



## CRUZ ORTIZ

### Education:

2000 University of Texas at San Antonio, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Concentration in Printmaking

### Exhibitions:

2020 "Texas Legends", (solo) Nancy Littlejohn Fine Art, Houston, Texas

2019 "yo creo k i think this amor is forevers" (solo) at Veinte Veinte gallery, Mexico City, curated by Leslie Moody Castro

2019 "100 AÑOS" (solo) Nancy Littlejohn Fine Art in Houston, Texas

2018 "After Posada: Revolution" (group) The El Paso Museum of Art curated by Kate Green in El Paso, Texas

2018 "Love and Loss by Cruz Ortiz" (solo) The Carolyn Glasoe Bailey Foundation in Ojai, California

2017 "Texas biennial" (group) Austin, Texas curated by Leslie Moody Castro

2017 "El Johnny the Satellite" (solo) the Museum of Contemporary Art in Santa Barbara, California

2017 "An Adventure in the Sun" (group) Texas State University Gallery curated by Leslie Moody Castro in San Marcos, Texas

2014 "Te Quiero A lot Mamacitas" (solo) the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center curated by Patty Ortiz in San Antonio, Texas

2012 "Hecho Farm" (solo) University of Texas at Austin, Visual Arts Center curated by Kate Green in Austin, Texas

2011 "Honky Tonk" (group) Blue Coat Museum curated by Sara-Jayne Parsons in Liverpool, England

2008 "Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement" (group) Los Angeles County Museum of Art, traveled to Museo del Barrio, Museo Rufino Tamayo, curated by Rita Gonzalez, Howard Fox, and Chon Noriega in Los Angeles, California

2005 "But still I'd leap in front of a flying bullet for you" (group) Artpace residency curated by Victor Zamudio-Taylor in San Antonio, Texas

2005 "Coyote girl steals the raspa" (group) Ev+a curated by Dan Cameron in Limerick, Ireland  
2004 "Coyote girl steals the raspa" (group) San Juan Triennial curated by Harper Montgomery in San Juan, Puerto Rico  
2004 "El corrido de el Super Taco gone bad" (group) The Louvre curated by Victor Zamudio-Taylor in Paris, France  
2003 "Coyote girl steals the raspa" (solo)The Dallas Center for Contemporary Art curated by Joan Davidow in Dallas, Texas  
2002 "Spaztek gets a job" (solo) Artpace curated by Katheryn Kanjo in San Antonio, Texas  
2001 "2 tacos for 99 cents" (solo) San Antonio Museum of Art curated by George Neubert in San Antonio, Texas  
2001 "Spaztek y La Love Mix" (group) ARCO in Madrid, Spain curated by Cuahtemoc Medina  
2001 "Works by Cruz Ortiz" (solo) Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center in San Antonio, Texas, curated by Kathy Vargas

#### **Performances and Public Interventions:**

2020 "la lucha lives" In Plain Sight art intervention, San Antonio, Texas  
2020 "Abolish Ice - Art Action & Caravan" Karnes City Immigrant Detention Center  
2019 EN VIVO PORTRAITS podcast  
2017 "el johnny the satellite y el burro borracho" performance art project at the Santa Barbara Museum of Contemporary Art  
2012 "hecho farm workshop" performance art project at the University of Texas at Austin  
2008 "good morning heartache" performance art project at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
2006 "down by the river bombing raid" performance art project at Art Palace in Austin, Texas  
2004 "te quiero mamacitas" art intervention in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the San Juan Triennial  
1997 "yo soy spaztek" performance art project at the Pew Charitable Trust conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
1995 "500 collinsionz" performance art project at Planeta Mixteca, San Antonio, Texas

#### **Video projects:**

2010 "Freddy Hawk and the Mystery Lites Trailer" video art project  
2005 "Soy Un Boring Lover" video art project  
2004 "El Super Taco Gone Bad" video art project  
2003 "Coyote Girl Steals the Raspa" video art project  
2001 "Spaztek gets a job" video art project  
2000 "Spaztek y La Love Mix" video art project  
1998 "Spaztek y La Sad Girl" video art project

**Public Art:**

2019 "Sun Mountain" public art project in San Antonio, Texas  
2018 "Dream Song Tower" public art project in San Antonio, Texas  
2017 "Lighting Girl finds her way home" public art project for the Department of Housing and Urban development in Austin, Texas

**Lectures:**

2020 "Mixto Party" SOMA in Mexico City  
2019 "The Burro Brigade and other Political Art Interventions" Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles  
2017 "something about art and politics" Santa Barbara City College in Santa Barbara, CA  
2017 "something about art and politics" University of California in Santa Barbara, CA  
2001 "Machacado Mix" the San Antonio Museum of Art in San Antonio, TX

**Residencies:**

2021 Dedazo Chiapas, Artist-In-Residence  
2020 National Parks Service, Artist-In-Residence  
2019 Viente Viente, CDMX, Artist-In-Residence  
2005 Artpace, International Artist-in-Residence  
2005 Coronado Studios, Artist-in-Residence

**Acquisitions:**

2019 Ruby City, "el jesse amado" oil painting on canvas tarp, 2017  
2019 Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, "Tomás in an Aztlan Dream" oil painting on canvas tarp, 2018  
2019 Arizona State University Museum of Art, "summer nite star dream" woodcut print wheat paste mural  
2018 UTSA library special collections, donation of over 300 papers and political prints  
2001 San Antonio Museum of Art, "Free Raspas" screenprint on paper, 2001

**Honors:**

2015 Blue Star Contemporary Honorary Artist  
2016 Official Latino Coalition Artist for the Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign  
2019 Texas Civil Rights Project Rising Star Award with Olivia Ortiz

**Catalog:**

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González Rita, et al. *Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement*. University of California Press, 2008.

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Silva, Elda. *SF Gate*, 15 Oct. 2016, [www.sfgate.com/entertainment/arts-culture/article/Clinton-campaign-taps-San-Antonio-artist-Cruz-9972132.php](http://www.sfgate.com/entertainment/arts-culture/article/Clinton-campaign-taps-San-Antonio-artist-Cruz-9972132.php).