

CARMEN MENZA

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Education

1999 - BFA cum laude, Jazz Guitar Performance, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Professional Experience

2000 - present: Interdisciplinary Artist – visual artist, composer, director

Mediums include video, new media, software based light sculptures, LED light boxes, neon, painting, music

1999 - 2005: editor, graphics designer, director. Clients include American Airlines (Dallas, TX),

KXAS/NBC (Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX), Alcon (Ft. Worth, TX), WFAA/ABC (Dallas, TX), Virtuoso (Ft. Worth, TX)

Exhibitions * indicates solo or duo show

2021 - (Forthcoming, Fall of 2021)**Negotiating Dialogues*, world premiere musical and visual performance, Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Soluna Festival 2020

2019 - *"Hyperlocal"*, Artists of the Cedars Union, The MAC, Dallas, TX

2019 - **"Unfolding the Sun"*, exhibit at Carneal Simmons, Dallas, TX

2019 - **"Chasing Light"*, immersive installation, One Love Festival, Manassas, VA

2018 - **"The Velocity of Light"*, Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, The Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas, TX, Curator, Shane Pennington and Joshua King

2018 - *"Staring at the Sun"*, Soluna Festival - Array, Canton Hall, Dallas, TX, Curators: Gillian Friedman-Fox, Erica Felicella

2018 - *"Beyond 10"*, Dallas International Film Festival, Dallas, TX

2018 - *"The Color of Life"*, Vignette Art Fair, Women's Museum, Dallas, TX, Curators: Erin K. Murphy, Jessie Moncrief, Dee Lara

2017 - *"Beyond 10"*, Producer Bart Weiss, KERA-Frame of Mind, Dallas, TX

2017 - **"Shed Some Light"*, Curator, Dustin Orlando, Circuit12 Contemporary, Dallas, TX

2017 - *"Exhibit Biennial: Origins in Geometry"*, Curator Magdalena Mujica de Arria, The Museum of Geometric and MAD1 Art, Dallas, TX

2017 - *"Pleased To Meet You"*, Open Space, Dallas, TX, Curator Caroline Belanger and Nancy Cohen Israel

2017 - Vignette Art Fair, Women's Museum, Dallas, TX, Curator, Chelsea Pierce

2016, 2015 - *Cerulean Gallery, Amarillo, TX

2015 - *"The Theory of Chance"*, Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX, Curator, Aja Martin

2014 - *"Dream Big"*, Dallas Video Festival, Dallas, TX

2013, 2011 - *"Dream Big"*, *"The Wish"*, Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX, Curator, Shane Pennington and Joshua King

2012 - 2015 – *"Modartists Show"*, Modartists Gallery, Dallas, TX

2014 - *Ilume Gallerie, Dallas, TX

2012 - *AC/OC, Cohn Drennan Gallery, Dallas, TX

2012 - Quenched, 2nd Annual Water Thirst Art Auction, Curator - Aja Martin, Goss/Michael Foundation, Dallas, TX

2009 - D Art Slam, *D Magazine* and F.I.G. Industries, Dallas, TX

2008 - *2009 - Cerulean Gallery, Dallas, TX

2008 - *Business Council for the Arts, Omnicom, Dallas, TX

2007 - *Ice House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX

2005 - *Visual Arts Guild of Frisco, Frisco, TX

Artist Talks

2021 - *"Experts Talk on the Carter"* The Art of Nontraditional Sculpture, Amon Carter Museum, Ft. Worth, TX

2021 - (Forthcoming, Sept. 18, 2021) *"Negotiating Dialogues Discussion"*, the Cedars Union, Dallas, TX

2019 - *"Unfolding the Sun"*, exhibit at Carneal Simmons, Dallas, TX

2018 - *"A Day in the Life . . ."*, The Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas, TX.

2018 - "*New Media Panel Discussion*", presented by Cedars Union and Ro2. Moderated by Joshua King of Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX.
2018 - "*A Conversation with Dallas New Media Artists*" presented by Array, The Wild Detectives, Dallas, TX. Moderated by Erica Felicella.
2018 - "*Shed Some Light*", Circuit12 Contemporary, Dallas, TX. Moderated by Jessica Ingle

Selected Public Collections

UTSW, Clements University Hospital, Dallas, TX
The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, Dallas, TX
The Family Place, Dallas, TX

Awards

Dallas Symphony Orchestra, TACA 2019 New Works Fund Grant recipient for my work "*Negotiating Dialogues*"
Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, Arts Activate Grant 2019, recipient for my work "*Negotiating Dialogues*"
Cedars Union Artist Residency, The Cedars Union, Dallas, TX, Sept. 2018 - March 2020
Virginia Commission for the Arts, Project Grant New Works recipient for "*Chasing Light*"

Organizations

2019-present, Advisory Board, Texas Vignette.org
2014-2019, Founding member, Vice-President - Texas Vignette.org, Dallas, TX
Member, Women in Film, Dallas, TX

Contributions to Arts Community

2014 - present: Texas Vignette, Dallas, TX
I have passionately worked to amplify the voices of women and women identifying artists in the state of Texas and especially of the north Texas region. Founding member of Texas Vignette, a non-profit organization that promotes the arts by providing support, education and connection to women in the arts in North Texas.
2007 - present, Honored to be a contributing member of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center's *Art for Advocacy* auction providing support for abused children.
2019, Juror for Artist Residency Fund Grant, TACA Grants, Greg Oertel, Programs & Marketing Manager
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2018 - present, Public Art Committee member, City of Mesquite, Cohn Drennan - Mesquite Arts Center Manager

Media and Publications

2020 - Patron Magazine, April 2020, "*A Moveable Musical Visual Feast*"
2019 - "*Cartographic Gestures*", MAP, Make Art with a Purpose, Dallas, TX
2018 - "*Holding Pattern Volume II*", DADE Collective, Dallas, TX

Selected Charity List

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, Dallas, TX
The Family Place, Dallas, TX
DIFFA, Dallas, TX
United Way/Family Compass - Legendary Evening, Dallas, TX
Aids Interfaith Network - Dallas, TX
Dwell with Dignity, Dallas, TX
Aids Resource Center of Dallas, Dallas, TX
Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, TX
Art Conspiracy, La Reunion, Dallas, TX