

Dani A Ramirez, audiovisual composition

The Color of my Skin; A Symphonic Pilgrimage (2021) Dani A
Ramirez (b. 1982)

1. The Color of my Skin
2. Mexica
3. Viaje
4. Melodia Para Mi Madre (Elvia)
5. Mictlan
6. The Divine From Within
7. Oneness

This audiovisual symphony was created during the 2020/21 Covid-19 pandemic. The totality of the work has been sculpted together through an inward exploration in quest of what is sacred; in search of non-materialistic values, in search of the divine from within. The movements are inspired by an emotional introspective survey of historical time, personal memories, and contemporary events. The antiquity and richness of the Mexican culture and its people is highlighted throughout this work by combining sounds, religious rituals, religious architecture, and dance.

The audiovisual symphony explores the formal artistic aspects of rhythm, repetition, symmetry, and color in order to create a dream-like mystical environment. There is a fictional arrow of time in this symphony evoked by the progression of sounds as well as original and appropriated imagery. New variations of meaning can be evoked in collaboration with its audience. These new meanings are explored by collaging both opaque and transparent narratives. The symphony explores spirituality, divinity and their relation to the creation of my own identity. The audiovisual

movements canonize and iconize the Mexican/central American immigrant culture, and their life long journey into cultural assimilation into the United States.

In Loving Memory Of:

Maria Elvia Palacios Soto (1963-2011). I wish the Mexican/American border and premature death did not exist so my children could have grown and built memories with you. I love you, and I miss you dearly every day.

In Dedication Of:

Charity Ann Morris, Jayden Daniel Ramirez Morris, Alexander DeMarco Ramirez Morris. It has been such a honor to be a passenger through your life. Out of everything possible in this infinite amount of time and space I happened to exist in unison with all of you. Your kindness will echo through time. May your future be as bright as your spirit, and as deep as your soul.

"We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much, with so little, for so long, we are now qualified to do anything, with nothing."

-Unknown

Student Recital Series
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1:00 p.m., Swarthout Recital Hall

Dani A Ramirez is a student of Professor Bryan Kip Haaheim and Tanya Hartman. Dani A Ramirez presents this recital in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Masters of Fine Arts in Visual Art.

