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## **Artists & Makers Studios in Oro Valley Presents the Bold and Provocative Paintings of Xavier Valenzuela for the Month of April**

(Oro Valley, AZ) – Artists & Makers Studios on North Oracle Road in Oro Valley hosts Artist Xavier Valenzuela in the gallery for the exhibit “Lulu’s Arte” with one additional Open Studio event. The Grand Opening is Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10AM – 4PM. Xavier Valenzuela presents a series of paintings inspired by his childhood in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. At a young age, his mother inspired him to pursue art and he spent his time drawing soap opera actors from his mother’s favorite magazines. His passion for art grew and Xavier developed his own unique style of painting. He uses bits of childhood memories and Mexican Culture mixed into vivid, intrepid works that resemble a stained glass vision into his soul. Every piece is infused with his mother’s love and inspiration and he honors her with every painting - Lulu’s Arte. Xavier lives in Tucson and is an advocate for young people to express themselves authentically in their art without being tethered by the “rules” of art. The April 8<sup>th</sup> **Artist Reception** will run from 10AM – 2PM. Join us for a short documentary viewing and talk with Xavier on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12PM. Enjoy additional exhibits – Our Resident Artists continuing exhibition of new and ongoing works Second Saturday Open Studios, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10Am – 4PM.

### **“Lulu’s Arte” with Xavier Valenzuela “Second Saturday – Open Studios” with The Resident Artists and Makers**

Opening Reception  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday, April 1st, 2023

**Artists & Makers Studios**  
11061 N Oracle Rd  
Oro Valley, AZ 85737

### **Meet the Artist with Xavier Valenzuela – April 8th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Viewing hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Thursdays, 12:00PM – 6:00PM Fridays, and 10:00AM – 4:00PM Saturdays. [Artists & Makers Studios](http://ArtistsAndMakersStudios.com), on Parklawn Drive in Rockville, established in October 2014 by artist and arts community builder Judith HeartSong, is a 13,000 sq. ft. facility is home to 87 artists, and 80 student artists. Artists & Makers Studios – Oro Valley, AZ is now a two-year-old jewel box location with talented Resident Artists, 3,575 sq ft of studios, galleries, and flex-classroom space. Construction is currently underway in San Gabriel, CA for Artists & Makers Studios third location, with construction set to begin in North Hollywood, CA. A&M Studios is dedicated to providing a supportive and vibrant environment for artists to realize their creative goals - through studio practice, collaboration, education, opportunities, networking and connecting with the community beyond our doors.

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