

## Edra Soto

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Co-Founder, The Franklin, est. 2012 | thefranklinoutdoor.tumblr.com

### Selected Education

2000 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Master of Fine Arts, IL

1994 Escuela de Artes Plasticas de Puerto Rico, Bachelor of Fine Arts., PR

### Selected awards, grants and fellowships

2024 Joyce Award with the Sculpture Center in Cleveland, Great Lakes Region

2023 Next Level, 3Arts Foundation, IL

US LatinX Art Forum Fellowship, National

2022 Ree Kaneko Award Winner, Bemis Center, NE, National

Illinois Arts Council Agency, Artist Fellowship Award, IL

2020 Joan Mitchell Painters & Sculptors Grant, National

Perto de Lá < Close To There, MacArthur International Connections Fund, CH & BR

2019 Foundwork Artist Prize, National

Cross Currents, Intercambio Cultural, MacArthur International Connections Fund, CU

### Selected commissions

2024 Graft, Doris C. Freedman Plaza, Central Park, Public Art Fund, NY

Graft, Now & There, Central Wharf Park, MA

2023 Tropicalamerican, Terminal 5, DCASE, O'Hare International Airport, IL

2022 Casa-Isla, Flourish at 50, Chicago Botanic Gardens, IL

Graft | Knoxville, Tri-Star Arts, University of Tennessee, permanent, TN

2021 Remnants | Restos, with Dan Sullivan, Western Station, CTA Arts in Transit, IL

2020 Victoria, Meta Open Arts, Public Art commission, CA

2019 Screenhouse, Millennium Park Foundation and DCASE, Boeing North Park, Millennium Park, IL

### Selected solo exhibitions

2024 Edra Soto: lazos terrenales / earthly bonds, Maine College of Art & Design, ME

por la señal, Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, NY

La Casa de Todos / Everyone's Home, Comfort Station, IL

2023 Destination / El Destino: A Decade of Graft, Hyde Park Art Center, IL

Graft, Institute of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA

2018 Open 24 Hours, Museum of Contemporary Art of Chicago, IL

### Selected group exhibitions

2025 Back and Forth, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, MN (forthcoming)

The Outwin 2025: American Portraiture Today on view at the National Portrait Gallery (forthcoming)

A Tale of Today: Materialities, Driehaus Museum, IL (forthcoming)

2024 Diasporic Collage, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, MI

Palimpsest, Mariane Ibrahim, IL

Clocking In: 2024 Arts/Industry Residents, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, WI

Exteroception, Latchkey Gallery, NY  
Widening the Lens, Carnegie Museum of Art, PA  
2023 CAB 5: This is a Rehearsal, Chicago Architecture Biennial, IL  
Entre Horizontes, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL  
2022 no existe un mundo poshuracán, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY

### **Selected residencies**

2024 Arts and Industry residency, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, WI  
Lucas Artists Fellow, Montalvo Arts Center, 3 Arts Fellow, CA  
2018 Art OMI International Arts Center, Cecily Brown Honorary Fellowship, NY  
2017 Headlands Center for the Arts, CA  
Arts and Industry residency, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, WI  
2014 Project Row Houses, 2:2:2 Exchange in partnership with Hyde Park Art Center, TX  
Rauschenberg Artist Residency, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, 3Arts Fellow, FL

### **Selected bibliography**

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Ludel, Wallace, Edra Soto: "This kind architecture lives in the background", The Art Newspaper  
V. Young, Charles, Central Park State of Mind: Edra Soto Puts the Home in Public Art, Newcity (August)  
Pontone, Maya, New Three-Year Art Series will center NYC's Latino Community, Hyperallergy (August)  
Picard, Coco, Everyone's Home, Chicago Reader (July)  
Hieggelke, Brian, Art Top 5: June 2024, Newcity Art (May)  
2023 Hawthorne, Christopher, At the Chicago Architecture Biennial, Artists Run Free, New York Times (November)  
Knick, Shelby, The Brilliance of Noor Riyadh, Forbes (December)  
Hawthorne, Christopher, At the Chicago Architecture Biennial, Artists Run Free, New York Times (November)  
2023 Snodgrass, Susan, Reviews, Chicago, Artforum (October)  
Waxman, Lori, A Piece of Puerto Rico in Chicago, Hyperallergic (June)  
Allen, Erin, Artist Edra Soto explores 'belonging' through architectural interventions, WBEZ, PBS (June)  
Duron, Maximiliano, Decade long exhibition... Edra Soto Highlights their Cultural Value, ARTnews (April)

### **Collections**

Whitney Museum of American Art  
Pérez Art Museum Miami  
Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico  
Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico  
The Poetry Foundation  
DePaul Art Museum  
The Fidelity Investments Corporate Art Collection  
Museum of Contemporary Art of Chicago  
William Blair Collection  
Google Art Collection  
Private collections