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Education

MFA Sculpture University of Texas at Austin | 1994
BFA Painting University of Massachusetts . Amherst | 1985
Artist-in-Residence Sculpture Space . Utica, New York USA | 2023-24
Bosch Parade . 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands | 2022
Vermont Studio Center . Johnson, VT | 1990

Installations



2022 Angler Maiden Bosch Parade | 's-Hertogenbosch, NL

I worked with a small crew of local Holland volunteers on developing my concept for this floating steel sculpture. Strapped onto pontoons, the piece delivered excitement with its flame effect and performance which included accordion music bubbling up and out of the bowels of this peculiar Bosch inspired sea creature. Theme: Temptation of St. Anthony; sponsored in part by Jaga Climate Design and Würth, NL.

2018-19 Phoenix Rising Burning Man Festival | Black Rock City . Nevada

As a 2019 Burning Man Honorarium recipient, I redesigned this steel and found object sculpture with a small crew of volunteers and fabricators. It contains a flame effects system with an interactive component- A pulse sensor detects the participant's heart beat and activates the fire to pulse in unison with their heart. Materials: Steel, found objects, flame effects. Dimensions: 36'L x 25'W x 12'H

2016-19 Phaya Nāgas Dragon Mosaic Swing Set | Smither Park . Houston . Texas

The concept for this sculpture was inspired by the mythical serpent-like creatures believed to live in the Mekong river and estuaries of Thailand. Made with carved foam, mostly donated mosaic tile and found objects. While working in the extremely humid weather conditions of Houston with only one assistant, this project has been a challenging yet gratifying endeavor. Commissioned by the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art. Dimensions: 52'L x 7'D x 19'H

2012-15 Draka-the-Dragon Art Car Parade | Houston . Texas

A 112-foot mobile, fire-breathing beast built on a truck pulling 3 trailers, inspired by the book and Broadway play *Wicked*. http://lisanigro.com/draka.lisa_nigro.html

2015 Austin Mini MakerFaire grant to refurbish and present at Palmer Center.

2012 Houston Art Car Parade grant to refurbish for 25th Anniversary. She then toured to **Burning Flipside** at Apache Pass and **FanFest** downtown Austin, TX.

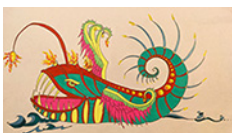
2014 Phoenix I Apogaea Festival | Denver . Colorado

A steel and found object installation partially funded by Apogaea, the Colorado Regional Burn, for exhibition theme: "Emergence."

Dimensions: 32'L x 25'W x 10'H

Grants

/Awards



2023 Individual Artist Grant Dept. of Arts & Culture, City of San Antonio, Texas

2023 "Don Quixote" Private Commission | San Antonio, Texas

2022 Individual Artist Grant Dept. of Arts & Culture, City of San Antonio, Texas

2021-22 Bosch Parade "AnglerMaiden" floating sculpture design funded & sponsored to participate on the Dommel River | 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands June 16-19, 2022.

2021 "St. George Slaying the Dragon" Private Commission Powell Law | San Antonio, Texas

2020 SA CARES 4 ART Grant Dept. of Arts & Culture, City of San Antonio, Texas

2020 Corona Arts Relief Grant Luminaria, San Antonio, Texas

2019 Burning Man Honorarium Black Rock City, Nevada

2018 FreezerBurn Art Installation Grant Austin, Texas

2017 Pre-Qualified List: Public Art San Antonio (PASA) Dept. of Arts & Culture

2016 +15 14 13 Selected Shortlist ARTPACE Programs San Antonio, Texas

2016 Smither Park Commission Award Orange Center for Visionary Art, Houston, Texas

2015 Winner City of Dallas | Public Art Program - Fire Station #6 Sculpture Design

Exhibitions

- 2015 **Austin Mini MakerFaire** Austin, Texas
- 2014 **Apogaea Art Installation Grant** Denver, Colorado
- 2012 **Art in Public Places Grant (AIPP)** Austin, Texas
- 2012 **Texas Art Garden Grant** Austin, Texas
- 2012 **06 04 Orange Show Center for Visionary Art Grant** Houston, Texas
- 2004 **Houston Art Car Museum Transportation Grant** Houston, Texas
- 2000-01 **Black Rock Art Foundation Grant** San Francisco, California
- 1999 **Burning Man Grant** San Francisco, California
- 1989 **Basil H. Alkazzi Award** in Painting for Travel to London, New York, New York
- 2023 **"Red Dot"** The Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 **"Member Exhibition"** San Antonio Art League & Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 **"Faculty Exhibition"** RHR Galleries, University of Texas - San Antonio
- 2023 **"From Holland With Love" Exposé** My experience as Artist-in-Residence building Angler Maiden for Bosch Parade. Space 136, Blue Star Arts Complex, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 **"Contemporary Art Month"** Exhibition at Studio 213, Blue Star Arts, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 **"BLUE"** The Art Car Museum, Houston, TX
- 2023 **"Heavy Metal"** The Annex at Blue Star Arts Complex, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 **"L'Annex des Femmes"** All Female Artists & Musicians Blue Star Arts Complex, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 **"Temptation of St. Anthony"** Bosch Parade on Dommel River, den Bosch, NL
- 2022 **"Femina 2022"** Online exhibition celebrating International Women's Day by **Gallerium**
- 2021 **"What I Did On My Covid Vacation"** at **The Art Car Museum** Houston, TX
- 2020 **"One People, Many Paths: The Sacred Art of Altars"** Celebration Circle 16th Annual Online Exhibition and Auction, #SacredArtOfAltars San Antonio, TX
- 2019 **"Metamorphosis"** Phoenix Rising at **Burning Man**, Black Rock City, NV
- 2019 **"Rowdy Women Take Over"** South Texas Museum of Popular Culture, San Antonio, TX
- 2019 **"One People, Many Paths: The Sacred Art of Altars"** Celebration Circle 15th Annual Art Exhibition, **Brick at Blue Star Arts Complex**, San Antonio, TX
- 2019 **"All Hands On Deck"** Skateboard Art Exhibition **Brick at Blue Star Arts**, San Antonio, TX
- 2019 **"25th Annual El Corazón Exhibition"** at **Bath House Cultural Center**, Dallas, TX
- 2018 **"Animals"** Group Exhibition at **The Art Car Museum**, Houston, TX
- 2018 Two Person Exhibition at **Art Matters** at **Blue Star Art Complex**, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 **"Film Awards Nite & Art Exhibition"** South Texas Museum of Popular Culture SATX
- 2018 **"Hot Concrete in July"** Group Exhibition at **Concrete Gallery**, San Antonio, TX
- 2017 **"30th Día de los Muertos Retablo Exhibition"** **Lawndale Art Center**, Houston, TX
- 2017 **"Sister Solidarity II"** Group Exhibition **Movement Gallery/Galeria del Movimiento** SATX
- 2017 **"23rd Annual El Corazón Exhibition"** Bath House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
- 2016 **"Lives Matter"** Group Exhibition at **The Art Car Museum**, Houston, TX
- 2016 **"Vagina Womb Room"** private commission for art bus at **Art Car Parade**, Houston, TX
- 2016 **"Dia de los Muertos Retablo Exhibition"** Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2016 **"One People, Many Paths: Sacred Art of Altars"** Santikos **Bijou Cinema Gallery**, SATX
- 2016 **Open Studio** All Woman Group Exhibition **Mercury Project**, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 **"Sister Solidarity"** Group Exhibition **Movement Gallery/Galeria del Movimiento** SA, TX
- 2016 **"Bodies Exposed"** 2 Person Show at **Blue Star Arts Complex**, produced by CAM SA, TX
- 2016 **"Art at the Jalapeno"** Group Exhibition at **High Wire Arts Gallery**, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 **"Art, Mind & Science"** Group Exhibition at **Brick at Blue Star Arts**, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 **"EAST"** Group Exhibition at **Big Medium**, Austin, TX
- 2015 **"Reincarnation"** Group Exhibition at **The Art Car Museum**, Houston, TX
- 2015 **The Cube Project** at **Burning Man**, Black Rock Desert, NV
- 2015 **"Art at the Jalapeno"** Group Exhibition at **High Wire Arts Gallery**, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 **"From Her: An Exhibition by Women about Women"** In honor of National Women's History Month at **El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument** Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 **"Una Noche en La Gloria - Contemporary Art in the Cultural Zone"** San Antonio
- 2014 **"Solo Show"** Melinda Martinez Gallery San Antonio, TX
- 2013 **"The Gun Show"** Group Exhibition **The Art Car Museum**, Houston, TX
- 2013 **"White Linen Nights"** **Houston Contemporary Fine Art Gallery** Houston, TX
- 2013 **Fan Fest** *Draka the Dragon* Austin, TX
- 2012 **Burning Flipside** *Draka the Dragon* Apache Pass, TX
- 2012 **Houston Art Car Parade** *Draka the Dragon*

PRESS



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- **Voyage Houston Magazine** <http://voyagehouston.com/interview/art-life-lisa-nigro/> Nov 2018
- NK Guy; **Art of Burning Man** Taschen, London, UK September 2015
- **The Austin Chronicle** *Draka Best of Austin- Category: Architecture & Lodging* Sep 2013
- Martinez, Alberto **Austin American-Statesman** *"Metal Dragon travels Texas..."* July 2012
- **H MAGAZINE** *"Driven to Create"* May 2007
- Kristen, Christine *"Art & Freedom..."* **RAW Vision** 2006 p.29-31
- Willsheer, Andy **Chroom n Flammen** *Automotive Art* Dec 2006
- Rice, Harvey *"Bumper-to-Bumper Artistry"* **Houston Chronicle** 5/14/2006 p.1B
- Vose, Kenneth E **Monster Nation: Best Transformed Vehicles Coast to Coast** 2004
- Doherty, Brian **This is Burning Man: Rise of New American Underground** 7/2004 p.195
- Westbrook, Bruce *"Joy Rides- Wheeled Works of Wacky Art"* **Houston Chronicle** May 04
- **The Art of Burning Man** **Leonardo Journal** MIT Press 11/5/2003 p.351
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- Marin, Rick *"The Least Likely Burning Man"* **New York Times** 9/10/2000
- Pinchbeck, Daniel *"The Fire This Time"* **Rolling Stone Magazine** 11/9/2000 p.118



2024 Artist Presenter for The Moment at **Roosevelt Library Social Club** | SATX
2006 **Visiting Artist Lecturer** | Sonoma State University . Rohnert Park . CA
2003-04 Founder **Burnin'Bush Fire & Metal Arts Festival** | Blue Wing Playa . NV
In celebration of our American Freedoms over 4th of July weekend, I founded and co-organized the implementation of this donation run event. We offered blacksmithing and metal fabricating workshops, and featured sculpture and fire art installations on a remote desert playa in conjunction with an art car parade, which I personally organized, through the nearby town of Gerlach. We encouraged art car artists, sculptors, propane fire-art enthusiasts, and installation artists to attend, camp out in nature, get creative, and bring their art cars and art out for display.

Teaching

- 2023-Present Beg & Int Painting and Drawing Instructor | **Bihl Haus Arts . San Antonio**
- 2021-Present Adjunct Professor Ceramics, Sculpture & Mosaic Art | **University of Texas - San Antonio / Southwest**
- 2013-2020 Professor Sculpture | **Southwest School of Art** . San Antonio . TX
- 2016-19 Welding Instructor **ArtX** | Houston
- 2014 Professor 2D Design | **Houston Community College**
- 2009 Professor 3D Design | **Napa Valley College** . Napa . California
- 2006-07 Professor 3D Design | **Texas State University** – San Marcos