

Chuck Ramirez, 1962-2010

Chuck Ramirez one of San Antonio's most beloved artists, was a major force in the San Antonio art community before his untimely death in a 2010 cycling accident. A 2002 Artpace resident, Ramirez' work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. As an artist and graphic designer, Ramirez employed the visual and conceptual techniques found in contemporary advertising and package design, isolating and re-contextualizing familiar objects to explore cultural identity, mortality, and consumerism through his photographs and installations. His large-scale photographic portraits and installations of banal objects are humorous, yet poignant metaphors for the transient nature of consumer culture and the frailty of life.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *All This and Heaven Too*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX; curator: Rene Paul Barilleaux (book)
Chuck in Context, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX (catalogue)
- 2016 Honored artist at Red Dot, Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 *HEB Celebration*, Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
Prematurely Discarded: Photography of Chuck Ramirez, Octavia Art Gallery, Houston, TX; curator: Illa Gaunt
- 2014 *Chuck Ramirez: Oscuro Corazón*. Blanca Berlín Galería, Madrid, Spain; curator: Blanca Berlín (brochure)
- 2012 *Chuck Ramirez, Looking Forward*. Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2011 *Chuck Ramirez: Minimally Baroque*, Ruiz-Healy Art and Blue Star Art Space, San Antonio; curator: Victor Zamudio-Taylor (catalogue)
Chuck Ramirez: Minimally Baroque, Dina Mitrani Gallery, Miami, FL; curator: Dina Mitrani Gallery
- 2009 *A Tia Chuck Christmas*, Three Walls, San Antonio, TX; curator: Michelle Monseau
- 2006 *Deeply Superficial*, DePauw University Art Museum, Greencastle, IN; curator: Kaytie Johnson
Chuck Ramirez, Finesilver Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2005 *Chuck Ramirez*, Centro de La Imagen, Mexico City; curator: Victor Zamudio-Taylor
Chuck Ramirez, O Lamm Espacio Visual, Mexico City
Chuck Ramirez, Arcaute Arte Contemporaneo, Monterrey, Mexico
- 2004 *Odd Thing*, Scope NY; curator: Robert Knafo
Seven Days, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
Seven Days, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, TX
Untitled, Project Room, Finesilver / FYI, ARCO '04, Madrid, Spain
Seven Days, Galerie Khadrberlin, Berlin, Germany
- 2003 *Perspectives*, FIAC, International Paris Art Fair, Paris, France
Perspectives, Gallery Sol y Sombra, San Antonio, TX
Chuck Ramirez, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2002 *Chuck Ramirez: Bean & Cheese*, International Artist-in-Residence Program, Artpace, San Antonio, TX; curator: Jérôme Sans
The Institute of Visual Arts (INOVA), Milwaukee, WI
Dee/Glasoe, New York, NY
Piñata Series, Mark Moore Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Piñatas, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, TX
Scope/Miami Art Fair, Finesilver Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2001 *Chuck Ramirez*, Feldman Gallery + Project Space, and Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR; curator: Nan Curtis