

Izel Vargas
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Education:

MFA – May 2007 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
BFA - May 2004 University of Texas- Pan American (now UT-RGV), Edinburg, TX

Selected Exhibitions:

- 2017** *negentropy: to speak a language is 2 take on a world*, Bridge Red Studios, Miami, FL
Mextasy, Malcolm Love Library, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (traveling)
- 2016** *transphysics: istwa, landscapes, paisajes*, Art & Culture Center, Hollywood, FL
Artist in Residence Exhibition, South Dakota State University Ritz Gallery, Brookings, SD (solo)
Meld, Spectre Arts Gallery, Durham, NC
Southern Constellations, American University Museum at Katzen Arts Center, Washington, D.C.
Artists in Residence Exhibition, Armory Art Center Annex, Lake Worth, FL
Mextasy, University of Pennsylvania, Penn Festival LatinX, Philadelphia, PA (traveling)
Mextasy University of Arizona, Arizona Historical Society Museum (Crossroad Talks), Tucson, AZ (traveling)
Urban Art Junction, Studio A Pop-Up, Lake Worth, FL
Art Synergy, Benzaiten Center for the Creative Arts, Lake Worth, FL
- 2015** *2015 Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition*, Schmidt Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Eureka, Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Mextasy + CECUT, The Gallery, Southwest College, Chula Vista, CA (traveling)
New and Now + Artists in Residence, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL
Mextasy, Social Theories Lecture Series, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (traveling)
Expanding the Constellation, Artspace, Raleigh, NC (traveling)
Southern Constellations, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (traveling)
Mextasy, Sabine Hall, Richland College, Dallas, TX (traveling)
- 2014** *Square Foot Art Basel Miami Redux*, Projects Gallery, Miami, FL
Mextasy, Department of Chican@ Studies, University of Texas – El Paso, El Paso, TX (traveling)
Southern Constellations, Smith Gallery, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
Animated! Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, Greensboro, NC
Comic Relief, Cabarrus Art Council, Concord, NC
Southern Constellations, Elsewhere Collaborative, Greensboro, NC (solo)
Mextasy, University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign, Champaign, IL (traveling)
Mextasy, Boise State University, Boise, ID (traveling)
- 2013** *Erasure*, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, La Crosse, WI
Mextasy, University of Washington Ethnic Cultural Center, Seattle, WA (traveling)
Animated! Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, Greensboro, NC
Mextasy, Observatory Room, Brooklyn, NY (traveling)
- 2012** *Right Here Over There: Place and Memory*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
Izel Vargas: Recent Works, Sarratt Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (solo)
Mextasy, The Front- Casa Familiar, San Ysidro, CA, (traveling)
Mextasy, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (traveling)

- Mextasy, Multicultural Center, Ohio Union Art Lounge, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (traveling)
Ten Words/One Shot, Wiesbaden/Frankfurt, Germany
- 2011** *Exiles*, Belcourt Theatre Gallery, Nashville, TN (solo)
Mextasy, Centro Cultural of San Diego, San Diego, CA (traveling)
Mextasy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (traveling)
Mextasy, Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Honolulu, HI (traveling)
- 2010** *Necessary Fictions*, Golden Belt Room 100, Durham, NC
Mextasy, South Texas College, McAllen, TX (traveling)
Mextasy, Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX (traveling)
Recent Works, UNC - Carolina Latino Collaborative, Chapel Hill, NC (solo)
- 2009** *Fall Faculty Exhibit*, Art Institute of Tennessee, Nashville, TN
Exiles, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX (solo)
Aspect:Ratio2, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, D.C.
- 2008** *Artist in Residence Exhibition*, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC
Reunion, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, D.C.
- 2007** *As of Now: A Collection of Rio Grande Valley Artists*, Ben Bailey Art Gallery, Kingsville, TX
Estados Jodidos, Fort Grunt Aquarium, Durham, NC (solo)
450 Women have been murdered in Ciudad Juarez, SAC Gallery, Stony Brook, NY
Introductions 3, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, D.C.
South Texas Heat, ¡Mi Taller! Studios, Mission, TX
New Currents in Contemporary Art, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2006** *Amigoland*, Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (solo)
Oculomotor, Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
14th Annual Crossing Borders Exhibition, Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX
Guadalupe, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
- 2005** *El Deseo de Mi Corazon*, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
Artist in Residence Exhibition, Rio Grande Valley Museum, Harlingen, TX
Plan B – An RGV Collective, The Loft Gallery, McAllen, TX
Cuatro Gatos, Murray State College, Tishomingo, OK
- 2004** *Visual Allegories*, BFA exhibition, University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX
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- 2003** *33rd Annual Student Exhibition*, University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX
 *Texas State Bank Purchase Award – ‘Best in Show’ 33rd annual Student Exhibition
Pan Am Painting, Progreso Art Gallery, Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico
Tlacuachismo, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX
- 2002** *32nd Annual Student Exhibition*, University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX

Visiting Artist Lectures:

- 2017** *Visiting Artist*, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, La Crosse, WI
2016 *Artist Talk- transphysics*, Art & Culture Center, Hollywood, FL
2016 *Artist in Residence*, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
2016 *Guest Speaker*, Armory AIRs, Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, Lake Worth, FL

- 2014** *Southern Constellations*, Elsewhere Artist Collaborative, Greensboro, NC
- 2013** *Art Professions*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2012** *Right here, Over There*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
- 2012** *Recent Works*, Sarratt Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2010** *Exiles*, Carolina Latino Collaborative, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2009** *Exiles*, South Texas College, McAllen, TX
- 2008** *My Pocho Movidas*- Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC
- 2008** *Guest speaker*, Hawthorne High School, Charlotte, NC
- 2008** *Pocholandia*, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
- 2008** *Aesthetics of Desmadre*, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2007** *Talk for Teens*, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2005** *Tercera Cultura Lecture Series*, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
- 2005** *Artist in the Classroom Series*, International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX

Residencies:

- 2016** Stuart Artist in Residence, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
- 2015** 2D Artist in Residence, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2014** Southern Constellations Fellow, Elsewhere, Greensboro, NC partially sponsored by NEA
- 2008** El Status Studio Residency, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2008** McColl Center for Visual Art, Artist in Residence, Charlotte, NC, Fall Session