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Born in Tampa, Florida on December 8, 1927 with deep ancestral roots in Spain. Ferdie Pacheco, MD has been called a Renaissance man because of his prolific career. He has been successful as a pharmacist, medical doctor, Fight Doctor in boxing, including working as a corner man for twelve world champions, including Muhammad Ali for seventeen years. As a painter, his imaginative use of color and design along with his aggressive use of vivid, slashing, colorful patterns exude a sense of strength expressing the bold, gutsy, personal statements of a man who has immersed himself fully in life.

He also served as a boxing commentator for NBC, Showtime and Univision, winning two Emmys. During this time he was the Boxing Consultant for NBC for ten years. He is retired from broadcasting after being on for 25 years. He has had 14 books published, and written articles, columns, reviews for many of the major newspapers in America.

Like other exceptionally creative individuals, Pacheco showed precocity in childhood where he began drawing and painting at the age of five. His creative abilities continued through adolescence. At the age of fourteen, Pacheco realized that he wanted to become a doctor and began assisting in surgery. His passion for the arts continued through his health care training as his cartooning financed his medical education. Through medicine, he studied the human form, which in return gave his art anatomical integrity. His motifs were affected by art-historical influences-specifically Vincent Van Gogh; Mexican artists: Tamayo and Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamayo; German artists: George Grosz and Oscar Kokoscka, and American artists: Thomas Hart Benton and Fletcher Martin.

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