

Eric J. García

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EDUCATION

- 2012 **Chicago School of Mosaic** Week long course on the fundamentals of creating mosaics.
- 2009 **The School of the Art Institute of Chicago**, MFA Painting & Drawing
- 2006 **University of New Mexico**, Albuquerque, NM. BFA, Summa Cum Laude
Major: Art Studio-Painting Emphasis, Minor: Chicano Studies
- 1995-97 **Mural Apprenticeship** with muralist Joe Stevenson.

AWARDS

- 2017 **Make A Wave Award** sponsored by 3Arts, the Chicago-based non-profit grant making organization for the arts of unrepresented communities.
Chicago Artist Coalition Maker Grant: Sponsored by Peoples Pixels (OPP) and the Coney Family Fund.
- 2015 **South Bend Heritage Foundation Art and Social Justice Award**, Colfax Campus Gallery. South Bend, IN
- 2014 **Vermont Marshall Frankel Fellowship:** Fully funded month-long residency for SAIC Alumni at the Vermont Studio Center.
National Alliance of Artists Communities and The Joyce Foundation: *Midwest Voices and Visions Fellowship*
- 2012 **South Bend Heritage Foundation Art and Social Justice Award**, Colfax Campus Gallery. South Bend, IN
- 2008 **Jacob Javits Fellowship**

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 **Chicago Art Department** in conjunction with Plugin Studio.
Haystack Mountain School of Craft Frontline Arts, Veterans Artist Week. Deer Island, Maine.
- 2015 **Hyde Park Art Center Jackman Goldwasser Residency.** Sponsored by the Joyce Foundation. Chicago, IL
- 2014 **Vermont Studio Center Vermont Marshall Frankel Fellowship.** Johnson, VT
- 2013 **Kohler Center for the Arts Arts/Industry Program.** Kohler, WI
- 2009 **Yollocalli Arts Reach** The National Museum of Mexican Art. Chicago, IL

TEACHING

- **National Museum of Mexican Art** From 2010 to 2018: Offsite lecturer/hands on workshop Coordinator, working with all age groups. Chicago, IL.
- **The Art Institute of Chicago** 2016 *Re:Imagine 24hr teen night printmaking workshop*.
- **National Veterans Art Museum** 2016 In conjunction with my solo exhibition: *Operation Mom's Couch*, I lead 5 public tours, 2 comic book workshops and 2 printmaking workshops. Chicago IL.
- **Working Classroom** from 2011 - 2018 I've led four teen mural workshops. Albuquerque, NM.
- **Yollocalli Arts Reach** "*Posada's Offspring*" Co-taught traditional and experimental printmaking class, Chicago, IL.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 **DePaul Art Museum** *The Bald Eagle's Toupee*. Chicago, IL
- 2018 **Arts + Literature Lab** *Cutting Down the Cottonwood*. Madison WI
- 2017 **University of Arkansas Gallery** *Drawings from the Phantom Limb*. Fayetteville, AR
- 2016 **National Veterans Art Museum** *Operation Mom's Couch* Chicago, IL
- 2015 **University of Illinois Springfield** *Background*, Springfield, IL
- 2014 **Multi Culti Gallery/Performance Space** *El Machete Illustrated*, Chicago, IL
- 2012 **DePaul University** *Between the Chac Mool, and the Chalice*. Chicago, IL
- 2010 **Prospectus Gallery** *The Santa Fe Railroad*. Chicago, IL
- 2009 **Art on Armitage** *We Paint the World*, Chicago, IL
- Illinois State University** *Critical History*, University Galleries at. Normal, IL
- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago** *Cultural Conflicts*, LG Gallery
- University of New Mexico** *Chicano Propaganda*, Sommers Gallery, Albq. NM

GROUP EXHIBITIONS [Invited]

- 2018 **Billy Ireland Library and Museum** "*Looking Backward, Looking Forward: U.S. Immigration in Cartoons and Comics*." Columbus, Ohio.
- Burro Press** "Contra" IGC portfolio. Oaxaca, Mexico
- DePaul Art Museum** *Jose Guerrero Presente: A memorial print portfolio*. Chicago IL
- National Hispanic Cultural Center** "Ultima" Albuquerque, NM
- Sangre de Cristo Arts Center** "Representing the West" Pueblo, CO
- Hairpin Art Center** "Do Not Resist: 100 years of Chicago Police Violence" Chicago, IL
- 2017 **Uri-Eichen Gallery** *Semblance of Order*, Chicago, IL
- MACLA** *6th Chicano/a Biennial*, San Jose, CA
- National Hispanic Cultural Center** *Aquí Estamos: The Heart of Arte*, Abq, NM
- University of Indianapolis** *Herencia: Latin-American Influence in Art*, Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center. Indianapolis, IN
- OPEN Center for the Arts** *Montooneros*, Chicago, IL
- 2016 **Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture**
ARTE PAÑO CONTEMPORANEO: A TRADITION REVIVED, South Bend, Indiana.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS [Continued]

- University of Dayton** *Latino Art of the Midwest: Into the 21st Century*, Dayton Ohio
St Ambrose University *Justice: Alternative Voices and Progressive Themes in Comics*, Davenport, Iowa.
- 2015 **Zhou Brothers Art Center** *Flayed*, 3 person installation with Gabriel Villa, Salvador Jimenez. Chicago, IL
Creative Alliance at The Patterson *Después de la Frontera / After the Border* Baltimore, MD
Colfax Campus Gallery *Art and Social Justice Exhibition*, South Bend, IN
The Studio Door *Strip: Caricatures, Satire and The Funnies*, San Diego, CA
American Friends Service Committee *All of Us or None: Responses and Resistance to Militarism!* AFSC touring exhibit.
South Broadway Cultural Center *The Bomb*, Albq. NM
- 2014 **Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit** *Midwestern Voices and Visions*, Detroit, MI
Southwestern College *Labor-Migrant-Gulf*, College Art Gallery. San Diego, CA
Mexic-Arte Museum *Illustrating Anarchy*, Austin, TX
- 2013 **Urban Institute of Contemporary Art** *Pulso*, Grand Rapids, MI
Gallery 19 Art, Objects and Politics, Chicago, IL
UNAM *Posada Presente*, International print portfolio, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Chicago and traveling exhibition
- 2012 **F. Lewis College** *State of the Art: Political Humor*, FLC Art Gallery, Durango, CO
The Holland Area Arts Council. *Obiter Dicta*, Holland, MI
Colfax Campus Gallery *Art and Social Justice Exhibition*, South Bend, IN
Movimiento de Art y Cultura Latino Americana *Chicano/a Biennial*, San Jose, CA
- 2011 **Calaca Press** *Calacas* International Print exchange and traveling exhibition
Cobalt Gallery *Action Figures*, Chicago, IL
Arc Gallery *Sequential Art: Comics and Beyond*, Chicago, IL
- 2010 **Casa de la Cultura** *Imágenes Religiosas*, Jamay Jalisco, Mexico
Urban Institute of Contemporary Art *(S)edition*, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 **The National Museum of Mexican Art** *Millas y Kilometros*, Chicago, IL
Jaime Sabines Cultural Center *Millas y Kilometros*, Tuxtla Guitierrez, Mexico
Elmhurst College *Dual Exhibition*, Elmhurst, IL
Sullivan Gallery *Pan America*, at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2008 **The Chicago Artists' Coalition(CAC)** *Chicago Art Open 2008*, Chicago, IL
The National Museum of Mexican Art *Declaration of Immigration*, Chicago, IL
South Side Community Art Center *Word Play*, Chicago, IL

MURALS: Lead Artist

- 2017 ***El Abrazo (phase 1)*** W115'xH22' Sponsored by El Paseo Community Garden. Chicago.
Bienvenidos W12'xH4' mosaic mural at Corkery Elementary school. Sponsored by the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA). Chicago IL.

MURALS: Lead Artist [Continued]

- 2016 **Breaking the Sound Barrier** W21' x H10' "Justice: Alternative Voices and Progressive Themes in Comics" group exhibition at St Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.
- 2016 **Respect** W12' x H3' Corkery Elementary school. Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago IL.
TeamWork W9' x H9' Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center. Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago IL.
- 2015 **Two Histories, One School** W4' x H12' Mosaic mural. Corkery Elementary School, Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 **The Sky's the Limit and Reach for the Stars** Two murals each W16' x H8' acrylic on wood. Columbia Explorers Academy, Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago IL
Exercising Peace W11' x H34' Acrylic mural. Corkery Elementary School, Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago, IL
- 2013 **The Condensed History of the U.S. Invasion of Mexico** W95' x H22' Acrylic mural at the Urban Institute Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2013 **El Ritmo del Agua** W84' x H5' Acrylic mural. Gateway Park Mural, in conjunction with Bernalillo County and Working Classroom, Albq. NM
The Embrace of La Villita W21' x H7' Acrylic mural. Corkery Elementary School, Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 **Knowledge Is The Power To Your Future** W21' x H12' Hammond Elementary School, Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago, IL.
St. Frances of Rome W20.5' x H10' Acrylic mural. St. Frances of Rome Elementary School, Sponsored by the NMMA. Chicago, IL.
(Hear) by the River Digital mural with Mark Anderson and Michael Lorenzo Lopez. Sponsored by Working Classroom, in conjunction with The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Albuquerque Convention Center, NM

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS [Invited]

- 2019 **DePaul Art Museum** gallery talk. Chicago, IL.
DePaul University artist talk for Professor Suarez of the Fine Arts Department. Chicago, IL.
Truman College Book presentation for Professor Ben Ortiz Journalism Class. Chicago.
School of the Art Institute Book presentation for Professor Needleman Journalism Class. Chicago, IL.
Cartoon Art Museum Book talk and signing. San Francisco, California.
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Guest lecturer. Urbana-Champaign, IL.
National Hispanic Cultural Center Book talk and Signing. Abq NM
- 2018 **Billy Ireland Comic Museum and Library** Artist Panel with Dr. Alberto Ledesma and Khalil Bendib. Columbus, OH
- 2017 **Ohio State University** Keynote speaker for Latino and Latin American Space for Enrichment and Research (LASER). Columbus, OH
National Museum of Mexican Art *60 in 60*. Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS [continued]

- Open Engagement Preconference Workshop.** *Choosing Politics: Deconstructing Art for Dialogue.* Chicago, IL
- Art Institute of Chicago:** Artist Talk in conjunction to *Humanism + Dynamite = The Photomontages of Aleksandre Zhitomirsky*, exhibition.
- 2016 **Latino Art Now Conference:** Paño Arte panel & IGC panel. Chicago, IL
- Museum of Contemporary Art** Presented in association with “Organize Your Own: The Politics and Poetics of Self-Determination Movements” with Nicole Marroquin, Maria Gaspar, and Anthony Romero.
- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago** Diversity Advisory Group Here + Now, in conversation with Tim Jackson and Anne Elizabeth Moore.
- 2015 **National Veterans Art Museum:** Guest lecturer and printmaking workshop. Chicago
- Spudnik Press:** Guest Lecturer on Activism in Latin American Printmaking, in conjunction with the Panel discussion on Instituto Grafico de Chicago. Chicago, IL
- 2014 **DePaul University:** Guest Speaker for LSP 200 Multiculturalism Seminar. “The Politics of Race and Gender Identity in the Visual Contemporary Arts” Chicago, IL
- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago:** Guest speaker for Graduate course “Cultural Approaches and Productions”
- The Art Institute of Chicago:** Art Institute Colloquium Panel “Legacy of the TGP”
- The Art Institute of Chicago:** Artist Talk, Fullerton Hall.
- 2013 **Kendall College of Art and Design:** *Grabadolandia:* Jose Guadalupe Posada lecture and class critique, Grand Rapids, MI
- The Cigar Society of Chicago:** *El Machete Illustrated*, lecture. Chicago, IL
- 2012 **Truman College:** *El Machete Illustrated:* lecture. Chicago, IL
- University of Madison Wisconsin:** MECHA: *Political Cartoons:* workshop
- National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies:** *Art and Activism:* Panelist. Chicago, IL
- Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americano:** *Chicano Biennial:* Artist talk. San Jose, CA
- DePaul University** Center for Intercultural Affairs *Between the Chac Mool and the Chalice* <http://studentaffairs.depaul.edu/cip/videos.html>
- 2010 **DePaul University:** Iraq History Project. Exhibition, panel discussion, Chicago, IL
- University of Illinois Chicago:** *La Tierra Prometida.* Panel discussion with artists: Gabriel Villa, Nicole Marroquin, Salvador Jimenez

Collections

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