

**Muñeca Parra Del Toro [MuñeKa™]** - Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico; studied painting and fine arts with Puerto Rico's renowned painters Myrna Baéz, José Antonio Torres Martinó, Betsy Padín and Rafael Rivera Ortíz.

**MuñeKa's™** paintings are exhibited in private collections in Puerto Rico, Arizona, California, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC, Connecticut, Florida and New York.

#### **INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITIONS:**

- 2003 - "Preamble of the Expressions of Eve" ["Preámbulo de Las Expresiones de Eva"] - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, Puerto Rico.
- 2003 - "The Expressions of Eve" ["Las Expresiones de Eva"] - Citibank Centre Art Gallery Atrium, a Gala Benefit for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, sponsored by Citibank N.A. and the Ford Motor Company.
- 2006 - "Urban Chic" ["Chic Urbano"] - Espacio 304 Gallery, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
- 2007 - "Three Friends and a Letter" ["Tres Amigas y una Carta"] - Galería Petrus at Homespot, San Juan, Puerto Rico

#### **COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS:**

- 2000 - "Dancers in Watercolors" - Caparra Country Club, Guaynabo, P.R.
- 2000 - "Christmas Collective" - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, P.R.
- 2001 - "Small Format Collective" - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, P.R.
- 2001 - "Christmas Collective" - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, P.R.
- 2002 - "Christmas Collective" - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, P.R.
- 2003 - "Fantastic Animal Collective" - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, P.R.
- 2003 - "Christmas Collective" - Old San Juan Art League Gallery, P.R.
- 2004 - "Past and the Present" - Gallery Obra- Alegría, Old San Juan, P.R.
- 2005 - "Art at the Hilton" - Caribe Hilton Hotel and Gallery 304, San Juan, P.R.
- 2006 - "First Plastic Exhibition Tribute to Héctor Lavoe" - Museum of the Americas, Old San Juan, P.R.
- 2007 - "First Plastic Exhibition Tribute to Héctor Lavoe, My People" - Casino of Ponce, Ponce, P.R.
- 2007 - "12<sup>th</sup> The Good Life Festival" ["12<sup>th</sup> Festival de la Buena Vida"] - Hotel Sheraton Four Points at Palmas of the Mar, Humacao P.R.
- 2007 - "ARWI 07", International Art Fair, Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan, P.R.
- 2007 - "Black & White, Petrus Gallery's 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Collective" - Petrus Gallery, San Juan, P.R.
- 2008 - "4<sup>th</sup> Women Collector Exhibit" - Petrus Gallery at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, P.R.

#### **AUCTIONS:**

- 2003 - Federal Bar Association Annual Foundation Silent Auction, Alexandria
- 2004 - Federal Bar Association Annual Foundation Silent Auction, Cincinnati
- 2005 - Federal Bar Association Annual Foundation Silent Auction, Ft. Lauderdale
- 2005 - Newcomers Club of San Juan, Puerto Rico - "An Evening with the Arts"
- 2006 - Federal Bar Association Annual Foundation Silent Auction, Las Vegas
- 2007 - Festival de la Buena Vida Auction, Puerto Rico
- 2007 - Federal Bar Association Annual Foundation Silent Auction, Atlanta

#### **INTERVIEWS AND REVIEWS:**

##### **Newspapers and Magazines**

- 2003 - The San Juan Star, PORTFOLIO
- 2003 - Primera Hora, Arts and Culture
- 2003 - El Nuevo Día, "Magacín"
- 2003 - The San Juan Star, Weekend Roundup
- 2003 - The San Juan Star, Pizzaz

2004 - "IMAGEN" magazine, IMAGES section  
2005 - El VOCERO, Stage section  
2006 - El Nuevo Día, Magacín section  
2006 - El Nuevo Día, Arts and Culture section  
2006- The San Juan Star, Weekend Roundup  
2007 - EL Vocero, Stage & People section  
2007 – Primera Hora – "Cooltura" Section  
2007 - El Nuevo Día, Insider section  
2007 - The San Juan Star, Weekend Roundup  
2007 - "IMAGEN" magazine, IMAGES section  
2008 - The San Juan Star, Weekend Roundup  
2008 – EL VOCERO, Escenario, "Por las Galerías" Section  
2008 – El Nuevo Día, Magacín Section  
2008 – Trance Liquido, [www.tranceliquido.com](http://www.tranceliquido.com)

### Television

2003 - Contigo Channel 6  
2006 - Cultura Viva Channel 6  
2006 - No te Duermas Channel 2

### CRITICS AND ESSAYS OF MuñeKa™ ART EXHIBITIONS:

2003 - BETSY PADÍN – Preamble to the exhibition of "THE EXPRESSIONS OF EVE"

2003 - RAFAEL RIVERA ORTÍZ - "THE EXPRESSIONS OF EVE"

2007 – ARNALDO ROMÁN – "THREE FRIENDS AND A LETTER"

2006 – Regarding her "Urban Chic" Collection, **MuñeKa™** stated that: The pictorials of the "Urban Chic" collection exemplify the modern contemporary woman in an everyday cosmopolitan surrounding. She is the woman of today, secure of herself, enjoys life's in all its fullness, freedom and proud of her feminism. In this pictorial collection I conceive the female in an urban choreographic dimension; reflected in a spectrum of vivid colors that radiate a balance between the satisfaction of success and the joy of personal accomplishment." [MuñeKa™, San Juan, Puerto Rico - 2006]

2007 - Regarding her, "Tres Amigas y Una Carta", Collection **MuñeKa™** stated that: This is a sequel to my "Urban Chic" collection, inspired by the accolades and feedback from the collectors who viewed that exhibit. There, the urban surroundings of my subjects were cosmopolitan, whereas here I depict friends engaging in simple daily pleasures and fantasies. [MuñeKa™, San Juan, Puerto Rico - 2007]

2008 - Regarding her latest collection, "Diario Rojo", **MuñeKa™** stated that: "This collection is a tribute to the special relationship that mothers and daughters develop when daughters come of age and turn to their mothers for comfort and guidance regarding matters of the heart. The collection is a pictorial story that starts with a daughter opening up to her mother and how she comforts and guides her by sharing the intimacies of her own diary." [MuñeKa™, San Juan, Puerto Rico - 2008]