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Biography

Born McAllen TX 1969
Living and working in Chicago IL 1976-Present

Education

1991 - 1994 American Academy of Art, Chicago

Professional Experience

Teaching Artist for Changing Worlds, Chicago, IL 9/2016 – present
Resident Artist at Gary Elementary School, Chicago, IL 6/2013 - present
Teaching Artist at ElevArte Community Studio 2/2010 – present
Resident Artist at Spry/Community Links H.S. Chicago, IL 2006 – present
Resident Artist at Columbia Explorer Elementary Chicago, IL 2008
Redesign and restoration of Providence of God Church, Chicago 9/2010-1/2011
Set design for Teatro Vistas production of “Dreamlandia” 3/08
Visual Panels for “Another Part of the House” a Teatro Vista production 9/06
Mosaic mural for Columbia Explorer Elementary, Chicago, IL with Yollocalli Youth Museum
Mural backdrop for Luna Negra Dance Theater “Quincenera”-Harris Theater for the performing arts, Chicago
MFACM Youth outreach workshop At Holy Cross Parrish – Chicago, IL 3/05 – 5/05
Triptych Art Workshop-Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum-Chicago, IL 10/2004

Solo and two person exhibits

10/16 – Contemporary Codex, Presidents Gallery, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL
9/16 - The Crossings, The Art Center Highland Park, Highland Park, IL
10/12 – “Growing Roots/Hechando Raíces”, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago, IL
10/10 – “Paths and Process” – Chicago State University – Chicago, IL
10/09 – “Welcome to the Holy Land” solo exhibit UCC Latino Arts Inc – Milwaukee WI
9/08 - “Observations” solo exhibit Dorothy Thiel Gallery, SSC, South Holland, IL
5/08 - Chicago Latin American Art Fair, Ogilvie/Pertl Gallery-Chicago, IL
10/07 – “Abstract Global Expression” Neleh Gallery, Chicago, IL
12/06 – “Fragments of a Dream” La Llorona, Art Gallery Chicago, IL
9/02 - “Mapping the Soul, the Other Side of the Exploration” Solo Exhibit, La Llorona Gallery-Chicago IL

Selected group exhibits

12/16 – “Not Just Another Pretty Face” Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
5/16 - Continuous Span: New Work from The Bridge Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
1/16 – Latino Art of the Midwest: Into the 21st Century, Curated by Judith Huacuja, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
9/14 – Autumn 2014 Invitational Exhibit, Aurora Public Arts Commission, Aurora, IL
3/13 – “Mexican Montage” Group Exhibit. Urban Edge Gallery, Waukegan, IL
1/13 - “Signature Series” recent acquisitions, Mexican Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
10/12 - “Will to Power” Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago IL. (Curator)
11/10 – “Not Just Another Pretty Face” Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
10/10 – Metaphors and Symbolism, Kankakee Community College, Kankakee, IL
1/09 – “Chicago Figurativo” NMMA, Chicago, IL
10/08 – “Not Just Another Pretty Face” Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
6/08 – “Reforming US: Immigration Through Art, Crown Center Gallery Loyola University, Chicago, IL
9/08 – “Latino Nation, USA, Curated by Encarnacion Teruel, Carbondale, IL
10/07 – “Shrine Exhibit” group show Owings-Dewey Gallery, Santa Fe NM
10/07 – “Dia de Los Muertos” exhibit UCC Latino Arts inc. Milwaukee WI
9/06 - “Rooted in Tradition XX” 20th Anniversary Dia de Los Muertos exhibit MFACM, Chicago. IL
6/06 – “Black and White” group show FlatFile Gallery, Chicago IL
10/05 – Dia de Los Muertos Group exhibit UCC Latino Arts – Milwaukee WI
09/05 – Dia de Los Muertos: A Journey Home Group show MFACM, Chicago
04/05 – In The Shadow of the Surreal & Exquisite Corpse-Flatfile Galleries, Chicago, IL
09/04 – Dia de los Muertos group show, UCC Latino Arts – Milwaukee WI
09/04 – Día de los Muertos: Tribute & Tradition-Group Show- MFACM
09/04 – Small Wonders Exhibit – Ogilvie/Pertl Gallery-Chicago, IL

09/04 – Contemporary Hispanic Painting - Krasel Art Center-St. Joseph, MI
06/04 – “War & Peace Collaborative Exhibit” Gallery 415, Chicago Juried by Ed Paschke
10/03 - Artistas de Taller Meztizarte en Chicago “Dia de los muertos” Au studio del Ermitage, Paris FR
10/03 – Artistas de Taller Meztizarte en Chicago “ Dia De Los Muertos” Galleria Indigo, Oaxaca, MX
10/03 -Dia de los Muertos Exhibit at the Centro Cultural de la Raza, Group Show, Seattle, WA
10/03 - Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda Exhibit at Latino Arts Inc., Group Show - Milwaukee, WI

5/03 – Arizona State University, Latino Art Auction and Symposia
11/02 – Tavern Club Chicago IL “Celebrating Diversity” juried group show
9/02 – Mexican Fine Art Center Museum, Chicago IL – “Dia de los Muertos” – Group Show

Selected Public and Private collections

National Museum of Mexican Art – Chicago, IL
Greater Milwaukee Foundation – Milwaukee, WI
Latinos Arts Inc. – Milwaukee, WI
Hispanic Research Center at Arizona State University
Dr. Gilberto Cárdenas
Mr. Patric McCoy
Mr. Daniel Parker
Ms. Kim Duchossois
Mrs. Lisa McDonald
Ms. Lila Downs

Awards and Highlights

2017 Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2016 Bridge program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2015 Starry Night Artist Residency, Truth or Consequences, NM
2012 Selection committee for CAAP grant
2009 Nominated for 3Arts grant
2009 Chicago Artist Month Advisory Board
2009 CAAP grant recipient
2006 Illinois Arts Council, Special Assistant Grant
Published in “Triumph of our community”, four decades of Mexican-Americans in the arts” Gary D. Keller,
Bilingual press
2002 CAAP grant recipient
2001 Honorable mention Museum of Science and Industry – Latino Horizons Juried Show