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Phoenix Rotary 100



Colorful Spirit



Donated by Oliverio Balcells

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Medium - 30 inch butterfly

Oliverio Balcells is a multidisciplinary artist whose practice includes painting, music, murals, mosaic art, photography, being a teaching artist and a scholar of the ancient Mesoamerican cultures.

"I'm interested in social themes like history, culture and symbolism. I'm inspired by color, nature and music. The essence of my artwork expresses the energy and personal passion that is reflected in a song, a painting or a public art project."

He has been selected for public art programs and grants since 2012 to 2023 with the City of Tempe, City of Glendale, City of Phoenix, City of Chandler and Valley Metro Light Rail with the Northwest Extension Project.

He is constantly composing music, taking photographs, making field recordings, exhibiting new paintings and traveling for inspiration. *He currently lives and works in Tempe, Arizona, USA with his wife and two children.*

Oliverio's inspiration comes from the concept of centrality and balance as the ultimate goal of the human being based on the philosophy of Mesoamerican

cultures.

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