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Born: 1974, San Antonio, Texas, USA

BFA Studio Art, Metalsmithing and Painting, Magna Cum Laude

Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, USA, 1997

The Texas native earned a bachelor's degree with honors in the study of studio arts in 1997, with an emphasis in metalsmithing and painting. Now living in Warsaw, Poland since 2010, the artist divides his time as a visual communicator and a language instructor, in each case, working with symbolic ideas that translate into collective understanding to enable a means of expression for the transmission of ideas and experiences. His artwork depicts natural objects placed within a geographical setting to represent the processes of construction, deconstruction, and reconstruction in the environment. The paintings and drawings are a narration of this sinusoidal pattern existing in everyday reality. Stones, sticks, and even clouds serve as symbols within landscapes that illustrate the link between the natural world and human nature. This allows the viewer to question how mankind faces a changing world, and how one interacts with it as both a passenger and driver in this dynamic process. The painted scenes have varied interpretations due to the diverse experiences, perceptions, and opinions of the audience members as they attempt to make sense of the natural imagery and isolation in the artwork. This appreciation for nature has further expanded to include found stones as a form of natural sculpture, with their basis loosely connected to the Japanese tradition of *suishiki*. His extensive resume of exhibitions originate in his homeland and continue throughout Poland and abroad, while several paintings have appeared in the following juried publications: *Capsules, Curatorial - Leaders in Contemporary Art*, 2019 / Manifest Gallery, *International Painting Annual 7 (INPA)*, 2018 / Manifest Gallery, *International Painting Annual 3 (INPA)*, 2014 / New American Paintings, *15 Years*, 2009 / New American Paintings, *Vol.60 - Western United States Edition*, 2005. Additionally, he has collaborated with music recording labels and the groups associated with them: Has Anyone Ever Told You Records (USA), One Instrument Records (GER), and most notably, Erased Tapes Records (UK).

Select Exhibitions

2025

New-Eden, group exhibition

Waldemar Borowski, Agata Szyber-Sławek, Sebastian Talka, Barbara Trojanowska, Chris Hernandez

Select paintings / Centrum Kultury Browar B, Włocławek-Poland

Beyond Horizon, solo exhibition

Curated paintings / Galeria pod Arkadami Łomża, Łomża-Poland

2024

Przestrzeń szumi z każdej strony, group exhibition

Chris Hernandez, Blanka Jędra, Grażyna Marczyk, Marek Kucharski, Jakub Słomkowski

Curated works / Rotacyjnego Domu Kultury, Warsaw-Poland

Clouds/Chmury, solo exhibition

Paintings / Dom Kulturu Srodmiescie-Warszawa, Warsaw-Poland

Beyond Horizon, solo exhibition

Curated Paintings by Ryszard Szozda / Goldenmark, Warsaw-Poland

Clouds/Chmury, solo exhibition

Paintings / Galeria Żak, Gdańsk-Poland

2023

Formowanie, solo exhibition

Curated paintings / Galeria Elektra, Warsaw-Poland

2022

Święto Ulicy Stalowej, group exhibition

Select Paintings / To Się Wytnie, Warsaw-Praga-Poland

Showroom Galerij, group exhibition

Select Paintings / 81 Stopni Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2021

Przestrzeń 81, group exhibition

Select Paintings / 81 Stopni Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2020

Artists of 81, group exhibition

Select Paintings / 81 Stopni Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2019

Guardando le Stesse Stelle, group exhibition

Select Paintings / Montedoro-Sicilia-Italy

Sketchbook, group exhibition

Select Drawings / 81 Stopni Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2018

Revive Festival, group exhibition

Select Paintings / Warsaw-Poland

4Heads Governor's Island Art Fair, GIAF

Select Paintings / New York City-New York-USA

In Depth/W Głębi, group collective exhibition

Painting series / Galeria im. Slendzinskich, Bialystok-Poland

2017

Art Bio Brasil, online global exhibition

Paintings / online: www.artbiobrasil.org

In Depth/W Głębi, group collective exhibition

Painting series, Galeria przy Bramie, Lublin-Poland

In Depth/W Głębi, solo exhibition

Paintings & Drawings / Artwalk - Warsaw Spire Building, Plac Europejskie 1, Warsaw-Poland

Warsaw by Art, citywide event

Paintings and Drawings / Stopni 81 Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2016

In Depth/W Głębi, group collective exhibition

Paintings and Drawings / Mito Gallery, Warsaw-Poland

2015

In Depth/W Głębi, group collective exhibition

Paintings and Drawings / Żąbkowska Street, Stopni 81 Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2014

The White Album, Drawings by Chris Hernandez, solo exhibition

Drawings / Stopni 81 Gallery & Studios, Warsaw-Poland

2013

Fall In Love with Art

Curated works by AgaPietrzykowska and Laura La Wasilewska / Centrum Sztuki Fort Sokolnickiego, Warsaw-Poland

2012

Zoliborz Festival

Selected Works / Kotlownia, Warsaw-Poland

Assorted Works Exhibition, solo exhibition

Paintings, Collages and Digital Images / Kawalerka, Warsaw-Poland

2011

Festiwal i Targi Sztuki Offowej

Current Works / Art Inn Showcase and Exhibition, Warsaw-Poland

Go Nuclear, solo exhibition

Go Nuclear Painting series/Shelters Painting Series / Wystawa Galeria, Warsaw-Poland

2010

Current Works, solo exhibition

Shelters Canvas series, New Drawings and Digital Works / Strumillo Gallery, Suwalki-Poland

2007 – United States

New Works Exhibition

Sheri Mays and Chris Hernandez / Brick Oven, Austin-Texas-USA

5x7 Show, group exhibition

Postcard fundraiser show, Art Splurge & Exhibition / Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin-Texas-USA

2006

Here to Haunt You!

Paintings by Chris Hernandez and Sheri Mays / Gallery Lombardi, Austin-Texas-USA

5x7 Show, group exhibition

Postcard fundraiser show - Art Splurge & Exhibition / Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin-Texas-USA

Works, New and Old, solo exhibition

Adams Ave. Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

Works

Paintings / IF+D Interiors, Austin-Texas-USA

2005

Eklektikos

New Works by B. Hayden Dumas, Chris Hernandez, Leah Markov-Lindsey, Leona Scull-Hons /

708 Congress Avenue, Austin-Texas-USA

Will There Ever be a Rainbow?

Paintings / Bolm Studios, Austin-Texas-USA

5x7 Show, group exhibition

Postcard fundraiser show - Art Splurge & Exhibition / Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin-Texas-USA

Cosmology, solo exhibition

Paintings / Grapevine Market, Austin-Texas-USA

2004

5x7 Show, group exhibition

Postcard fundraiser show - Art Splurge & Exhibition / Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin-Texas-USA

2003

5x7 Show, group exhibition

Postcard fundraiser show - Art Splurge & Exhibition / Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin-Texas-USA

Heavy Metal Album Show, group exhibition

Drawings & mixed media / Camp Fig Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

Current Works

Paintings / Furniture Marketing Group, Austin-Texas-USA

Current Works

Select paintings / Austin Lyric Opera, Austin-Texas-USA

2002

Orientation, group exhibition

Works by: Chris Hernandez, Andrea Donio, Jake Gaynor, Michael Sieben, Lee Brooks, Dustin Wade, Dennis Hodges,

Frankie Elliot / Camp Fig Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

New Works, group exhibition

Works by: Chris Hernandez, Jeanne Hospod, Sam de la Rosa, Deborah Webb, David Breihan, George Zupp, Jamie Zuverza,

Phyllis Boyd / Gallery Lombardi, Austin-Texas-USA

2001

Works, solo exhibition

Studio H+L Architectural Firm / Austin-Texas-USA

Backyard Art Show

Paintings / 2111 Arpdale, Austin-Texas-USA

2000

Works, solo exhibition

Paintings / 33 Degrees, Austin-Texas-USA

Early Works Presents

Select Paintings / Early Works Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

1999

Ironwood Industries Showcase

Paintings & metalworks / Ironwood Industries, Austin-Texas-USA

Featured Artists Exhibition

Select paintings / Early Works Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

Emerging Texas Artists

Select paintings / Early Works Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

1998

Emerging Texas Artists

Select paintings / Early Works Gallery, Austin-Texas-USA

Juried Publications

Capsules

2019 "Curatorial – Leaders in Contemporary Art"

Manifest Gallery International Painting Annual

2018 "INPA Vol 7"

MAKE8ELIEVE, digital publication

2014 "Mountains", <https://issuu.com/make8elieve/docs/m8-06/1>

Manifest Gallery International Painting Annual

2013 "INPA Vol 3"

New American Paintings

2009 "15 Years Anniversary Publication"

New American Paintings

2005 "Juried Western United States Competition", No. 60 / Juror: Fereshteh Daftari, Assistant Curator, Department of Painting and Sculptor, Museum of Modern Art, New York-New York-USA

Printed Publications

Tribeza

October issue 2002, Austin-Texas-USA

Better Homes and Gardens

Building Ideas Issue, winter 2000, USA