Wish You Were Here: Ray Bonilla

When did you live in the Bay Area, and what brought you here?

I lived in the Bay Area from 2005 till 2009.

What prompted you to leave?

I was here for grad school and once I graduated, I was offered an adjunct teaching position back in New York.

Where did you end up?

I ended up in lovely Buffalo, NY.

Has your artwork changed or evolved since you left the Bay Area?

I think my work evolved immensely since leaving the Bay Area. Before I mostly painted illustration-based imagery, but have now started to paint more still life, cityscape, landscape, and portraits. That being said, I always carry with me all of the wonderful knowledge that I acquired from the Bay Area when I lived there.

What are you up to now?

Now I am painting works for galleries, private commissions, occasionally illustrating, and teaching parttime at a university.