

Marika

Margarita Rivera Cantú

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Objective

San Antonio Artist Registry

Texas Teacher Certificates

1999 Secondary Spanish (Grades 06-12) and ESL (Grades PK-12)

1998 Secondary English and Secondary English Language Arts (Grades 06-12)

1984 All-Level Art (Grades PK-12)

Education

Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art (TICA) at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago,
Summer, 2014

Numerous Art workshops at the Art Institute of Houston, Museums and Universities

Texas Teacher Certificate (All-Level Art) and Lithography, University of Houston, 1980

Post-Baccalaureate Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, Dominican Institute of the Fine Arts,
Florence, Italy, January – May 1974

Bachelor of Arts, (Fine Art), Dominican College, Houston, Texas, December 1973

Fine Arts: Drawing under Nerina Simi, considered by Pietro Annigoni “the greatest teacher
of the 20th century”, Painting and Sculpture, Art History and Italian, Dominican Institute
of the Fine Arts, Florence, Italy, September 1972 – May 1973

Awards and Scholarships

Partial Tuition Scholarship to the Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art (TICA)
at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Summer, 2014

Blue rosette, Live Oak County Fair, Spring 2003

Target Teacher Scholarship Award, 1998

Numerous art awards and scholarships in college, 1970-1974

Exhibitions and Commissions

Multiple original Papel Picado designed banners, 2/20/20 and 12/12/20

Various portrait commissions, 1972-2019

"Virgen de Guadalupe Mural at the Super S Supermarket, San Diego, Texas, 1997

Designed, manufactured, and installed nine wrought iron double gates and designed a modified
West Point Insignia, Hotel Thayer, West Point Military Academy, New York, 1988

"Fresh Paint: The Houston School", P.S.I., New York, New York, 1985

"Fresh Paint: The Houston School", The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, 1985

“Artistas del Barrio”, O’Kane Gallery, University of Houston, Downtown, 1983

“Resurrected Christ”, oil painting, St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 1980

“Chicanas de Tejas”, Lithographic Prints, The Chicano Art Gallery, Houston, Texas, 1979

Christ Amongst the Children" mural, St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church,
El Campo, Texas, 1978

‘Poder’ sculpture, Contemporary Museum of Art, Houston, Texas, 1974

“Studio Works”, Dominican Institute of the Fine Arts, Florence, Italy, May 1973

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Positions Held

2005-2015, Art Teacher
George West High School
George West, Texas

1998-2001, Art, Spanish, ESL Teacher
A.C. Jones High School
Beeville, Texas

1994-1998, Art Teacher
San Diego High School
San Diego, Texas

1977-1993, Sale, Design, Manufacture, and Installation
Ornamental Ironwork, Family business
Colonial Art
5701 Cochran
Houston, Texas

1974-1975, Art Teacher
AAMA Alternative Education Center (George I. Sanchez Charter High School)
Houston, Texas

Fall, 1974, Sculpture Instructor
Dominican College
Houston, Texas

Spring, 1974, Gallery Instructor
Dominican Institute of the Fine Arts
Florence, Italy

Languages

Fluent in Spanish. Studied Latin (3 years) and Italian (1 1/2 years)

References

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