



## Reaching for the Stars

Hector Vega

Latino American Artist, Hector Vega was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. A self taught artist, Hector's signature style is bold colors and geometric patterns. His work is influenced by his cultural heritage and makes his work so instantly recognizable.

"My pieces embody life and energy through a balance of strong design, color and depth."

Reaching for the Stars is about the suffering that many migrants endure for the sake of their children. The child reaching for the stars shows that the parent's sacrifices and efforts are how they are able to be at the top. The next generation is going to climb even higher due to the hard labor of their parents.

### Walk around the sculpture

Notice the front and the back of the piece.

What is different on each side?

How did Hector balance the fruit and vegetables?

He selected shapes that stacked well on top of each other.

### Move closer to the sculpture

Look at the way Vega painted the fruit and the migrant worker.

What do you see?

The shapes that divide them are geometric.

They create more interest and depth than if they were painted flat.

### Step back from Reaching for the Stars

Explore the movement in this tall sculpture.

What do you see?

A totem pole? A shish kabob?

The parent is standing tall with his feet planted balancing his heavy load. His arms are weary.

Yet his facial expression is strong, peaceful, determined.

A powerful tribute to the campesino.

