

# RUIZ-HEALY ART

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## Alejandro Diaz

### EDUCATION

- 1999 Master of Arts, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York  
1987 Bachelor of Fine Arts, The University of Texas at Austin

### RESIDENCIES

- 1996 Artpace International Artist-in Residence Program, San Antonio, TX  
1994 Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE

### SELECTED SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Alejandro Diaz: Words for White Walls*, Ruiz-Healy Art, New York, NY  
2020 *Jesse Amado & Alejandro Diaz: Double Pleasure*, Ruiz-Healy Art, New York, NY and San Antonio, TX (catalogue)  
2019 *Double Take*, Royale Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
*Sampler*, Royale Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
2015 *It Takes a Village*, Linda Pace Foundation, San Antonio, TX (book)  
*Alejandro Diaz: Paintings*, David Shelton Gallery, Houston, TX  
2014 *ARCHEOLOGIE*, Royale Projects, Palm Desert, CA  
2012 *RISD Business: Sassy Signs and Sculptures by Alejandro Diaz*, RISD Museum, Providence, RI  
2011 *The Townhouse of New York*, Royale Projects, Indian Wells, CA  
2010 *Just in Queso...*, David Shelton Gallery, San Antonio, TX  
2010 *World's Largest Cardboard Sign*, the Happy Lion Gallery, Los Angeles  
2009 *Blame it on Mexico*, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
2006 *A Can for All Seasons*, Artpace, San Antonio, TX  
2005 *A Can for All Seasons*, Public Art Fund, New York, NY  
2003 *Back in 5 minutes*, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, TX  
2001 *Souvenirs*, Jessica Murray Projects, Brooklyn, NY  
2000 Solo Project, the Fuller Art Museum, Brockton, MA  
1996 Alejandro Diaz, Artpace, San Antonio, TX  
1995 Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos  
Introductions '95, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, TX  
1994 Karen Rhymer Gallery, San Antonio, TX  
Alejandro Diaz, Bemis Center for the Arts, Omaha, NE  
1988 Southwest Craft Center, San Antonio, TX

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *For Fran*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX; curator: Hills Snyder  
2024 *Madre Tierra*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*XICANX: Dreamers + Changemakers / Soñadores + Creadores del Cambio*, Contemporary

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- at Blue Star, San Antonio, TX; curators: Jill Baird and Greta de León
- 2020 *Robert Indiana: A Legacy of Love*, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX; curators: René Paul Barilleaux and Lauren Thompson
- 2019 *Waking Dream*, Ruby City, San Antonio, TX; curator: Kathryn Kanjo (brochure)  
*Words/Matter: Latin American Art and Language at the Blanton*, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, TX; curators: Beverly Adams, Curator of Latin American Art, Blanton Museum of Art, and Florencia Bazzano, Assistant Curator of Latin American Art, Blanton Museum of Art
- 2018 *Note to Self*, Royale Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 *Hello My Name is...*, Los Angeles, Royale Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 *More Than Words: Text Based Artworks*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*UNTITLED Art Fair*, Royale Projects, Miami Beach, FL
- 2014 *Playing with Fire: Political Interventions, Dissident Acts, and Mischievous Actions*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
- 2013 *Looking Back at Tomorrow: The First 5 years of Royale Projects*, Palm Desert, CA
- 2012 *Read Into It*, Dorfman Projects, New York, NY
- 2011 St. Moritz Art Masters, St Moritz, Switzerland
- 2009 *Seriously Funny*, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, AZ
- 2008-10 *Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA; curators: Howard Fox, Rita González, and Chon Noriega (traveling) Museo Tamayo Arte Contemporáneo, México City, México, Museo Alameda, San Antonio, TX, Phoenix Art Museum, AZ, Museo de Arte de Zapopan, México, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY (book)  
*What Do You Care?* Mary Goldman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*A Declaration of Immigration*, National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL  
*A New Cosmopolitanism: Preeminence of Place in Contemporary Art*, California State Univ. Fullerton
- 2007 *Ceci n'est pas...*, Sara Meltzer Gallery, New York, NY  
*Surge – 798 Dashanzi Art Festival*, Beijing, China
- 2006 *Body Double Forum* + Elżbieta Kościelak Gallery Cultural Center Zamek, Lesnica Castle, Wroclaw, Poland  
*Light /Art: Mystic, Crystal, Revelation*, Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, CA  
*Works on Paper Biennial*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC  
*Tres Años, Tres Amigos, Trés Chic*, New World Museum, Houston, TX  
*Four Freedoms*, Marin Art Gallery, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA  
*Apropiaciones*, KBK Galleria Contemporanea, Mexico City, DF  
*Never Leaving Aztlan*, Museo de Las Americas, Denver, CO
- 2005 *Gift: Wrap and Set Boutique*, Julia Friedman Gallery, NY  
*Cheap and Chic*, Galeria O-Itatti, Mexico City, Mexico  
*The Superfly Effect*, Jersey City Museum, NJ
- 2004 *Talespinning: Selections Fall '04*, The Drawing Center, NY

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- Open House: Working in Brooklyn*, Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY  
*Pequeñas Escenas*, Galeria Animal, Santiago, Chile  
*Neo-Queer*, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA  
*Postcards from Cuba: Selections from the 8th Havana Biennial*,  
Henie Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo, Norway
- 2003 *I (Heart) CUBA*, Eighth Havana Biennial, Cuba
- 2002 *Grotto*, Jessica Murray Projects, Brooklyn, NY  
*Queer Visualities*, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
- 2001 *Cartoon-like*, Rudolph Projects, Houston, TX
- 2000 *S-Files*, El Museo del Barrio, NY  
*Latino Redux*, University of North Texas State, Denton
- 1997 *Simply Beautiful*, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, TX
- 1996 *Synthesis and Subversion: A Latino Direction in San Antonio Art*, University of Texas at San Antonio  
and UTSA Satellite Space; Curator: Francis Colpitt (brochure)
- 1991 *Material as Message*, Glassell School of Art, Houston Museum of Fine Art, TX  
*Las Manos del Artista*, Casona - Centro Cultural de la Secretaria, Mexico City,  
*Marcas Registrada*, Galleria Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City  
*Extranjeros en México*: Francis Alys, Alex Vanness, Alejandro Diaz, Eugenia Vargas, Silvia Gruner,  
Taller Diaz, Mexico City
- 1989 *Blue Star IV*, Curated by Lucy Lippard, Blue Star ArtSpace, San Antonio, TX

## **SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 1992 Umlauf Award in Sculpture, University of Texas at Austin

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, COMMISSIONS**

- 2009 Art Matters Foundation Travel Grant
- 2007 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award
- 2004 Public Art Fund, In the Public Realm, New York, NY
- 2003 Linda Pace and Artpace – supplemental grant for the Havana Biennial  
Frances T. and Stephen P. Magee – supplemental grant for the Havana Biennial
- 1998-1999 Bard College, Curatorial Studies Fellowship, NY
- 1994 Margaret Pace - Robert Wilson Foundation Grant
- 1993 River Pierce Foundation Grant

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## MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA

RISD Museum of Art, Providence, RI Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, AZ

Smithsonian Museum of American Art, Washington, DC

Fundación Colección Museo Jumex, Mexico City, Mexico

El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY

The National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL

Ruby City, San Antonio, TX

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Founder, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, TX. December 1996

Lecturer, I.P.O. Artist - Curator dialogues, Whitney Museum of American Art. Nov. 11, 2003

Panelist, American Canvas: A Roundtable on the 1997 NEA Report, *Art Journal* Vol. 57 No 3 (Fall 1998) 69-76

Panelist, Latino Redux: A Collections of Stories, Lies, and Embellishments, Southwest Texas State University

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Cordova, C. Ruben. "'Xicanx' Exhibition Surveys Chicana/o/x Art in San Antonio." *Glasstire*, July 20, 2024.

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Ewing, John. "Alejandro Diaz: A Can for All Seasons," *Art Lies*, Issue # 48, Fall 2005.

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Herzberg, Julia. "8th Havana Biennial," *ArtNexus*, Issue #52, Apr. 2004.

Johnson, Ken. "They're Chicanos and Artists. But is their Art Chicano?," *New York Times*, April 9, 2010.

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Medina, C., Mantecon, A., Debroise, O. *The Age of Discrepancies: Art and Visual Culture in Mexico 1968-1997*. México City: Turner and UNAM, 2007.

Menconi, Lilia. "SMoCA's Seriously Funny Exhibit Will Leave You Either in Stitches," *Phoenix New Times*, May 21, 2009.

Monie, Karin. "Laboratorio de Arte Contemporaneo," *Architectural Digest Mexico*, Sept. 2010.

Moody-Castro, Leslie. "Artforum Critics' Picks, Alejandro Diaz at the Linda Pace Foundation," July 2015.

Muchnic, Suzanne. "New Arrivals from L.A. Galleries," *Los Angeles Times*, May 29, 2009.

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- . "The S-Files," *Time Out New York*, Aug. 2000.
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