

Carlos Lopez: A Forgotten Michigan Painter

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ABSTRACT

Carlos Lopez, a Cuban American painter, lived the majority of his life in Michigan. He is one of the early Latino painters who were active in the first half of the twentieth century. Despite working in Detroit and Ann Arbor for two decades, Lopez is rarely included in the historical narrative. Lopez made important contributions to American mural art, including being one of the few artists in Michigan to receive a federal mural commission. This report provides an important historical narrative that is lacking in art, Michigan, and U.S. histories.