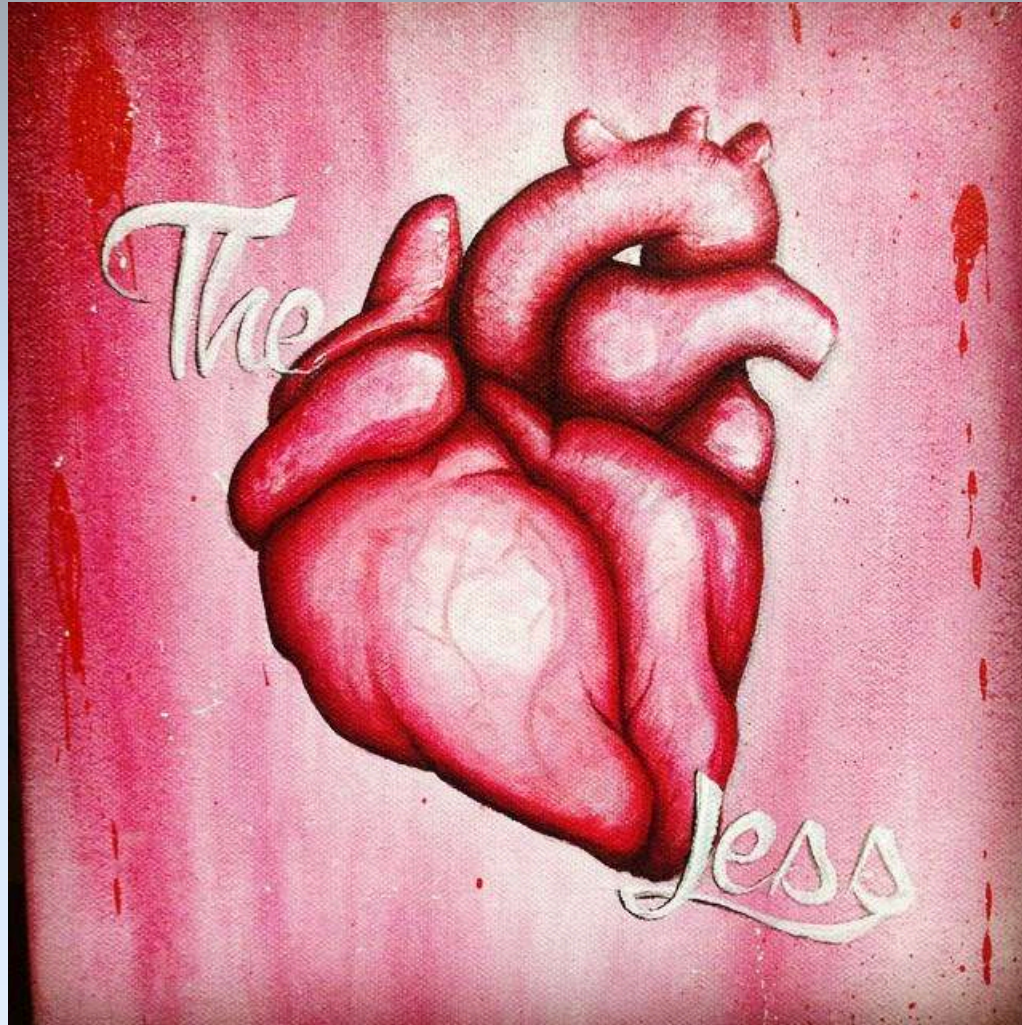


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This series of events included an art show and several Roosevelt students participated.

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For the past several years Mario has organized a Day of the Dead themed art show.

This event began by including artists with cultural ties to the day.

The show has recently expanded to encourage local artists with diverse cultural and artistic backgrounds to explore the theme.

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