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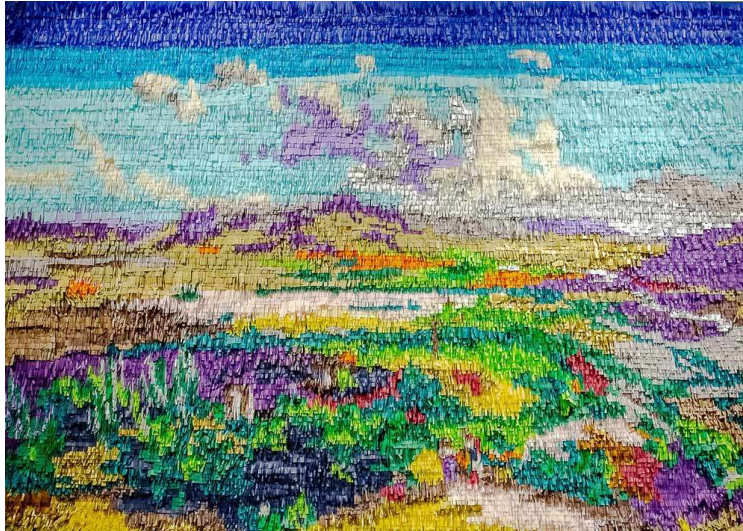
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Justin Favela: Vistas in Color

June 11 – October 1, 2023



Justin Favela: Vistas in Color features a site-specific work created for Denver Botanic Gardens. The floor-to-ceiling desert landscape mural is made of piñata tissue paper, spanning the entire ellipse-shaped Bonfils-Stanton Gallery. Inspiration for the mural design comes from images of desert landscapes across the United States and Mexico, including some from the artist's own road trips, as well as desert imagery painted on lowrider cars. The exhibition is on view June 11 – October 1, 2023, and is included with general admission.

Favela designs his murals to respond to their locale, taking influence from the communities, history and culture of the region. Denver community members will help install *Vistas in Color* at the Gardens.

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About the Artist

Based in Las Vegas, Nevada, Justin Favela is a Latinx and first-generation American artist. Favela has exhibited his work both internationally and across the United States. His installations have been

commissioned by museums including the Denver Art Museum, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, AR, and El Museo del Barrio, NYC. He is the recipient of the 2021 Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship. Favela holds a BFA in fine art from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Image: Justin Favela, *Valley of Oaxaca, after José María Velasco*, 2018. Photo courtesy of the Berman Museum of Art.

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About Denver Botanic Gardens: Green inside and out, Denver Botanic Gardens was founded in 1951 and is considered one of the top botanical gardens in the United States and a pioneer in water conservation. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Gardens has a robust living plant collection, natural history collection and art collection along with temporary art exhibitions. The Gardens is a dynamic, 24-acre urban oasis in the heart of the city, offering unforgettable opportunities to flourish with unique garden experiences for the whole family – as well as world-class art exhibitions and education programs in the Freyer – Newman Center; plant conservation efforts and horticultural research. Additional sites extend this experience throughout the Front Range: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms is a 700-acre native plant refuge with an active farm in Jefferson County; Mount Goliath is a high-altitude trail and interpretive site on the Mount Evans Scenic Byway. The Gardens also manages programming at Plains Conservation Center in Aurora. For more information, visit us online at www.botanicgardens.org.