

## Rafael Picon Studio



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Rafael Picon was born in a small town in Andalucia, Spain. This village is near Puerto de Palos, from where Columbus set sail for America. We are two explorers seeking the new world. It is easy to see Spain's loss as America's gain when you encounter his variety of art styles.

Rafael came to United States at the age of 19, in 1974. He started working with metal when he was eight years old. He helped his father, Antonio, and his uncle Agustin craft steel and copper designs. Today Rafael is a skilled metal smith and sculptor who works in a variety of mediums. He describes his work as "Fused Art" using glass, copper, wood, bronze, marble, and just about any material to create unique art. As Rafael says, "Life is a silk dream followed by illusions that no one can live without."

## Education and Work Experience

1966-68

### **Colegio Cervantes e Instituto Complutense**

Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain

1970-73

### **Escuela Mandos Intermedios, Madrid, Spain**

Arte, Welding, mechanics, electrical studies

1970-73

### **Escuela de Maestria Industrial, Madrid, Spain**

Engineering, technical drawing

1972-74

### **Comepre GSP French Company Alcala de Henares, Spain**

Special machinery and foundry

1973-74

### **Escuela de Arte y Oficio Madrid, Spain**

Study of sculptures on different materials, such as steel, copper, bronze, and aluminum

1974-76

### **Rio Grande Steel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA**

Worked on federal government projects, steel structures for bridges and uranium mines.

1977-82

### **The Golden Gate. Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA**

Had my own business and worked with wrought iron and steel sculptures

1982-2002

### **Iberia International Transmission. Alburquerque, New Mexico, USA**

President -Owner

2003-04

### **Escuela Circulo de Bellas Artes Madrid, Spain**

Studies of forms of art.

2012-13

### **Rafael Picon Art & Sculpture Studio Rockledge, Fl. USA**

Creation and design, Ponce de Leon sculpture. The monument is at Ponce de Leon Landing Park, Melbourne Beach Fl. Celebration of discovery of Florida, 1513-2013

2002-16

### **Rafael Picon Art & Sculpture Studio. Rockledge, FL. USA**

Dedicated to make sculptures for public places and private collectors.

## Expositions and Awards

2016 Permanent collection, Picasso Museum, Buitrago Madrid, Spain.  
2016 Feb-June. Brevard Cultural Alliance, Palm Bay City Hall. Palm Bay, Florida, USA  
2016 Jan-Feb. ColegioCardenal Cisneros, Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain.  
2016 Jan-Feb Heka& More Art Gallery. Madrid, Spain.  
2016 Jan. Nina Torres Fine Art, Hyatt Hotel , Downtown-Brickell Miami Florida,USA.  
2015 Dec. Miami River Art Fair, Downtown-Brickell, International Convention Center. Miami Florida,USA.  
2015 Dec. Melbourne Library, Melbourne Florida, USA.  
2015 Sep. Take Stock in Children, Eau GalleiYath Club. Melbourne Florida, USA.  
2015 Oct-Nov Orange County Library, Downtown and Herndon Branch, Orlando. Florida, USA.  
2015 OCT 2016 May Brevard Cultural Alliance. Brevard Government Center. Viera Florida, USA.  
2015 Aug-Dec Por los Caminos del Quijote, Puertollano. Ciudad Real, Spain.  
2015 Aug, 2016 March. Brevard Cultural Alliance, Wickham Rd, Ellis. Melbourne Florida USA.  
2015 Aug, 2016 March. The Knowledge Exchange. Brevard Cultural Alliance. Melbourne Florida  
2015 Jul-Aug. Hotel Dormir de Cine. Homenagea Alfred Hitchcock. Madrid, Spain.  
2015 Jun-Jul El Arte Como Mensaje Heka& More Art Gallery. Madrid, Spain  
2015 Jun-Oct. Brevard Cultural Alliance, Hiltio Rialto Melbourne Florida, USA  
2015 May-Jun. Galeria Javier Roman Omenajea Alfred Hitchcock. Malaga, Spain.  
2015 May. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, AIPEH Hispanic Art & Culture International Association. Orange County Convention Center, Orlando. Florida, USA.  
2015 Feb-Jun. Brevard Cultural Alliance, Hilton Rialto. Melbourne Florida, USA.  
2014 Sep- Oct. Galeria de Arte Ulma Carisa, Madrid, Spain.  
2014 Sep-Oct. ColegioCardenal Cisneros, Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain.  
2014 Jul-Aug. St. Augustine Art Association. St. Augustine. Florida, USA.  
2014 Rockledge City Hall, Permanent Exhibition. Rockledge Florida, USA.  
2014 Jul. OMA Orlando 4 Jul. Museum of Art. First Price. Orlando Florida, USA.  
2014 Feb-Mar. Heka& More Art Gallery. Madrid, Spain.  
2014 May 1st - 15th, Cartellon 120 de Madrid 2014 July, La Ciguena  
2014 Jul 1 to Jul 31 Centro Cultural Buena Vista, variety of sculpture  
2013 Jul-Sept. Castillo de Santa Ana, Roquetas de Mar, Almeria Spain.  
2012 to 2013 creation design and production of the Ponce de Leon sculpture  
2012 Sept/Oct Association of La Ciguena Exhibition at Sala Batiza das artes de a Caruna  
2012 June Exhibition Centro Cultural "Lope de Vega" Madrid Spain Artistic Disciplina Escultura  
2012 Oct/Nov Exhibition at Natalia Gil art gallery Valencia Spain  
2012 Merit Award Strawbridge Art League, Visions 2012  
2012 Feb Certificate of Merit by Kathryn Peterson, Atlantic Center for the Arts, Vision 2012  
2011 Merit Award Strawbridge Art League, Visions 2011  
2010 Feb Certificate of Merit, Strawbridge Art League, by Lee Jones, President of Florida Chalk Art Association  
2009 May Certificate of Merit, juried art show "Faces" 2009 Oct Award to Rafael Pico  
Baztan Madrid Spain  
2009 3rd place -sculpture/3d art, "Liberty" Titusville Art League - 45th Annual Spring Show  
2008 Award of Merit, "Genesis of Universe" Titusville Art League, 44th Annual Spring Show.  
2008 Feb – Sandee Nolen Award by John Wilton of Stetson University, Deland Fl.  
2008 Aug - Sept SevenArtists.com  
2008 July 10-31 Orange County Administration Building "Genesis of the Universe"  
2008 July 03 Orlando Museum of Art, FL Surrealists' Holiday "Genesis of the Universe"  
2008 June 07 Orlando Museum of Art, FL Small Works/Large Images "The Eyes of My Heart"  
2008 Apr 10-12 Titusville Art League 44th Annual Spring Show "Genesis of the Universe",  
."Pendulos", "Labyrinth of ...the Woman", & "The Creator"  
2008 Apr 08 Surf Gallery, Indialantic, FL N/A "Singing to Picasso", & "Romeo & Juliet"  
2008 Mar 30 Zontal International Chocolate Festival Many pieces

2008 Mar 06 Orlando Museum of Art, FL Beatniks & Bongos "Liberty" & "Singing to Picasso"  
2008 Feb-Mar Strawbridge Art League Mini Vision  
2008 "Coordinates of Florida", "Pendulos",  
2008 Titusville's 44th Annual Spring Show – 3rd Place Sculpture "Genesis of the Universe"  
2008 Strawbridge Art League, Sandy Nolen Award, Stetson University Deland Florida, Award for  
Modern Art -...Pendulos"  
2007 Oct 10 Tizas Galleria, Madrid, Spain N/A "El Temor al Miedo"  
2007 Aug 10 Art Vue Gallery, Cocoa, FL N/A Many pieces  
2007 Mar Zontal International Chocolate Festival Many pieces  
2007 Feb-Mar Strawbridge Art League Vision  
2007 "Liberty of Humankind" & "Poison"  
2006 Mar 02-23 Taller de Escultura, Madrid, Spain Exposicion de Taller "Liberty"  
2006 Feb-Mar Strawbridge Art League Vision  
2006 "Singing to Picasso", & "Don Quijote de la Musica" (SOLD)  
2005 Dec 03 Veranda Park Artisan Market Many pieces  
2005 American Cancer Society "Prisonor" (Donated by artist and SOLD at ACS Charity  
Fundraiser)  
1975 New Mexico State Fair, first price, Don Quixote de la Mancha