

CORA JEAN TALKINGTON-QUIROZ

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ABOUT CORA QUIROZ

ARTIST STATEMENT

Understanding one's identity is always fluid. Putting together my own journey from the past to the present onto canvas is what I focus on in my work. Much of my life was consumed by being an out of place biracial Latina and Jehovah's Witness in rural Michigan. In my hometown, there was never room for conversation regarding identity, sexuality, and diversity. I use my art to reclaim my authentic self and create spaces that allow these conversations to happen with others who have suffered the consequence of all consuming, evangelical religion and the displacement that happens from them. Symbolic still lifes, self portraits, and mirrors have come to the forefront of my work. Self portraits, like mirrors, capture you changing throughout life, and can show deracination, show the past and future, as well as contrasting views of the same subject, which I have found critical in my oil and watercolor paintings. Through my work, I want to understand my current self, and heal the wounds I have received along the way.

BIOGRAPHY

Cora Jean Quiroz is a painter and muralist from southeastern Michigan. There she achieved an Associate's Degree of Graphic Design. In Ohio, Cora worked as an art and mural instructor for youth through the Toledo Arts Commission. For three years she traveled the Midwest with muralist Ken Dushane, working on over 25 murals. In Phoenix she is a volunteer and resident artist at the Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, as well as a member of Cahokia, an Indigenous led Social Tech and Art Space. Cora is currently studying a Bachelor's of Fine Art at Arizona State University. After the completion of her degree, she is enlisting in the Air Force as an officer in hopes to become a pilot. After her service to the country, she plans to use her education and experience in art and life to give back to young artists as a teacher.



Retribution and Forgiveness by the Filth Eater | 2022 | Oil on Canvas | 36 by 48 inches | Private Collection



Past, Present, and Future | 2020 | Acrylic and Spray Paint on Canvas | 36 by 60 inches | Private Collection



Moments of Lucidity | 2019 | Watercolor on Paper | 22 by 28 inches



Reflections of One's Self and Where We Go | 2021 | Oil on Canvas | 36 by 60 inches | In Collection of Chicanos Por La Causa



Mutiny | 2022 | Oil on Canvas | 48 by 60 inches



When You Left | 2018 | Watercolor on Paper | 22 by 28 inches | Private Collection



Catrina | 2021 | Watercolor on Paper | 22 by 28 inches

EXHIBITION PHOTOS



Perpetual Group Show | 2022 | Step Gallery , Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ



Deliberate | 2022 | Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center | Phoenix, AZ | Curator: Jose Andres Giron

CV

Education

- 2022 Arizona State University- Painting and Drawing
Design and Arts Corps Training- Foundation in Community Engaged Practices
- 2019 Bridges Out of Poverty Training
Monroe County Community College- General Associates Degree

Solo and Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *Dia De Los Muertos*, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
Dia De Los Muertos, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ
Our Own Muse: The Female Gaze, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
6th Annual Ancestral Show, Sagrado Galleria, Phoenix, AZ
Restoring the Balance, Gateway Community College, Phoenix, AZ
Indigenous People's Day, Cahokia, Phoenix, AZ
Small & Queer, Cartel Coffee Lab, Tempe, AZ
Presente, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
Perpetual, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Frida Exhibition & Mercado, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
Namingha Residency Exhibition, Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, AZ
Deliberate, Solo Exhibition, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
Uncontained Exhibition, Roosevelt Row Welcome Center, Phoenix, AZ
Cornish Pasty Art Show, Cornish Pasty, Phoenix, AZ
Sticker Shogun, Pieces on 16th, Phoenix, AZ

- 2021 *Mayor's Art Award with Cahokia*, Phoenix, AZ
Queen's Rise, Black Girl Brown Girl Collective, Phoenix, AZ
Dia De Los Muertos, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
5th Annual Ancestral Show, Sagrado Galleria, Phoenix, AZ
Gaytablos, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center
Resident Artist Show, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
Mujeres Del Desierto, Sagrado Galleria, Phoenix AZ
- 2020 *Indigenous People's Day*, Scottsdale Quarter, Scottsdale, AZ
Dia De Los Muertos, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
Resident Artist Show, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
- 2019 *Sticker Shogun*, Mesa Center for the Arts, Mesa, AZ
Young Artists At Work Exhibition, HandMade Toledo, Toledo, OH
Poison Garden, River House Arts, Toledo, OH
Found in the Underground III, Tangent Gallery, Detroit, MI
- 2018 *Found in the Underground II*, Tangent Gallery, Detroit, MI
Earth Day, Saint Mary's Immaculate Heart, Monroe, MI

Awards, Grants, Fellowships, & Residencies

- 2022 Design and Arts Corps Fellowship, Arizona State University
School of Art Special Talent Award, Arizona State University
Undergraduate Honor's Studio Award, Arizona State University
Namingha Institute Residency, Northern Museum of Arizona, Flagstaff, AZ
Indigenuos Women Lead, Google Sponsored Business Workshop, Cahokia

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2021 Undergraduate Honor's Studio Award, Arizona State University

2020 Resident Artist, Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix AZ

2016 Young Ambassador, Cultural Exchange Program, Hofu, Yamaguchi, Japan

Artist Talks and Panels

2022 Artist Talk, *Undergrad Panel*, Arizona State University

Artist Talk, *My Journey as an Artist*, Arizona State University

2021 Religion and Art Panel, *Gaytablos*, Phoenix, AZ

Mentorships & Apprenticeships

2022 *Community Engagement Apprenticeship*, Arizona State University

2020 *Jose Andres Giron and Roman P. Reyes Artist Apprenticeship*

2019 *Young Artists At Work*, Mentor and Instructor, Toledo Arts Commission

2018 *Ken Dushane, Muralist Apprentice and Assistant*

2017 *Young Artists At Work*, Apprenticeship, Toledo Arts Commission

Auctions & Community

2022 Volunteer at Cahokia, Phoenix, AZ

- 2021 Donated Painting, Native Art Market, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2020 Volunteer at Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, Phoenix, AZ
- 2019 *Hoods Up*, Art Auction, Greater Port Clinton Arts Council, Port Clinton, OH
- 2018 *Boats, Beer, & Brushes*, Greater Port Clinton Arts Council, Port Clinton, OH

Public Collectors and Collections

- 2022 Santa Rita Church, Cesar Chavez Project, Chicanos Por La Causa
Johnny Ortega Law Office
- 2021 Cuneyed Tolek, Private Collector
- 2019 Promedia Hospital, Toledo, AZ

Professional Experiences

- 2022 La Flor De Pueblo APS Mural Project
Cesar Chavez Santa Rita Church, APS Project
Design and Arts Corps Fellowship
- 2021 Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center Gift Shop and Gallery Attendant
Arizona State University Step Gallery Attendant
Cahokia Ambassador
Contagion Media Member and Ambassador
- 2020 Xico and Roosevelt Row Collaborator

Painting With a Twist Instructor

2019 Young Artist At Work Instructor

2018 Muralist Assistant for Ken Dushane

2017 Assistant in Life Drawing Classes at Monroe County Community College

Mural Experiences (Assisted Murals in Asterisk)

2022 Franks Smoke Shop, *Metzli*, Phoenix, AZ

Uncontained Mural Project, *Frida Y Diego*, Phoenix, AZ

Uncontained Mural Project, *Spider Baby**, Piersten Doctor, Phoenix, AZ

2021 Uncontained Mural Project, *Take Chei With You**, Piersten Doctor, Phoenix, AZ

2020 Your CBD Store, Mural, Tempe, AZ

2019 Lifted Spirits, *Viva la Vida*, Kansas City, MO

Great Lakes Fire Festival, *In Space*, St. Louis, MI

Lo Fiego Private Mural, Toledo, OH

Lucas County Dog Shelter Mural, Toledo, OH

Spray See MO, Mural Festival, Kansas City, MO

The Truman, *Skeleton and Crow**, Ken Dushane, Kansas City, MO

Pack Rat's Pawn Shop, *Buster The Spirit Animal**, Ken Dushane, Defiance, OH

Factory Welding Mural*, Undisclosed Location, Ken Dushane

Private Collector, *Car Mural**, Ken Dushane, Defiance, OH

Country Club Mural*, Ken Dushane, Defiance, OH

Pack Rat's Pawn Shop, Inside Shop*, Ken Dushane, Defiance, OH

2018 Pack Rat's Pawn Shop, Outside Wall*, Ken Dushane, Defiance, OH
Findlay High School *Greek Mythology Mural**, Ken Dushane, Defiance, OH
Spray See MO Mural Festival, Kansas City, MO
Lyric Opera of KC, *Two Headed Snake**, Ken Dushane, Kansas City, MO
The Elephant Room, *Ganesh**, Ken Dushane, Detroit, MI
Cream Barber Shop, *Mural**, Ken Dushane, Wyandotte, MI
Ottawa Skate Rink Mural, Young Artist At Work, Toledo, OH

Live Painting & Trade Shows

2022 Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, *Dia De Los Muertos*, Phoenix, AZ
Churchill, *Sidewalk Saturday*, Phoenix, AZ
Art Night Phoenix, Mesa, AZ

2021 Jobot, *March First Friday*, Phoenix AZ
Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center, *February First Friday*, Phoenix, AZ
Mesa Center for the Arts, *Sticker Shogun*, Mesa, AZ

2019 *Glass City Festival*, OH
Great Lakes Flow Festival, St. Louis, MI
Found in the Underground, III Detroit, MI
Youmacon Artist Alley, Detroit, MI
Ottawa Tavern, Toledo, OH

2018 Ottawa Tavern, Toledo, OH
Monroe Art Festival, Monroe MI

Mind, Body, and Balance, Monroe, MI

Christmas In The Trap, Ottawa Tavern, Toledo, OH

Youmacon Artist Alley, Detroit, MI

2017

Motor City Comic Con, Detroit, MI

Monroe Comic Con, Monroe, MI

Fantastic Con, Toledo, OH

2016

Monroe Comic Con, Monroe, MI

Fantastic Con, Toledo, OH