

Izel Vargas

Education:

MFA – May 2007 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

BFA - May 2004 University of Texas- Pan American (now UT-RGV), Edinburg, TX

South Texas Community College (now South Texas College), McAllen, TX

Selected Exhibitions:

- 2022** *Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora*, Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, Lake Worth FL
Composites and Constellations, The Frank C. Ortis Art Gallery, Pembroke Pines, FL
Recent Works, Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, Lake Worth, FL (solo)
But I Guess I'm Already There, Winona County Historical Society, Winona, MN
In Sight, The Art Grind, Danville, PA
Recent Works, Boynton Beach City Hall Exhibition Wall, Boynton Beach, FL (solo)
- 2021** *Community in Collage*, Pacific Northwest Collage Collective, Fencework Gallery, Portland, OR
But I Guess I'm Already There, 410 Project, Mankato, MN
Alumni Invitational, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX
Caminantes, Projects Space at FAT Art Village, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Biennial 2021, Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, Lake Worth, FL
- 2019** *CONstitution X: Our Human Rights*, The Box Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL
Alumni Four, McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, NC
Arboreal, Bailey Contemporary, Pompano Beach, FL
Mextasy, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- 2018** *Outlaw Culture: or a higher ground*, Bridge Red Studios, Miami, FL
Mextasy, Shadek-Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA
Mextasy, PFAU Library, California State University, San Bernardino, CA
- 2017** *the transphysics we knew about*, Prizm Art Fair, Art Basel, Miami, FL
Secret Objectives, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX (solo)
Mextasy, Salisbury University, Guerrieri Assembly Hall, Salisbury, MD (traveling)
Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition, Schmidt Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
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, Penn Festival LatinX, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (traveling)
Mextasy, Arizona Historical Society Museum (Crossroad Talks), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
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 (installation, traveling)
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 Corazón*, Narciso Martínez 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:

- 2021** *Guest Speaker*, University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX
- 2019** *Alumni Four, panel discussion*, McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, NC
- 2019** *Guest Speaker*, University of North Carolina – Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
- 2017** *Recent Works*, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
- 2017** *Secret Objectives*, South Texas College, McAllen, TX
- 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** *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