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Born 1977, in Wichita, Kansas to Ismael Rodriguez and Ann Lake. 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

skill set: foam carving - clay modeling -plaster and rubber mold making - plaster and resin casting - acrylic, oil, aerosol and automotive paint finishing - ceramic building and glazing - basic carpentry - collaborative design - art gallery curation - art teaching (all age levels)

ART CREATION / DESIGN / FABRICATION

• **Public/Private Commission Artist** 2005 -present

Independently design, sculpt and fabricate public and private commission for a variety of clients ranging from the University of Nevada Las Vegas to a high-end boutique hotel in South Beach Miami.

• **Gallery Artist** 1997-present

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

• **E-gads! (Electric Gadgets and Display Systems)** 2006- 2007

Sculptor: Sculpted a wide variety of 3-deminsional elements for indoor casino signage. Familiar with High density sign foam, silicone rubber, fiberglass and cast resin.

• **Gateways Public Art Competition semi-finalist** 2007

Chosen from nearly 115 applicants as semi -finalists to design and oversee the fabrication of a \$700,000 iconic public sculpture that would serve as a gateway to the Las Vegas Arts District.

TEACHING

- **University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2004- 2006 & 2008-2011**

Adjunct Professor, 3D Fundamentals, Beginning Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics: taught fundamentals of 3-D design and currently teach college level beginning and upper division ceramics courses. Teach Glaze and Surfacing Technique, Hand-built Sculptures and Vessels, Mold Making and Slip Casting. and Ceramic Tile-work Also: clay modeling, rubber mold making, various material casting and reductive carving

- **New Directions Youth Arts, City of Las Vegas 2005-2008**

Ceramics/Sculpture Instructor: Teach ceramics and sculpture to at risk youth and underserved communities through a series of workshops. Clients served to date: Raphael Rivera Community Center, Las Vegas Paiute Reservation, Summit View Youth Correctional, Safe Nest, and Las Vegas Halfway House
Winchester Cultural Center Gallery November 2009

ART GALLERY CURATION

- **Juror "Life in Death" Dia De Los Muertos Juried Exhibition 2009**

Selected artworks from a pool of about 80 artists to showcase during the annual Dia De Los Muertos Celebration.

- **Contemporary Arts Collective 2007-2008**

Exhibition Selection Committee Member

Review and select artists to showcase their work in a high profile Las Vegas art exhibition space

- **Contemporary Arts Collective**

Curator "3dementia" Sculpture Show December 2007

Selected and organized 13 young, up and coming Las Vegas sculptors for a widely praised sculpture show

- **Spaced Invaders: a First Friday After Party 2006-2007**

Curator: Curated an underground monthly art show where I chose six to ten artists to display their works as part of a mixed –media art event.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2004-2005

SOLO ART EXHIBITIONS

2013 **Er'day Science** Clark County Government Center

2012 **So Sincere** Trifecta Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

2011 **Plenty of action, but no control.** Paragraph Gallery, Kansas City, MO

2009 **Dead or Alive: You're Coming with Me** Winchester Cultural Center Gallery
Las Vegas , NV

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

- 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 Imagenes: Artists' Images of Days of the Dead**, Las Vegas City Bridge Gallery. Las Vegas, NV
 2007 **56th Annual Art Round Up 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**, Bryon Cohen Gallery, Kansas City, MO
 2001 **Cream**, Contemporary Art Collective, Las Vegas, NV
Six Gems, Byron Cohen Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Summer Invitational, Leedy-Voukos Art Center, Kansas City, MO
 2000 **BFA Exhibition**, H&R Block Art Gallery, Kansas City, MO
 1997 **Terra Sita**, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMISIONS

- 2014 **El Cortez Hotel** Las Vegas, NV
 2014 **Goldspike Hotel** Las Vegas, NV
 2013 **Emergency Arts Building** Las Vegas, NV
 2013 **Downtown Projects Learning Village Trailers**, Las Vegas , NV
 2012 **Commonwealth Bar** Las Vegas NV
 2012 **Golden Gate Tile Mural** Golden Gate Casino, Las Vegas
 2011 **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital HEART Sculptures**.
 Las Vegas, NV
 2010 **Ganesh** (\$17,000) Dream South Beach Hotel, Miami, Florida
 2009 **Maude Frazier Bronze Portraits** (\$24,000) UNLV, Las Vegas, NV
 2008 **Giant Concrete Animals** (\$90,000) Wetlands Parks, Las Vegas , NV
 2007 **Clark County Fire Department Class of 07 Graduation Mural**
 Las Vegas, NV
 2007 **Tile Mural** Winchester Community Center, Las Vegas , NV

AWARDS & GRANTS

2009 Nevada Arts Council Fellowship Award

REVIEWS & PUBLICATION

Camp Rodriguez Dead or Alive: sci-fi, elephant tusks and ... John McCain?!

Las Vegas Weekly, Wednesday, October 9th 2009

Better dead than red, Las Vegas CityLife, Thursday October 15th 2009

People in the Arts, Las Vegas SUN, Monday, February 23rd, 2009

CITYLIFE Pick of the week, Las Vegas CITYLIFE, June 6- June 12th 2008

CITYLIFE Pick of the week, Las Vegas CITYLIFE, January 31st – February 7th 2008

Contemporary Art in 3-D, Las Vegas Weekly, December 13th, 2007

Walking Man Strides Across Nevada, Journal of the Nevada Recreation & Park Society, November – December 2005

After-School Specials, Las Vegas CITYLIFE, September 15-21, 2005

Futurelookslikerightnow, Channel 4 TV, April 2005

CITYLIFE Pick of the week, Las Vegas CITYLIFE, April 21-27, 2005

Manubrium the Conqueror, Las Vegas CITYLIFE, April 2004

Comic Release: Negotiating Identity for a New Generation, Exhibition Catalogue, 2002

Sculptural Clay Invitational, Exhibition Catalogue, March 2002

COLLECTIONS

Tony Hsieh, Las Vegas NV

Nevada Recreation and Parks, Las Vegas, NV

Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, KS

City of Paola, KS

Byron Cohen Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri