

# RUIZ-HEALY ART

Latinx, Latin America, & Texas Contemporary Art

## 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

### SELECTED SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Alejandro Diaz: Rooms and Places*, Ruiz-Healy Art, New York, NY, and San Antonio, TX (catalogue)  
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; curator: Judith Tannenbaum  
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, CA  
2009 *Blame it on Mexico*, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT; curator: Monica Ramirez-Montagut  
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 *Blow: Alejandro Diaz*, Artpace, San Antonio, TX; curators: Mary Beebe, Anthony Jones, Richard Koshalek, Lowery Sims, Dianne Vanderlip, Benito Huerta  
1995 *Untitled*, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos  
*Introductions '95*, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, TX  
1994 *Untitled*, Karen Rhymer Gallery, San Antonio, TX  
*Alejandro Diaz*, Bemis Center for the Arts, Omaha, NE  
1988 *Untitled*, 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

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- XICANX: Dreamers + Changemakers / Soñadores + Creadores del Cambio*, Contemporary 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 and Florencia Bazzano
- 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; curator: Nicolás Dumit Estévez
- 2013 *Looking Back at Tomorrow: The First 5 Years of Royale Projects*, 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; curators: Claire Schneider and Cassandra Coblentz
- 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 to 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)
- 2008 *What Do You Care?* Mary Goldman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*A Declaration of Immigration*, National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL; curator: Cesáreo Moreno  
*A New Cosmopolitanism: Preeminence of Place in Contemporary Art*, California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA; curators: Rachel E. Chaney and Michel Oren
- 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, Wrocław, Poland  
*Light /Art: Mystic, Crystal, Revelation*, Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, CA; curator: Victor Zamudio-Taylor  
*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; curator: Kaytie Johnson
- 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, Jersey City, NJ; curator: Rocio Aranda-Alvarado
- 2004 *Talespinning: Selections Fall '04*, The Drawing Center, NY

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*Open House: Working in Brooklyn*, Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY; curators: Charlotta Kotik and Tumelo Mosaka

*Pequeñas Escenas*, Galeria Animal, Santiago, Chile

*Neo-Queer*, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA; curators: Maura Reilly, David Brown, and Craig Houser

*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, Denton, TX

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, San Antonio, TX; 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, Mexico

*Marcas Registrada*, Galleria Arte Contemporaneo, Mexico City, Mexico

*Extranjeros en México: Francis Alys, Alex Vanness, Alejandro Diaz, Eugenia Vargas, Silvia Gruner, Taller Diaz*, Mexico City

1989 *Blue Star IV*, The Contemporary at Blue Star, San Antonio, TX; curator: Lucy Lippard

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

1992 Umlauf Award in Sculpture, University of Texas at Austin

## RESIDENCIES

1996 Artpace International Artist-in-Residence Program, San Antonio, TX; curators: Mary Beebe, Benito Huerta, Anthony Jones, Richard Koshalek, Lowery Sims, Dianne Vanderlip

1994 Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE

## 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, Los Angeles, CA  
RISD Museum of Art, Providence, RI  
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, 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 Collection of Stories, Lies, and Embellishments, Southwest Texas State University

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