

Julian A. Vidales

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Education

Master of Arts, Studio Art Sul Ross State University, 2026

Bachelor of Arts, Media Arts & Animation The Art Institute of Phoenix, 2008

Professional Appointments

Socorro Independent School District, Pebble Hills High School Art Teacher, Fine Arts Department Chair El Paso, TX — 2013–Present

- Developed and launched the district's first Fine Arts Digital Art course
- Designed official Spartan logo and multiple departmental logos
- Fine Arts Teacher of the Month — Aug 2020, Jan 2021, Oct 2022
- Graduation Honored Educator — 2017–2018
- Multiple district and regional presenter roles in Digital Art Education (TAEA, Arts Alliance, Ysleta ISD, Forney ISD)

Sul Ross State University Adjunct Professor, Digital Art Alpine, TX 2026–Present

- Teach Digital Illustration techniques
- Teach concepts and process of Concept Art and Illustration

Freelance Concept Artist & Illustrator

Acme Archives / Disney–Lucasfilm — 2015–Present Officially licensed digital and traditional illustrations for *Star Wars*, *Indiana Jones*, and *Marvel* properties

CGBot — 2011–2013 Concept art, orthographics, and color treatments for *Elder Scrolls Online*, *Mafia Wars 2*, *Mafia Wars Shakedown*

Sneaky Games, LLC — 2011 Concepts, color comps, and final renders for in-game assets

SOMNIO Solutions — 2010 Storyboards, graphic design, layout, and animation for clients including HP, IBM, Dell, Emerson

Last Life Games — 2010 Vehicle concepts, orthos, texture and color keys for unannounced MMORPG

Mercury Pictures (Feature Film) — 2010 Concept art, mood and color pieces for film noir production

Production Corp — 2010 Storyboards for Cory Morrow commercial pitch

Rainbow Studios / THQ Digital Phoenix — 2009 Achievement icons, vehicle stat icons, and menu posters for *MX vs ATV Reflex*

Exhibitions

- 2026 — Artist of the Month Exhibition, TX Women's Club, El Paso, TX
- 2026 — Graduate Degree Solo Exhibition, Museum of the Big Bend / Sul Ross State University
- 2025 — SISD Employee Art Show, 1st Place, DSC El Paso, TX
- 2025 — Artist of the Month Exhibition, TX Women's Club, El Paso, TX
- 2025 — *Wish You Were Here* 4×6 Show, El Paso Frame Co. (Piece Sold)
- 2024 — *Ecos del Sol*, Museum of the Big Bend, Alpine, TX
- 2024 — *In Our Voices the World is Created*, Ballroom Marfa, TX
- 2024 — SISD Employee Art Show, DSC El Paso, TX
- 2023 — SISD Employee Art Show, Best of Show, DSC El Paso, TX
- 2017 — Arte Maestro, Best of Show / 2nd Place, EPCC El Paso, TX

Expertise

Character Design • Creature Design • Prop & Vehicle Design • Illustration • Splash Art • Keyframe Art