# A PAINTER AND A BALERINA ACTION-PAINTING



JÔNATAS CHIMEN

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

**Jônatas Chimen Dias DaSilva-Benayon**, or simply 'Jonatas' (b. 1981), is a Brazilian-American multimedia symbolist artist and author. His work explores personal and collective identity amidst a complicated and ever changing cultural landscape. The artist's exploration of identity is often drawn from his own family's history.

Embedded in Jônatas' creations are narratives, emotion, spirituality and personal passion. The artist's works are a blend of traditional Spanish realism and contemporary approaches with alternative materials. In his realism, bold figures and carefully chosen inanimate objects situated against dark backgrounds appear to glow and rise from the canvas. In his conceptual pieces, Chimen uses pastiches of immigration documents, Inquisitional archives, crushed charcoal, thread, cut canvas, fur, nails, personal diaries, and photography. Overall, his message of embracing one's cultural identity and disclosing personal beliefs with pride is a recurring theme in his work.

Jônatas Chimen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts from Florida International University. Jonatas has lectured at the Art Institute of Weston, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, and Florida International University. His work has been featured at major art museums, galleries, auctions, and venues such as Artexpo New York, Miami Art Week, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, and the Jewish Museum of Florida. In 2015, Jônatas Chimen was awarded the title of Artist of the Year by the Anti-Defamation League for his art series titled The Journey.

For more information, visit: www.jonataschimen.com



#### ABOUT THE COLLECTION

In **A Painter and a Ballerina**, Jônatas Chimen engages with Miami City Ballet's Samantha Hope in an action-painting collaboration.

In this work, the artist studies the classical ballerina's every move as she delivers a free-style choreography lasting over two hours. As Samantha pauses, Jonatas attempts to capture her pose, movement, and emotions through a series of broad brushstrokes on the canvas behind her, using only the mark-making tools found immediately next to him.

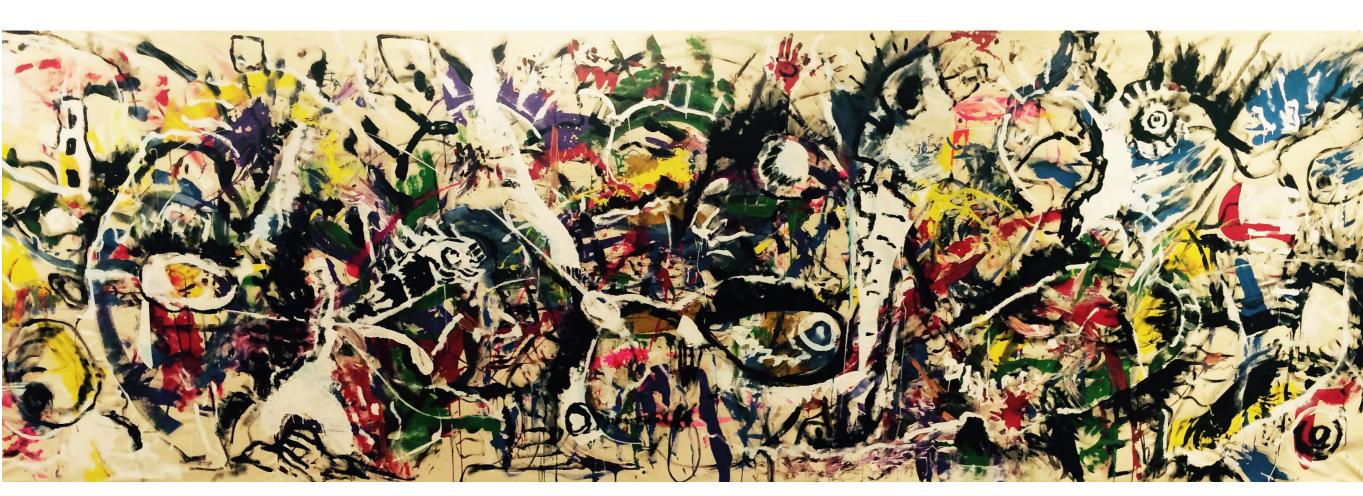
Although these paintings and their video documentation are about a painter's pursuit of a ballerina's movement, conceptually speaking, this series is about adapting to unforeseen situations.

Below you will find the video documentation which is central to the understanding of this series:

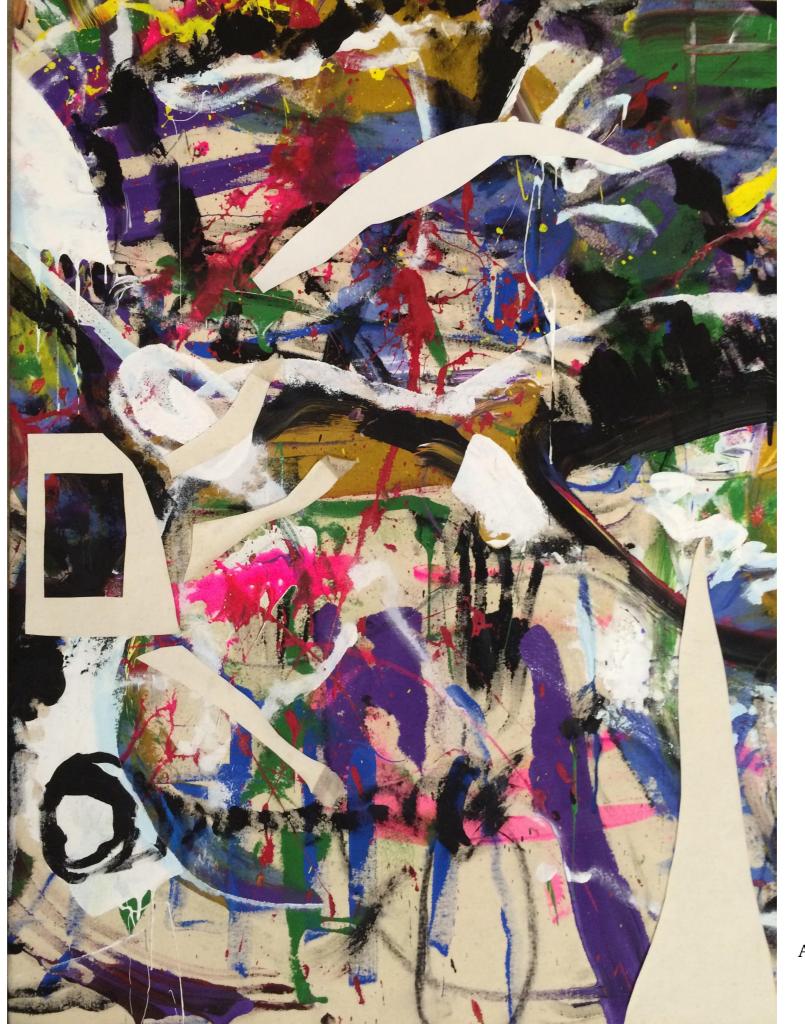
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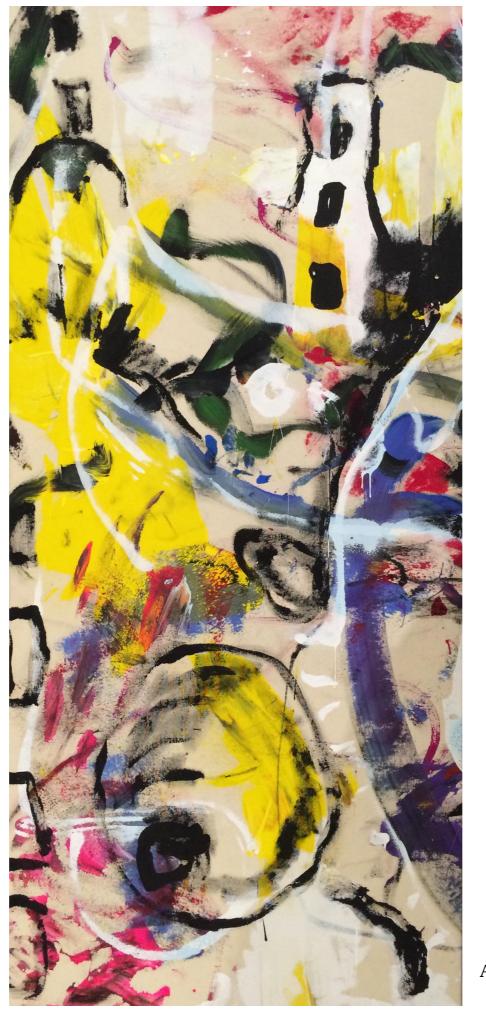




A Painter and a Ballerina Action-Painting in Its Original Form



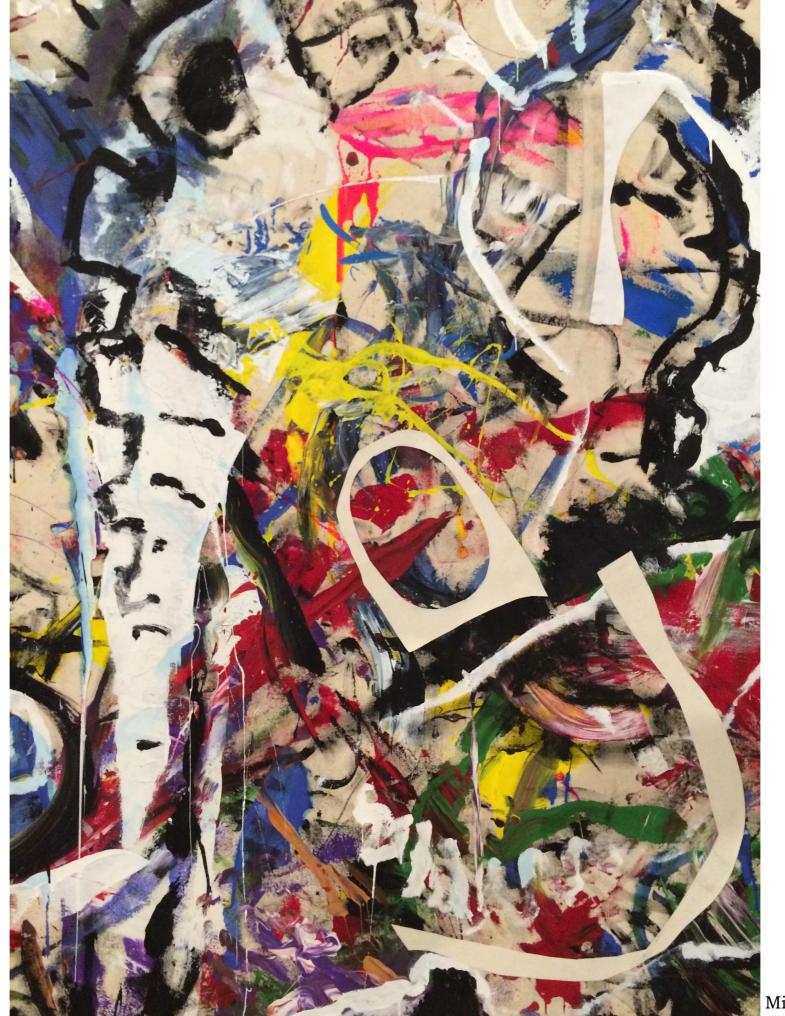
A Painter and a Ballerina I – Color Series, 2016 Mixed Media on Canvas, 30" x 40"



A Painter and a Ballerina II - Color Series, 2016 Mixed Media on Canvas, 24" x 52"



A Painter and a Ballerina III- Color Series, 2016 Mixed-media on canvas, 60" x 36"



A Painter and a Ballerina IV Color Series, 2016 Mixed Media on Canvas, 52" x 38"



A Painter and a Ballerina V – Color Series, 2016 Mixed Media on Canvas, 44" x 44"

#### PAST EXHIBITS 2001-2017

- 2017 -- Artist and Guest Speaker University of Wisconsin-Madison, The Conney Conference Madison, WI.
- 2017 Group Exhibit The Jerusalem Biennale -- Jerusalem, Israel
- 2017 IBA Art Center Boston, MS.
- 2017 Artist and Guest Speaker Kulanu New York, NY.
- 2016 Group Exhibit Miami Art Week Miami River Art Fair (SAN PAUL GALLERY) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Group Exhibit Miami Art Week Superfine! (CASA MONDO MIAMI) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Group Exhibit Miami Art Week Individuality (ICON BAY) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Group Exhibit Miami Art Week (ICON SOUTH BEACH) Miami, FL
- 2016 Solo Exhibit Anniversary of Permanent Collection (THE SPINE CENTER) Hollywood, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit Dum Spiro Spero (THE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT FIU)
- 2016 Solo Exhibit. A Painter and a Ballerina part II, Collaboration with ballerina Samantha Hope (SAN PAUL GALLERY) Wynwood, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit. A Painter and a Ballerina part I, Collaboration with ballerina Samantha Hope (SAN PAUL GALLERY) Wynwood, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit. In Thy Tent I Dwell, Installation (THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit. The Visual Narrative on the Wandering Sephardi, Multimedia (POP UP GALLERY at TEMPLE MOSES) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit and live performance (SAN PAUL GALLERY) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Group Exhibit: In Thy Tent I Dwell (THE PATRICIA AND PHILLIP FROST ART MUSEUM) Miami, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit (JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA-FIU) Miami Beach, FL.
- 2016 Solo Exhibit. Flamenco Sephardit (THE GALLERY AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL) Miami Beach, FL.
- 2015 Solo Exhibit & Installation. Miami Art Week Show. #IAMDIASPORA (THE GALLERY AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL) Miami Beach, FL.
- 2015 Solo Exhibit. Artist of the Year: Journey, A Visual Narrative by Artist Jonatas Chimen (THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE) Boyton Beach, FL.
- 2015 Group Exhibit "13" (THE LAUNDROMAT SPACE) Miami, FL.
- 2015 Solo Exhibit. 2D, Time-Based Performance, & Lecture (THE SOCIETY FOR CRYPTO JUDAIC STUDIES CONFERENCE) Miami, FL.
- 2015 Solo Performance Exhibit. The White Party, (TEMPLE EMANU-EL) Miami, FL.
- 2014 Group Exhibit & Auction. St. Jude Angels & Stars Gala (ST. JUDE CHILDREN RESEARCH HOSPITAL) Miami, FL
- 2013 Group Exhibit & Auction. St. Jude Angels & Stars Gala (ST. JUDE CHILDREN RESEARCH HOSPITAL) Miami, FL.
- 2013 Group Exhibit. Processing Identity (MBUS, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY) Miami, FL.
- 2012 Solo Exhibit. Orpheum Theaters (YOUNG JEWISH PROFESSIONALS, YJP) Madison, WI.
- 2012 Solo Exhibit. Art & Unveiling of J. Chimen's Artist Edition Seraphine Vodka (YAHARA BAY GALLERY) Madison, WI.
- 2012 Group Exhibit. Masonic Art (YAHARA BAY GALLERY) Madison, WI.

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- 2012 Group Exhibit. Raw Natural Born Artist (MAJESTIC THEATER) Madison, WI.
- 2012 Solo Exhibit. Social Justice (THE PYLE CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON) Madison, WI.
- 2012 Solo Exhibit (YAHARA BAY GALLERY) Madison, WI.
- 2012 Group Exhibit. Committee Member of Enrique's Journey (Book) Visual Response Show (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON) Madison, WI.
- 2012 Solo Exhibit (THE BARBARA HOCHBERG CENTER) Madison, WI.
- 2011 Group Exhibit. (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON) Madison, WI.
- 2011 Group Exhibit (THE BARBARA HOCHBERG CENTER), Madison WI.
- 2011 Group Exhibit. Presentation of published article at URS Symposium (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON) Madison, WI.
- 2010 Group Exhibit & Auction, (EAST BOCA CHABAD) Boca Raton, FL.
- 2009 Solo Exhibit (JONNY DEL'ART GALLERY), Boca Raton, FL.
- 2009 Group Exhibit (GALLERY 51) Boca Raton, FL.
- 2009 Art Expo NY (represented by GALLERY 51) New York, NY.
- 2008 Group Exhibit & Auction (LESLIE OPERA CENTER) Las Olas, FL.
- 2008 Solo Exhibit (JONNY DEL'ART GALLERY) Boca Raton FL.
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- 2007 Group Exhibit (GALLERY 22) Boca Raton, FL.
- 2007 Group Exhibit (THE GARDENS MEMORIAL) Boca Raton, FL.
- 2006 Group Exhibit Le Salon Des Refuses, The Paradox of Affluence. (PHI THETA KAPPA) Boca Raton, FL.
- 2005 Group Exhibit (GENESIS ART GALLERY) Las Olas, FL.
- 2005 Group Exhibit & Auction (ROTARY) Miami, FL.
- 2005 Solo Exhibit (THE ART STUDIO GALLERY) Boca Raton FL.
- 2005 Solo Exhibit (GAUCHO ART SPACE) Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- 2005 Solo Exhibit (THE ART STUDIO GALLERY) Boca Raton, FL.
- 2004 Student Group Exhibit (THE ART INSTITUTE OF WESTON) Weston, FL.
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