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Miguel A Rodriguez

Born 1977, Wichita, Kansas. Currently resides and works in Las Vegas, Nevada

EDUCATION

MFA (ceramics) University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV - 2004

BFA (ceramics) Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO – 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Coordinator UNLV/ UACH Mural Exchange Program 2025

Led an international, reciprocal mural collaboration between UNLV art students and students from the Autonomous University of Chihuahua (UACH), Mexico, coordinating design development, on-site production, and cross-institutional student engagement on both campuses.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

-Promotion to Faculty-in-Residence, effective summer 2026

-Visiting Assistant Professor, (Area Head, Ceramics) 2022-current

-Adjunct Professor (Beginning & Advanced Ceramics, 3D Design, Sculpture)

2004-2006, 2009-2012, 2018-2022

- Lower and upper division handbuilding ceramics courses.
- Hand-building and glaze techniques,
- Plaster mold making/ slip casting
- Ceramic tile-work.
- Silicone Mold making for resin casting
- Reductive and additive sculpting techniques
- Figure sculpting

College of Southern Nevada

-Adjunct professor (Beginning Ceramics, 2D design, Drawing 1) 2015-2018

- Hand-building and wheel throwing techniques,
- Glaze and surface decoration.
- 2D elements and principles of art,
- Color theory.
- Life drawing.

New Directions Youth Arts, City of Las Vegas 2004-2008

-Ceramics/Sculpture Instructor

Taught ceramics and sculpture to at risk youth and underserved communities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Public/Private Commission Artist 2005 -present

- Independently design, sculpt and fabricate publicly and privately commissioned sculptures and murals

Gallery Artist 1997-present

- Maintains an ongoing pursuit of creative style and narrative for the purpose of showcasing artworks in local and national galleries.

Fabrication Studio Sculptor 2006-2008 EGADS! (Electronic Gadgets and Display Systems)

- Sculpted a wide variety of 3D elements for indoor and outdoor casino signage.

skill set: hand-built and wheel thrown ceramic fabrication - mosaic design and installation - clay modeling - foam carving - painted finish for sculpture - plaster and silicone rubber mold making- plaster and resin casting - painted wall mural design and installation - collaborative design

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMISSIONS

2024 City of Henderson St Judes Heart Restoration and Revision

2024 Design Finalist Las Vegas Medical District Public Sculpture design competition Las Vegas, NV

2023 Zap 15 Clark County Public Art

2021 Marc and Jill Abelman backyard Mosaic Mural

2020 Area15/Meow Wolf Color Stairwell Mural Las Vegas, NV

2019 Pabst Blue Ribbon, Giant Rainbow Unicorn Beer Tap Las Vegas, NV

2019 Design Finalist, James Regional Soccer Park Public Sculpture Las Vegas, NV

2018 Life is Beautiful Music Festival, Trash Wave Sculpture Las Vegas, NV
2017 Life Is Beautiful Music Festival, Meow Wolf Art Motel Installation Las Vegas, NV
2017 Clark County, "GATOgigante" public sculpture Las Vegas, NV
2017 Design Finalist, Clark County, Southern Highlands Baseball Park Public Sculpture Las Vegas, NV
2017 Design Finalist, Clark County, Sammy Davis Jr Dr Public Sculpture Las Vegas, NV
2016 BunnyFish Studio, sculptural signage Las Vegas, NV
2016-2020 IGT Gaming, "Golden Slot" trophies. Las Vegas
2016 Mattel, Inc. Optimus Prime Sculpture, Las Vegas, NV
2015 Design Finalist, Clark County, Siegfried and Roy Park Public Sculpture, LVNV
2015 Cosmopolitan Hotel, Employee Entrance murals and sculpture Las Vegas, NV
2014-18 The Plaza Hotel, signage and murals Las Vegas, NV
2014 Life is Beautiful Music Festival, "Walrexodus" sculpture Las Vegas, NV
2014 Zappos HQ "Essploded" mural Las Vegas, NV
2014 El Cortez Hotel Office mural Las Vegas, NV
2014 Goldspike Hotel, "blacklight tortugas" installation Las Vegas, NV
2013 Stupidiotic Store, New York, New York Casino, Giant Hand Throne Las Vegas, NV
2013 Emergency Arts Building "bigHEART" mural Las Vegas, NV
2013 Downtown Projects Learning Village Trailers Mural Las Vegas , NV
2012 Commonwealth Bar White peacock sculpture Las vegas NV
2012 Golden Gate Hotel, tile mural Las Vegas
2011 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital HEART Sculptures Las Vegas, NV
2010 Dream South Beach Hotel, Ganesh Miami, FL
2009 Maude Frazier Bronze Portraits UNLV, Las Vegas, NV
2008 Giant Concrete Animals Wetlands Parks, Las Vegas , NV
2007 Design Finalist, City of Las Vegas, Gateway to the Arts District Public Sculpture, LVNV

SOLO ART EXHIBITIONS

2025 **All Outta Bubblegum**, Las Vegas City Hall, Las Vegas NV
2024 **And Another One**, Sahara West Library Gallery Las Vegas NV
2022 **Never Stare at a Ghost**, Priscilla Fowler Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
2015 **8 miles out 6 feet under**, Nevada Humanities, Las Vegas, NV

2014 ***Christmas y mas y mas!*** Sol Sis Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
2013 ***Er'day Science***, Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, NV
2012 ***So Sincere***, Trifecta Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
2011 ***Plenty of Action No Control***, Paragraph Gallery, Kansas City, MO
2009 ***Dead or Alive: You're Coming with Me***, Winchester Cultural Center Gallery
2009 ***Australopithecus in Repose***, Fallout Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
2008 ***pretty patty's REDUX***, Main Gallery, Las Vegas
2005 ***futurelookslikerightnow***, Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, NV
2004 ***Hocus Focus***, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV
2003 ***Xtreme Quesadillas***, Grant Hall Gallery, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV
2000 ***"Admittedly, I..."***, Opie Gallery, Kansas City, MO

GROUP ART EXHIBITIONS

2025 ***And, this too..."*** Los Angeles City College Gallery, Los Angeles CA
2022 ***Transformers: Reshaping Form and Meaning***, Nevada Arts Council traveling show
2020 ***A Political Romp, Priscilla Fowler Fine Art***, Las Vegas, NV
2019 ***Block 17***, Donna Beam Gallery Las Vegas, NV
2018 ***AmericanX!***, Donna Beam Gallery Las Vegas, NV
2011 ***SKULL Blackbird Studios***, Las Vegas NV
2010 ***Stand Tall***, Gallery Neuartig, Los Angeles CA
2008 Las Vegas First Friday Outdoor Exhibition Space Las Vegas, NV
2007 ***Ofrendas de Imágenes: Artists' Images of Days of the Dead***, Las Vegas City Bridge Gallery. Las Vegas, NV
2007 56th Annual Art RoundUp Juried Exhibition, 2nd place sculpture Las Vegas Arts Museum, Las Vegas, Nevada
2007 Edward & Edwards Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
2006 ***those were the 2000's***, Contemporary Art Collective, Las Vegas, NV
2006 ***Life in Death***, Winchester Cultural Center, Las Vegas, NV
2005 ***Spaced Invaders***, Aruba Hotel and Spa, Las Vegas, NV
2005 ***Pygmalion's Gaze Revisited***, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD
2004 Annual CAC Juried Show, Contemporary Art Collective, Las Vegas, NV

2002-04 ***Comic Release***, Traveling Exhibition.

2002 **Sculptural Clay Invitational**, Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia, MO 2002 Fired Up,
Byron Cohen Gallery, Kansas City, MO

2001 ***Cream***, Contemporary Art Collective, Las Vegas, NV

2001 ***Six Gems***, Byron Cohen Gallery, Kansas City, MO Summer Invitational, Leedy-Voukos Art Center,
Kansas City, MO