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## EDUCATION

- 2004 San José State University, BFA Painting, Minor Chicano Studies (Magna Cum Laude)  
2002 Evergreen Valley College, AA Liberal Studies (Magna Cum Laude)

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 [\*Finos Detalles\*](#) Ruth's Table San Francisco, CA
- 2011 [\*ChicaChic: La Nueva Onda/ The New Wave of Chicana Art\*](#) California Institute of Integral Studies San Francisco, CA  
[\*Analog<->Digital\*](#) Meridian Gallery San Francisco, CA  
[\*Bittersweet: An Art Collective\*](#) Cukui Flagship Store San Jose, CA  
[\*ArtPadSF\*](#) (in conjunction with Galeria de la Raza) San Francisco, CA  
[\*When You Grow Up Your Heart Dies\*](#) Cukui Flagship Store San Jose, CA\*  
[\*Pachanga 2011\*](#) Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA
- 2010 [\*PaperDolls\*](#) FIFTY24LA Los Angeles, CA  
[\*Galeria 4.0: A Retrospective\*](#) Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA
- 2009 [\*Death Cheater\*](#) Empire Seven Studios San Jose, CA  
[\*Cultural Disjuncture\*](#) MACLA San Jose, CA  
[\*Pachanga 2009\*](#) Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA  
[\*Certified Participants\*](#) Empire Seven Studios San Jose, CA  
[\*En Fuego\*](#) Alternative Cafe Seaside, CA  
[\*Mixed Messages\*](#) FIFTY24SF San Francisco, CA
- 2008 [\*Pachanga 2008\*](#) Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA  
[\*Guey Smart\*](#) as part of East of Eden @LA Municipal Gallery Los Angeles, CA  
[\*Oro Universal\*](#) Space Gallery San Francisco, CA  
[\*Death Cheater\*](#) Sara Jane & Co Sacramento, CA  
[\*10th Annual Latino Art Auction\*](#) MACLA San Jose, CA  
[\*Manifiesto 2.0 D- Structure\*](#) San Francisco, CA  
[\*Woolgathering: Aguafiestas\*](#) Rowan Morrison Gallery Oakland, CA\*
- 2007 [\*All Star Hustlaz III\*](#) White Walls Gallery San Francisco, CA  
[\*Pachanga 2007\*](#) Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA  
[\*Mexico! Mexico! Rock! Rock! Rock!\*](#) Ford Amphitheatre Hollywood, CA  
[\*The Favorites Show 2\*](#) Outer Edge Studio Monterey, CA  
[\*Pistolitas de Azucar\*](#) Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA  
[\*9th Annual Latino Art Auction\*](#) MACLA San Jose, CA  
[\*Fully Blown\*](#) Division 9 Gallery Riverside, CA

- 2006 [Check-In](#) Lart23tres Galeria Mexico DF, Mexico  
[The Favorites Show](#) Outer Edge Studio Monterey, CA  
**Sucker Punch** Red Ink Studios San Francisco, CA  
**Mind Maps** Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA  
[Tactica y Estrategia](#) Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts San Francisco, CA
- 2005 **Bustin Out** MACLA San Jose, CA  
**7th Annual Latino Art Auction** MACLA San Jose, CA  
[Labyrinth](#) Red Ink Studios San Francisco, CA  
**Can Control: Urban Transformers** MACLA San Jose, CA  
**Loose Tooth** Phantom Gallery San Jose, CA  
**Site Creations Mural Project** Red Ink Studios San Francisco, CA  
**Pachanga 2005** Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA
- 2004 **Not in Our Name** Allwan for the Arts New York, New York  
**Phantom Gallery Mural** 95 & 97 South First Street San Jose, CA  
**Con(text)** Lisa Coscino Gallery Pacific Grove, CA  
**Group Show** Outer Edge Studio Monterey, CA  
**6th Annual Latino Art Auction** MACLA San Jose, CA  
**Dull Knife** (BFA exhibit) Gallery 5 SJSU San Jose, CA\*  
**4am Resolution** Red Ink Studios-Santana Row San Jose, CA
- 2003 **Urban Expressions** Red Ink Studios-Santana Row San Jose, CA  
**Worst in Show** Gallery 8 SJSU San Jose, CA  
**Resurrection Show** Red Ink Studios-Santana Row San Jose, CA  
**Pac Sessions** Le Petit Trianon San Jose, CA  
**Art & Resistance Summit** MACLA San Jose, CA  
**Residue** Cafe Pomegrante San Jose, CA

\*solo shows

#### AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2007 Nominated for the Fleishhacker Foundation Eureka Fellowship Program  
 Identified as one of the semi-finalists or the Alliance of Artist Communities' Vision From the  
 New California residency program
- 2005 Nominated for the Museo Eduardo Carrillo prize in Painting  
 Voted "Best Painter" in the SF Weekly "Best of" edition
- 2003 San Jose State University Art & Design Scholarship recipient  
 Helen Dooley Scholarship & Conway L. Gardner, Jr Memorial Scholarship

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2010 **Artist's Communiqué OVALLES/ Aguafiestas** V.35 No.1  
 40th Anniversary Issue AZTLAN A Journal of Chicano Studies (UCLA)
- 2008 [Creativity Takes Wing by Tyche Hendricks](#)  
 San Francisco Chronicle June 9th pg.A1 A12  
[Talented Artist Mitsy Avila Ovalles- Not Your Average Couch Potato by Isabele Ringer](#)

- Piedmont Post January 9th  
**[Faux Naive by Timothy Buckwalter](#)** Easy Bay Monthly January 9th
- 2007 **[Sweet Guns by Hiya Swanhuysen](#)** SF Weekly May 11
- 2006 **[Best Painter](#)** (TIE) w/ America Meredith SF Weekly (Best of Edition) May 17–23  
**[It's Not Fair by Hiya Swanhuysen](#)** SF Weekly February 22–28 p. 20
- 2005 **[Bustin' Out at MACLA](#)** Artweek April 2005 Vol 36 Issue 3 pg. 14–15  
**[Artists Emerge by Nerissa Price](#)** San Jose Mercury News Arts & Entertainment  
Front Page February 14  
**[Around the Rim by Michael S Gant](#)** San Jose Metro Weekly newspaper May 11  
**[On Your Marks by Gary Singh](#)** October 12–18 pg. 59  
Published painting "Duro Para Todos" 3rd Floor Magazine Issue #3 pg. 37