

Benjamin Botello

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Benjamin Simon Botello was born in 1984, in Los Angeles, California. The child of renowned East Los Angeles artist David Botello and his wife Lupe, Ben grew up with a natural curiosity for beauty and life, finding art everywhere he looked. In school, he always found himself having the most fun in art, a subject he excelled in. By the fifth grade, he was taking art courses at Cal State Los Angeles Conservatory's program. In the years to follow he kept his creative dreams alive through constant practice and dedication.

Growing up in the El Sereno neighborhood, Ben attended Wilson High School while continuing his exploration of art and developing a love of photography and skateboarding. A trip to his home would show you bookshelves filled with sketchbooks upon sketchbooks—pages bursting with life, remnants of his high school love for drawing and sketching.

In the past years his medium has expanded from ink sketches to paintings. Ben has been extremely lucky to be surrounded by talented and experienced artists. He has spent a lot of time with his father at home and at his studio learning various painting techniques and knowledge of paint tools. Ben has also assisted his uncle, Paul Botello, another well known muralist and painter, with multiple murals throughout Los Angeles. He has gained knowledge of mural preservation and restoration while working on new murals as well as aged, graffiti-marked ones. In addition, Ben has been able to accompany his brother Joseph in the work he does for Boss Graphics, creating school murals. Together with Joseph and his cousin Steven, Ben has been inspired to develop his own style. In the last few years the three of them have even had a few art shows. His personal art evokes images of mystical landscapes, oftentimes depicting man-made works and nature, co-existing in harmony. The future looks bright for this young artist.

