

# RUIZ-HEALY ART

Latinx, Latin America, & Texas Contemporary Art

## Leigh Anne Lester

### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting, The University of Texas at San Antonio, TX

### RESIDENCIES

2015 The Berlin Residency Program, Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum in partnership with Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany

1998 Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, WY

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Untitled Solo Show*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX

2019 *No Necessary Time Axis on Evolutionary Novelties*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX (catalogue)

2017 *Leigh Anne Lester: A Variety of Forms Recovering from Transubstantiated Clarity*, AT&T Lobby, McNay Art Museum San Antonio; TX; curator René Paul Barilleaux

2017 *Flexible Foundation*, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, TX

2016 *A Variety of Forms Recovering from Transubstantiated Clarity*, McNay Museum, San Antonio, TX

2016 *Natural Order*, Muriel Guepin Gallery, New York, NY

2015 *UnNatural Selection*, The Gallery at Vaudeville, Fredericksburg, TX; curator: Mary Parker

2015 *Infinite Horizons*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX (catalogue)

2014 *Venomous Cabbage and other demands satisfied*, grayDUCK Gallery, Austin, TX

2013 *Cultivated Divergence*, Artpace, San Antonio, TX

2012 *Seed Pod*, Site-specific/temporary land art on San Antonio River sponsored by the San Antonio River Foundation, San Antonio, TX

2011 *Beautiful Freaks/Nature's Bastards*, Houston Art Alliance, Houston, TX

2010 *Beautiful Freaks/Nature's Bastards*, The Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX

2009 *Intelligent Design?*, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio, TX

2006 *Artificial Arrangement*, Conduit Gallery, Dallas, TX

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- 2006 *Artificial Arrangement*, Lawndale Arts Center, Houston, TX
- 2005 *Family Portraits*, International Museum of Surgical Science, Chicago, IL  
*Artificial Arrangement*, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 *ROCK*, New Works Space, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2000 *ROCK*, Project Room, San Antonio, TX

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Madre Tierra*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2024 *This Ship is Sailing*, Vikky Jones, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 *Alchemy: Works on Paper*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 *Womanish: Audacious, Courageous, Willful Art*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX; curators:  
Lauren Thompson and Kim Neptune
- 2021 *Ruiz-Healy Art: Quinceañera*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 *E La Nave Va*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 *McNay Print Fair*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 *Friendly Neighborhood Abstraction*, Hello Studios, San Antonio, TX
- 2017 *Drawn From*, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- 2017 *Jesse Amado, Cecilia Biagini, and Leigh Anne Lester*, Overland Partners Art Program, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *Natural Order*, Muriel Guepin Gallery, New York, NY (2 person show)
- 2016 *You Have No Choice*, FL!GHT Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *Errant Domestic*, Museo Guadalupe, San Antonio, TX; curator: Laurie Britton Newell
- 2015 *IFPDA Ink Miami Art Fair*, Miami Beach, FL
- 2015 *Infinite Horizons*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX (2 person show)
- 2015 *Aesthetic Encounters*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 *Eastbound and down*, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2015 *Nature on the Edge: Mutation and Hybridity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Art*, Bihl Haus Arts, San Antonio, Texas;  
curator: David S. Rubin
- 2015 *Running down the road*, Terminal 136, San Antonio, TX

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- 2015 *Six Artists celebrate the McNay's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX; curator: Rene Barilleaux
- 2014 *IFPDA Ink Miami Art Fair*, Miami Beach, FL
- 2014 *Outside/In*, K. Imperial Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 *Flatland*, Museo Guadalupe, San Antonio, TX; curator: Patty Ortiz
- 2014 *Crossing the Line*, Centro Cultural Border, Mexico City, Mexico; curator: Michele Monseau
- 2013 *The Drawing Room, Part 2*, Galveston Center of Art, Galveston, TX
- 2012 *Prelude: Beginning a Conversation*, David Shelton Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2012 *The State of Drawing*, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX; curator: Benito Huerta
- 2011 *Wild Things*, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
- 2011 *Rock, Paper, Carbon*, grayDUCK gallery, Austin, TX
- 2011 *San Antonio Draws*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 *Ucross: Twenty-Seven Years of Visual Artist Residency*, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY; curator: Lisa Hatchadoorian
- 2010 *Palimpsest*, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2009 Texas National, Cole Art Center; Juror: Mel Chin, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2008 *Transitions*, Cantanker Magazine, Issue #6, Big Medium, Austin, TX; curator: Leona Skull-Hons
- 2008 *Biennial Southwest*, Albuquerque Museum of Art, Albuquerque, NM; curator: Dr. Stephanie Hanor
- 2008 *Transitions*, Cantanker Magazine, Issue #6, Bolm Studios, Austin, TX Curator, Leona Skull
- 2007 *Beneath the Skin*, LIMN Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 *Naturally Inclined*, College of Mainland Gallery, Texas City, TX
- 2006 *Utopia*, Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2006 "Show – Offs", Unit B, San Antonio, TX
- 2005 *Stitch in Time*, Women and their Work, Austin, TX; curator: Joan Davidow
- 2004 *Cross Stitch: Craft Medium Redefined*, The Bank, Kansas City, MO
- 2004 *100 Drawings*, Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Irving, TX
- 2004 *H2O: Considering the Hydrosphere*, The Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2004 *Piece Work*, Dallas Center for the Contemporary Arts, Dallas, TX

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- 2002 *10x3*, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 *Here/There*, Blue Star Contemporary Art Center, San Antonio, TX.
- 2001 *Ulterior*, Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX.
- 2000 *Fibrous*, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.
- 2000 *Critics Choice 2000*, Dallas Visual Arts Center, Dallas, TX. Jurors: Carla Stellweg, Chris Cowden, Sara Kellner
- 2000 *A purse on both of your houses*, Muskett/Wallace Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2000 *As the women turn, Part 2*, Art Asylum, San Antonio, TX.

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- Atwell, Wendy. "Interview: Leigh Anne Lester, might be good." *The Tangible and the Ethereal*, Iss. 170, May 27, 2011.
- Baker, Kenneth. "The man works wonders with, yes, paint rollers." *San Francisco Chronicle*, June 16, 2007.
- BE 23 Magazine, Künstlerhaus, Bethanien Berlin, 2016.
- Bennett, Steve. "Artist is growing mutants in Artpace windows." *San Antonio Express-News*, February 23, 2013.
- Brenner, Wayne Allen. "Rock, Paper, Carbon." *Austin Chronicle*, June 10, 2011.
- De la Rocha, Haydee. "Review: Cultivated Divergence by Leigh Anne Lester." *Art Magazine SA*, January 2013.
- Fauerso, Neil. "No Necessary Time Axis on Evolutionary Novelties: Leigh Anne Lester's Cut Copies." *Glasstire*, May 22, 2019.
- Fee, Brian. "Color Pollination: Leigh Anne Lester at grayDUCK Gallery." *New American Painting*, May 16, 2014.
- Fisch, Sarah. "Escena San Antonio: Leigh Anne Lester rocks on, Cruz Ortiz as auteur, a visit from Houston curators." *Glasstire Texas Visual Art Online*, June 17, 2011.
- . "Strange Fruit and Odd Vegetables." *Plaza de Armas San Antonio*, December 10, 2010.
- Goddard, Dan. "Leigh Anne Lester @ Institute of Texan Cultures." *Artlies*, Iss.63, Fall 2009.
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- Rindfuss, Bryan. "A Look Inside the Weird World of Leigh Anne Lester's Mutant Botanicals." *San Antonio Current*, May 3, 2017.
- Schwaiger, Seth Orion. "Venomous Cabbage and Other Demands Satisfied." *Glasstire Texas Visual Art Online*, May 31, 2014.
- Silva, Elda. "Exquisite art leaves you wondering." *San Antonio Express-News*, January 16, 2011.
- . "Nature in the Hands of the Artist." *San Antonio Express-News*, August 9, 2009.
- Wolff, Elaine. "Growth Spurt." *San Antonio Current*, Elaine Wolff, July 22- 28, 2009.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Snyder, Hills. Leigh Anne Lester: No Necessary Time Axis on Evolutionary Novelties. Exhibition Catalogue, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX.
- 2017 "A Look Inside the Weird World of Leigh Anne Lester's Mutant Botanicals", San Antonio Current, Bryan Rindfuss, May 3.
- 2015 Coates, Alana J. and David S. Rubin. Infinite Horizons: Abelardo Lopez and Leigh Anne Lester. Exhibition Catalogue, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 "Leigh Anne Lester's Earthly Mutants", Glasstire, David Rubin, December 11.
- 2014 "Venomous Cabbage and other demands satisfied", Glasstire, Seth Orion Schwaiger, May 31.
- 2014 "Color Pollination: Leigh Anne Lester at grayDUCK gallery", New American Painting, Brian Fee, May 16.
- 2014 "In with the new! Recent gifts on paper", Artes Magazine, Deborah Anne Krieger, May 1.
- 2013 "Review: Cultivated Divergence by Leigh Anne Lester", Art Magazine SA, January, Haydee Munoz de la Rocha.
- 2013 "Artist is growing mutants in Artpace Windows", San Antonio Express News, Steve Bennett, February 23.
- 2011 "Leigh Anne Lester's 'Beautiful Freaks/Nature's Bastards' showcases botanicals with a twist", Houston Press, Art Attack, October 11, Kelly Klaasmeyer.

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- 2011 "Escena San Antonio: Leigh Anne Lester rocks on, Cruz Ortiz as auteur, a visit from Houston curators", Glasstire, June 17, Sarah Fisch.
- 2011 "Rock, Paper, Carbon", Austin Chronicle, June 10, Wayne Allen Brenner.
- 2011 "Interview: Leigh Anne Lester", might be good, Issue #170, May 27, The Tangible and the Ethereal, Wendy Atwell.
- 2011 "Last Call: Mark Menjivar and Leigh Anne Lester at SSA", San Antonio Current, February 24, Scott Andrews.
- 2011 "San Antonio Artist awarded 2011 Hunting Art Prize", Houston Chronicle, April 30, Douglas Britt.
- 2011 "Exquisite art leaves you wondering", San Antonio Express-News, January 16, Elda Silva.
- 2010 "Strange Fruit and Odd Vegetables", Plaza de Armas, December 10, Sarah Fisch.
- 2009 Leigh Anne Lester @ Institute of Texan Cultures, Artlies, Issue 63, Fall, Dan Goddard.
- 2009 "Nature in the Hands of an Artist", San Antonio Express News, Elda Silva, August 9.
- 2009 "Growth Spurt", San Antonio Current, Elaine Wolff, July 22-28.
- 2008 "Art Advocates Extraordinaire", S.A. Woman Magazine, May, Jasmina Wellinghoff.
- 2007 "The man works wonders with, yes, paint rollers", San Francisco Chronicle, June 16.
- 2006 "Picture of Ill Health", Chicago Tribune, January 12. [www.chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com)
- 2006 "For Artist, Sala Diaz is a house of 'I Will' Repute", San Antonio, Express News, January 15. [www.mysanantonio.com](http://www.mysanantonio.com)
- 2006 "Artificial Arrangement", Glasstire.com, Wendy Atwell, February.
- 2006 "Artificial Arrangement", New York Arts Magazine, March/April, Volume 11, No. 3/4. [www.nyartsmagazine.com](http://www.nyartsmagazine.com)
- 2006 "Stitch in Time", Artlies, Issue 49, Winter. [www.artlies.org](http://www.artlies.org)
- 2005 "Watch for Thorns", San Antonio Current, December 29, 2005 - January 3, 2006. [www.sacurrent.com](http://www.sacurrent.com)
- 2004 "Fabric art illustrates the fiber of life", Dallas Star Telegram, January 31.
- 2004 "H2O- Considering the Hydrosphere", Voices of Art, Volume 12, Issue 1.
- 2004 "Stray Cats", San Antonio Current, April 24.
- 2001 "Natural Wonders", Dallas Morning Observer, March 22-28.
- 2000-2001 "Rock", Artlies, #29, Winter.

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- 2000 "Summer Essentials", Canvas, Visual Life in Texas, Summer.
- 1999 "Art Space: Freeze frame", San Antonio Current, August 4.
- 1997 "Concept 697.198", Voices of Art, May/June.
- 1996 "Three Recent Installations", Voices of Art, July/August.

## AWARDS

- 2011 Hunting Art Prize Winner
- 2007 Visual Art Award, Artist Foundation of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Creative Capital Workshop, San Antonio, TX.
- 1993 to Present Manager, San Angel Folk Art, Inc. Blue Star Arts Complex, San Antonio, TX.
- 1993 to 2012 Co-founder, co-owner, co-curator, Cactus Bra Space, an alternative exhibition space for new artists, Blue Star Complex, San Antonio, TX.

## SELECTED ART COLLECTIONS

- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, Austin, TX
- McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- The Woman's Hospital of Texas, Houston, TX
- The University Health System, San Antonio, TX
- The University of Texas in San Antonio, TX