

## Julian Barbarino

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## Biography

Julian Barbarino, originally from Brooklyn, New York, and later immersed in San Juan's vibrant art scene, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design from the Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico. Throughout his college years, Julian also served as an art figure model, contributing to various projects in painting, film, and photography, which garnered attention in digital editorials, exhibitions, and festivals. In 2018, Julian delved into entrepreneurship and innovation by auditing business courses at the University of Puerto Rico, leading to active involvement in initiatives at the university's Center of Innovation, UPR i+c.

Julian's relocation to Tennessee in 2020, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, did not dampen his passion for the arts. In fact, it fueled his drive to contribute to the artistic community. In 2021, he embarked on a self-learning journey, mastering WordPress and no-code web design. His goal was to address the lack of documentation of Puerto Rico's art scene. This initiative led to the launch of Paraffinmag.com in 2022, a platform dedicated to showcasing Latin American art through artist profiles and digital archive development. Julian's self-driven and resourceful nature is evident in this journey.

Julian's diverse background as a designer, muse, and entrepreneur is a testament to his commitment to artistic expression. This commitment, coupled with his passion and dedication, positions him as a valuable contributor to creative endeavors.

## Education

2018 – Bachelor of Fine Arts, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

## Work Experience

2023 - Full-Time Auto Care Center Team Associate – Walmart Inc., Hendersonville, TN

2022 - Part-time Designer & Writer - Paraffin Mag, Remote, TN.

2021 - Full-time Team Associate – Walmart Inc., Clarksville, TN.

2019 - Full-time Project Manager & Designer – PickUp Waste, San Juan, PR

2019 - Contract Industrial Designer – University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR

2018 - Full-time Stock Associate – American Eagle Outfitters Inc., San Juan, PR

2016 - Teaching Assistant - Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2014- Figure Model - Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

## **Grants**

2020 – EnterPRize, Startup competition participation, Remote, PR

2020 - km0.2, La Cuarentena parte 2, San Juan, PR

2019 – pre18, Startup program participation, San Juan, PR

## **Group Exhibitions, Projects and Festivals**

2024 - Pan Eros Film Festival, Seattle, WA

2023 - OGA Visual Art Exhibitions, Rome, Italy

2020 - La Leche: Cuarentena, Remote event, PR

2018 - La Leche, Almacén 63, San Juan, PR

2019 - Annual Industrial Design Dept. Expo, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2018 - Annual Graduates Exhibition, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2018 - Annual Industrial Design Dept. Expo, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2016 - Annual Fashion Design Dept. Expo, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2015 - Annual Painting Dept. Expo. *Honor a Myrna Baez*, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2014 - Annual Exhibition, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2013 - Annual Printmaking Dept. Expo. *El Fondo*, Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

2007- *La Belleza de San Juan*, Telemundo Lobby, San Juan, PR

## Programs

2020 - EnterPRize 2020, Startup program, San Juan, PR

2019 - I-Corps 2019, Startup program, San Juan, PR

2019 - pre18, Startup program, San Juan PR

## Press

2022 - *INDENTATIONS VXII*, Luna, Pornceptual, 2022

<https://pornceptual.com/indentations-vxii/>

2015 - *Talento e Interesante la Muestra Anual de Pintura de la Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico*, Velazquez Collazo, Edwin, Puerto Rico Art News, 2015

<https://www.puertoricoartnews.com/2014/12/talento-e-interesante-la-muestra-anual.html>