

LatinX Artists Scoring Creative Talent For The 2026 FIFA World Cup

Houston Artists Stephanie Leal, Lexie 'Lex' Lumiere and José “Meenr” Arredondo are bringing creative talent and Southern heat to this years summer soccer tournament



New York City, New York Mar 28, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - [Stephanie Leal](#), a local Latina artist and **University of Houston** graduate, at the top of her class with a BFA in Graphic Design and a minor in Art History. She landed her dream job as the Lead Designer for the **Houston Dynamo** and **Houston Dash**. She brought ideas to life through motion graphics, illustrations, photography, and impactful projects. Which came full circle when **she designed the official 2026 FIFA World Cup Houston host city poster, titled Dare to Dream**. The artwork features an astronaut named "Orion" in a cowboy hat doing the "H" hand sign to represent Houston's culture, diversity, and space industry. To the artist, Houston is a place of resilience, hustle, and creativity. Diversity isn't just accepted here—it's celebrated. I'm proud to be a Houstonian, as this city reflects my journey, my growth, and the limitless potential I see in both myself and this remarkable city.

[Lex Lumiere](#), a native Houstonian and proud LatinX award winning visual multi-disciplinary artist mixed with Spanish and Apache indian blood is known for powerful works of unforgettable commercial photography, oil paintings, sculpture, and mixed media. Her acclaimed Breaking Borders series, was exhibited and published as part of **The Exposure Awards** at the **Louvre Museum** in Paris, exploring themes of solitary confinement, freedom and human rights. Collaborating with charities and celebrities

worldwide, her artwork—from custom portraits or oil paintings to symbolic lightbulb sculptures—embody resilience. During the pandemic, in **2020** Lex was nominated by former **Houston Mayor Turner** and the **Houston Texans, NFL** team for their **Community Champion Award** and for the **2-D Texas State Artist** award for **2023-24** by the **Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA)** along with **Kelly Clarkson**. She continued to rise and became a **Citizen Artist & Cultural Partner** with the **United States Department of Arts and Culture** and **Art In Embassies Artist** registry with the **United States Dept of State**. Defeating the odds, Lex Lumiere returned to **NYC**, with the **True North Choir** to sing at **Carnegie Hall** with **Kari Jobe** in **Feb 2024** after surviving a head on collision with a **DUI driver the morning after Thanksgiving in 2015**. Whether Lexie is marching on Washington D.C. for **MADD**, supporting **United Against Human Trafficking**, **Project Angel Food**, the **United Nations 80th General Assembly (UNGA) Healing Arts**, the **American History Project** for the **Library of Congress** or the **Red Sand Project** as part of her current exhibit at **Global Visions: Fotofest at 40** at the **Path of Tea** through May 8, 2026. Many non-profit organizations have benefited from Lex's artwork appearing in prestigious art & charity auctions for the last 20 years that have placed her art in the: **Stonewall Museum Collection**, **Pfizer Corporate Collection**, etc. The granddaughter of award winning portrait painter **Bea Cricchio**, the first **LatinX** woman inducted into the **PPA** sponsored by **Kodak**. Lex's evocative creations represent a living legacy that invites viewers to reflect on social justice while inspiring hope across different cultural communities. **Lex is one of seven artists and only two women painters for the FIFA World Cup 2026, "Art of Soccer"** non-profit campaign. When an organization sponsors a 36-inch fiberglass soccer ball for \$10k, a local artist like Lex Lumiere upon request can uniquely customize and design your ball, with proceeds benefiting the **Houston Host Committee's** legacy programs for underserved youth to human rights initiatives for lasting impact beyond the games.

[José "Meenr" Arredondo](#), a multi-disciplinary local LatinX artist who specializes in large-scale murals and fine art paintings. Born in **Mexico** with a natural talent for painting, he gathers inspiration from local culture, his Mexican heritage and his world travels. For more than 20 years, Meenr has worked as a full-time artist. He is creating a **160-foot FIFA World Cup 2026 official welcome mural** on the warehouse next to [The Original Ninfa's on Navigation](#). The spray-painted mural features soccer legends **Messi, Ronaldo, Mbappé, and Álvarez**. The official unveiling is scheduled for March 28, 2026 from 1 to 4 pm, celebrating Houston's soccer passion and deep love for Latin Culture.





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