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Education

M.F.A. Transart Institute / Danube University, Austria
B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design.
Phillips Andover Academy, Institute of Visual Studies.

Awards

Arizona Arts Award, 2002, Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, \$25,000.
Visual Art Fellowship, 1997, Tucson/Pima Arts Council, \$3000.
Federal Highway Award of Excellence in Design, 2002
2003 Public Works Project of the Year, American Public Works Association
Americans for the Arts, Public Art Review 2003

Teaching Experience

Transart Institute, Brooklyn NY 2009, Berlin, Germany 2010, Critique Facilitator for MFA candidates
ArtWORKS! Academy, a TPAC / TUSD partnership, Artist / Mentor 1999-2008, Interim Director 2006
Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Indiana, Summer Program Artist in Residence, 2003
Arizona International College, Mentor Program, New Media 2000-2002
Tucson Museum of Art School, Tucson, AZ. Instructor of drawing and painting, Mentor, 1987-99

Relevant Experience

The Quarry: Artists in Recovery Inc., 501c3, Co-founder, Board of Director President, since 2003
Warehouse Arts Management Organization, 501c3 Board of Directors, Tucson AZ, Current
Creative Capital Professional Development Workshop 2009
Tucson Downtown Alliance Urban Design Committee, member 2003, 2004, 2005
Open Studio: The Arts Online, Multimedia Fellowship 1999-2000
Arts & The Law Seminars 1996, 1997
Tucson Master Planning Design Charrettes, team member, 1997, 1998, 2000

Curatorial Experience

Concentart, Berlin, Germany "Spaces in Between", 2010
Concentart, Berlin Germany "13 Fellows", 2009
Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ "Utilize", 2009
Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ "She Objects", 2005
Temple of Music And Art, Tucson, AZ Mentor Program Exhibition, 1996, 1997
University of Massachusetts, Harbor Gallery, Boston, MA "The Contemplative" 1996
University of Massachusetts, Harbor Gallery, Boston, MA "Skirting the Decorative" 1995

Public Art Projects

Modern Street Car Line, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2009

In collaboration with Ben Olmstead. Design Team artist/planners for all eleven simple transit stops and as artists for one unique stop. Tucson Department of Transportation. \$175,000.

Reid Park Zoo, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2008

In collaboration with Ben Olmstead. Large-scale steel sculpture for the African Elephant expansion project. Budget \$108,000.

Speedway Boulevard: Camino Seco to Houghton Roads, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2007

In collaboration with Wheat Scharf Associates. Cast concrete sculpture. Art Budget \$162,000
Vestar Development –Art in Private Development, Public Art Commission, Oro Valley AZ 2007

In collaboration with Wheat Scharf Assoc. Large steel arch / luminaries and painted water tanks, \$177,200.
“Looking Up” Transit Shelter, Public Art Commission, Mesa AZ 2007

In collaboration with Ben Olmstead, Monumental Steel and concrete structure with polycarbonate photographic images. \$34,000.

Purple Heart Park Memorial Wall, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2006
Consists of a sandstone u-shaped wall, purple glass , stone bench with quote by Thomas Moore. \$7,700.

Pennington Street Garage, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2004-2005
A Tucson Department of Transportation Project, an illuminated aluminum / glass design to encircle the new downtown parking facility. Art Budget \$71,000.

El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2003-2005
In collaboration with Geoff Demark, Ben Olmstead. Shade structures of perforated aluminum and glass marbles. Art Budget of \$19,500.

Mountain Avenue Improvement, Phase III, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2002-2010
Tucson Department of Transportation Project. Roadway sculpture, hard-scape design, 44 engraved boulders with poetry in Tohono O’odham and English by Ofelia Zepeda. 55 painted “camouflaged” electrical boxes. Art budget of \$126,000.

Primavera Foundation & Primavera Builders, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ 2002
In collaboration with Geoff DeMark. We created a commemorative donor wall of etched glass, adobe brick & sandblasted designs on corrugated steel. \$8000. Art budget. Completed 2002.

Parkwise Art Shuttle Bus, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ. 2000
A painted and digital photograph / decal bus for The Tucson Department of Transportation TICET program. Completed February 2000.

Community Resource Center, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ. 1998
This project was in coordination with Merry Carnell Schlecht, Inc. and Sage Landscape Architects for the City of Tucson and The United Way. The project budget was \$3.9 million; the art budget is \$30,000. As artist / planner I contributed to design details of the building complex and plaza design, this included the fabrication of a water feature, the plaza floor and three monumental sculptures inspired by Hohokam artifacts found at project site. I initiated the establishment of an Arizona State Museum satellite display of the actual artifacts in the building lobby. Project included working with the Tohono O’odham Cultural Preservation Committee. Completed May 2000.

Sahuarita Gateway Monument, Community Based Public Art Project, Sahuarita, AZ. 1999
I was the artist supervisor of a summer project directing a dozen high school students in the creation of town monument made of steel, glass, tile and concrete artificial rock. Completed August 1999.

Tucson House Memorial Rose Garden, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ. 1998
This project is in coordination with Richard Green, R.L.A. and the Tucson House Community in the creation of a rose garden with a gazebo structure & poetry engraved walkways. This is part of a \$3 million dollar renovation of Tucson House by Poster Frost Associates Inc. The art budget is \$30,000. My role was co-designer, fabricator and community liaison. Completed December 1999.

Splash-Dash, Mountain Vista Park, Public Art Commission, Phoenix, AZ. 1998
A City of Phoenix Park Department Project, in collaboration with artist Alex Garza & Richard Green R.L.A. With a budget of \$75,000 we designed and fabricated a water play area for children with a poured in place rubberized surface and sequenced timed water jets. Approximately 1000 sq. ft. Completed June 2001.

Diamondback Bridge over Broadway Blvd., Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ. 1997
In coordination with TY LIN International Engineering I designed a \$2.7 million, 300' long pedestrian / bicycle bridge in the shape of a diamondback rattlesnake spanning over Broadway Blvd., downtown. Tucson Department of Transportation. Artist fee for design and overseeing of fabrication \$24,000. The bridge has received nine awards, including American Public Works Project of the Year 2003. Completed May 2003.

Woods Memorial Library, Public Art Commission, Tucson, AZ. 1996

As part of the City of Tucson's library renovation project of \$1.5 million by Burns Wald & Hopkins Architects, I created 101 "Flying books" cut from steel and painted, surrounding the exterior of the entire building. Art budget was \$15,000. Completed February 1997.

Live Performance (Monologues)

Concentart, Berlin, Germany 2009

Club Congress, Tucson, AZ "Odyssey Series" 6 stand-up routines 2006 -2010

Dinnerware Gallery Tucson, AZ "7- Up Series", 4 performances 2008, 3 performances 2009

OK Centrum, Linz, Austria "Marry Me" 2008

University of Arizona, Union Gallery, Tucson, AZ "Secrets" 2007

Personal Art Exhibitions (Painting / Sculpture / Installations / Video)

Sotheby's Annual CCBF Contemporary Art Sale, NY, NY 2010

WAMO, Tucson, AZ 2010

Shelter, Vienna, Austria 2010

mARTadero: Vivero de los Artes, Cochabamba, Bolivia 2010

Concentart, Berlin, Germany 2009, 2010

Sideshow Gallery, Brooklyn, NY 2009, 2010

Chelsea Space, NY, NY 2008

Conrad-Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ 2007, 2009

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 2005

Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ Biennial 2001, 2009, Painted Metal 2005,

Temple of Music & Art, Tucson, AZ 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Raices Gallery, Tucson, AZ 2002, 2005

Dinnerware Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1988, 1989, 1990, 2005

Etherton Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1996, 2003

Obsidian Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1997, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006

Canyon Ranch Gallery, Tucson, AZ 2001, 2002

Apparatus Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1995 – 2000

Hacienda Del Sol Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1998-99

Raw Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1997

Pima College, West Campus Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1997

Tucson Museum of Art Faculty Show, TMA, 1988-97

University of Massachusetts, Harbor Gallery, Boston, MA. 1996

Montez, Masterpieces of New Mexican Art, Santa Fe, NM, Scottsdale, AZ 1995, 1996

Blue Star Gallery, San Antonio, TX 1995

Scottsdale Center of the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ 1994

Tubac Center of the Art, Tubac, AZ 1992, 1994

Tohono Chul Gallery, Tucson, AZ 1990

Collections

Tucson Museum of Art, City of Tucson, City of Phoenix, City of Mesa, Town of Oro Valley, Tucson International Airport Authority, The White House, Washington, DC