



Jessica Valdez (SFSU 2022)

Ruby Anne Ibarra

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Filipina American

BORN: February 25, 1991 (Tacloban, Philippines)

MAJOR HONORS/AWARDS: 2023 Vilcek Prize for Creative Promise in Music *
2021 San Francisco Immigrant Youth Commission, Youth Leadership Award

MORE THAN A SONG: Colorism is a topic Ruby speaks out about through her music. In Ruby's song "Background" (2017) she paints an image of scrubbing her skin to the point of physical pain in an attempt to make her skin lighter (*Rappler*, Lago 2019).

(see separate biography)