

KAT CADENA

STUDIO ARTIST, MURALIST, ILLUSTRATOR

Public Art

- 2025 *San Antonio Botanical Garden Mural Exhibition*, March - October 2025 (*forthcoming*)
- 2024 *Rooted in Love*, permanent mural for Greater Love Multi-Generational Cultural Community Center, San Antonio, Texas, Commissioned by the City of San Antonio
- Grandma's Garden*, permanent mural for Greater Love Multi-Generational Cultural Community Center, San Antonio, Texas, Commissioned by the City of San Antonio
- (*forthcoming*) *Ella Austin Solar Panel Murals*, Booker T. Washington Elementary School, San Antonio, Texas
- 2023 *Protector*, permanent mural for Sunny Dayz Mural Festival, in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2022 *Dreamin' of Xochitlapan*, mural located downtown Austin, Texas on E. 5th St. & Congress Ave., commissioned by Mexic-Arte Museum
- Commercial mural: Akhanay Coffee Roasters*
- 2021 *And Yet, We Bloom*, mural located downtown San Antonio, Texas on Houston St. & Navarro St. funded by Centro San Antonio's *Art Everywhere Project*, winner of Best Mural in San Antonio, Texas 2021 (relocated as of 2024)
- Commercial mural: Naco210 Mexican Eatery*

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *ancestors weep through me*, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, Texas
- 2018 *Self-Manifest*, AP Art Lab, San Antonio, Texas

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Madre_Land*, Centro de Artes, San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 2025 - Feb. 2026 (*forthcoming*)
- 2023 *Blue Star Red Dot*, The Contemporary at Blue Star, San Antonio, Texas
- Yanaguana's Dreams of Liberation*, San Antonio Botanical Gardens, San Antonio, Texas, an official exhibition of Dreamweek San Antonio, curated by Reds Rojas and Alain Boris
- 2022 *La Dama*, womxns' show at historic Carver Community Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas
- The Status of Women in San Antonio Exhibition*, by invitation from the City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture, San Antonio, Texas
- Secret Walls*, (winner), live illustration battle, originating in underground scene of Shoreditch, London, now based in Los Angeles, CA, full US tour 2023. LA group show *forthcoming*
- Here and There*, juried exhibition at Clamp Light and Bright Coffee, San Antonio, Texas
- Blue Star Red Dot*, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, Texas
- Small Scale Big Change*, by invitation from SAY Sí, San Antonio, Texas
- 2021 *Blue Star Red Dot*, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, Texas
- The San Antonio Show*, SAY Sí, San Antonio, Texas
- Chalk It Up Festival*, Artpace San Antonio, Landa Library, San Antonio, Texas
- loveforms*, Motherling at Brick at Blue Star, San Antonio, Texas
- 2020 *Blue Star Red Dot*, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, Texas
- Small Scale Big Change*, by invitation from SAY Sí, San Antonio, Texas (virtual due to COVID)
- 2019 *St. Edward's University Fine Arts Gallery Inaugural Flatfile Invitational*, Austin, Texas
- Curators: Alexandra Robinson, Black Mountain Project
- C.R.a.S.S., Brick at Blue Star, San Antonio, Texas
- 2018 *Illume*, San Pedro Creek Culture Park, San Antonio, Texas
- Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival*, Hemisfair, San Antonio, Texas
- Curators: Carrie Brown, Alana Coates, Lindsay Compton, Agosto Cuellar, Adriana Flores, Mark McCain, Patrick McMillan, Andrea Vocab Sanderson, Guillermina Zabala
- 2017 *Excavations; In Yellow*, juried exhibition at Mantle Art Space, San Antonio, Texas
- Juror: Jessica Bingham, co-founder of Project 1612
- Crossing "Boarders,"* Clamp Light Artist Studios & Gallery, San Antonio, Texas
- 2016 *Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival*, Hemisfair, San Antonio, Texas
- 32nd Annual Juried Student Exhibition*, University of Texas at San Antonio, Juror: Joey Fauerso

Residencies

2023 Sala Diaz, San Antonio, Texas, Summer Studio Artist Residency, selected by Sala Diaz Board President Ethel Shipton

Art Collections

Collection of San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg & Erika Prosper
City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture; Private collections in the United States & Mexico

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Education

2016 Bachelor of Arts, Painting & Drawing, The University of Texas at San Antonio, Graduated with Highest Honors & International Distinction; Undergraduate Thesis: *Sublimity as a Humanizing Force in Contemporary Painting*; Thesis Advisor: Christie Blizard; Thesis Committee: Dr. Judith Sobre, Dr. Annie Labatt, Constance Lowe