

Flor Ariana Fabela Garfio is a multidisciplinary artist, metalsmith, and sculptor whose work is inspired by nature's resilience and the mysteries of the cosmos. Growing up in the desert shaped her appreciation for organic forms, which she reinterprets through experimental and futuristic creations. Blending science, philosophy, and innovative techniques, her work explores themes of existence, mortality, and the possibility of life beyond Earth—inviting curiosity, connection, and wonder about our place in the universe.



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Education

Expected Spring 2025 - The University of Texas at El Paso - Bachelor of Fine Arts. Double Major: Sculpture, Metals

July 2023 - Panama Study Abroad Experience - Tuberculosis and Vitamin D - Virtual Center for Border and Global Engagement

2020 - El Paso Community College - Associate Degree in Arts

2016 - El Paso Community College - Welding Certification

Exhibitions

2024

Las Artistas Art and Fine Craft Show, Epic Railyard Event Center, El Paso, TX

NFS: Nor For Sale, The Glass Gallery, El Paso, TX

Rayenari Light Based Art Festival, Sunland Park Sports Complex, Santa Teresa, NM

Dia de Muertos Celebration, Chamizal National Memorial Museum, El Paso, TX

Hispanic Heritage Month, The Union Gallery, El Paso, TX

En La Linea, University Art Gallery at San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

Terraformed, The Glass Gallery, El Paso, TX (two-person show)

Annual Juried UTEP Student Exhibition, Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX

Salon Des Refuses, Fox Fine Arts, UTEP, El Paso, TX

2023

Las Artistas Art and Fine Craft Show, Epic Railyard Event Center, El Paso, TX

Art on the Rim, Rim Rd, El Paso, TX

Society of North American Goldsmiths Editorial Photo Call, Virtual (https://snagmetalsmith.org/virtual_exhibition/flor-fabela/)

Annual Juried UTEP Student Exhibition, Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX

360, La Mecha Contemporary Gallery, El Paso, TX

Here, and The Wind Exhibit, Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX

2022

Experiencing the Bosque, Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, El Paso, TX

Las Artistas Art and Fine Craft Show, Epic Railyard Event Center, El Paso, TX

Jacks of All Trades, The Glass Gallery, El Paso, TX

International Sculpture Day, Amano Gallery, El Paso, TX

Annual Juried UTEP Student Exhibition, Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX

Awards

2025 Lamar-Windgate Fellowship, Center for Craft. Nominee.

2023-2024 Arleigh B. and Maxie G. Templeton Endowment for Three Dimensional Fine Arts. Recipient.

2023-2024 Catherine Crowell Belk Art Scholarship Fund

Dean's List for semesters: Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2024

Community Engagement

August 2022 - November 2023: No Lost Food Non Profit Volunteer

Community Engagement and Leadership Certificate, UTEP Liberal Arts Department

Organized and fundraised for UTEP Registered Student Organization, Sculpture Collective

Organized, and fundraised for UTEP Jewelry/Metals and attended 2024 SNAG Conference.

Workshops / Conferences

2024

SNAG x San Diego Conference, Society of North American Goldsmiths, San Diego, CA.

Jose Krapp - Displays and Installation

Adan Vallecillo - Artistic Process

2023

Cassandra Adame - Laboratorio series

Maria Eugenia Lopez - Uses of Mixed Media in Jewelry

Georgina Treviño - Quick Thinking and Development of Work

Everett Hoffman - Small stone and Diamond Setting for Jewelry

Sandra Salaices - Concrete and Other Industrial Material Applications

Artistic Activities

Research Assistant Artist under Angel Cabrales mentorship, Summer 2023 and Summer 2024. El Paso, TX

Professional Activities

Panelist, Experiencing the Bosque, The Documentary , Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso, TX

Winter 2024-2025 Internship, Cantareras Jewelry+Ceramics Community Studio, El Paso, TX

Memberships

Fall 2023 - Present: President, Sculpture Collective, Registered Student Organization.

Society of North American Goldsmiths, Member since 2022.

Work experience

January 2023 - May 2024: Teaching Assistant, UTEP Jewelry and Metalsmithing Program

March 2013 - Present: Owner - Chamuco Customs

