

Richard Medina
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Richard Medina is an artist from Chicago, IL currently based in Brooklyn, NY. He has exhibited at Heaven Gallery, Union Street Gallery, Robert T. Wright Gallery, and the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. In 2016 Richard was awarded the Jeffrey Ahn, Jr. Fellowship. He served as the Biennial Committee Co-Chair for the nonprofit organization Terrain Exhibitions, and directed the Terrain Biennial 2019. He holds a BFA with Distinction from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (2021) and is currently pursuing his MFA in Studio Art at New York University (2026).

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Education

2024–26 *Master of Fine Arts, New York University **
2017–21 *Bachelor of Fine Arts with Distinction, School of the Art Institute of Chicago*

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2020 *Richard Medina: LIES!*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
2019 *Scylla*, Western Pole, Chicago, IL
2018 *Open Encounters*, The Condo Association, Chicago, IL
2018 *Spies!* with Madeleine Aguilar, The Condo Association, Chicago, IL
2016 *Sex Land Power*, Project 1612, Peoria, IL
2016 *Cave Paintings USA*, Roman Susan, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibitions

2025 *Garden Party: Terrain Exhibitions Benefit*, Links Hall, Chicago, IL
2025 *Pick a Piece of the Puzzle*, Rosenberg Gallery, New York, NY
2025 *10 Bricks*, 80WSE Gallery, New York, NY
2025 *Cataloguing Creativity*, Bobst Gallery, New York, NY
2024 *MFA Open Studios*, New York University, New York, NY
2024 *S.U.D.S. Art Fair*, The Barney Commons, New York, NY
2024 *Art On Loan*, New York University, New York, NY
2023 *Kits Unpacked*, Twin Flat Projects, Chicago, IL
2023 *Home Not Home*, Agitator Gallery, Chicago, IL
2023 *Small Works*, James May Gallery, artsy.net
2023 *Ecotones*, Kiki & Bouba, Chicago, IL
2023 *Hoarders*, Quarters Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2021 *Rising Stars*, Robert T. Wright Gallery, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
2021 *Inflorescence*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
2021 *Keeping In Touch*, Compound Yellow, Chicago, IL
2021 *Urban Legends*, Columbia College Chicago Library, Chicago, IL
2020 *Create In Place*, Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL
2020 *Lift-Off Sessions September 2020*, liftoff.network
2020 *Art-In-Place*, CNL Projects, Palatine, IL
2019 *Carpet Diem*, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL
2018 *ArtCrush*, SITE Galleries Columbus, Chicago, IL
2018 *Family Day: Short Circuit*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
2018 *Continental Breakfast*, The Condo Association, Chicago, IL
2018 *ArtBash*, SITE Galleries Sharp, Chicago, IL
2017 *YoungArts Los Angeles*, Building Bridges Art Exchange, Los Angeles, CA

Residencies, Fellowships, and Awards

2025 *Openings Artist Residency*, Lake George, NY *

2025 *Jack Goodman Scholarship*, New York University

2024 *Steinhardt Graduate Scholarship*, New York University

2023 *Wildacres Residency Program*, Little Switzerland, NC

2017 *First-Year Scholars Program*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2016 *Presidential Scholarship*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2016 *Jeffrey Ahn, Jr. Fellowship*

Publications

2025 *Phantasmic Formalism*, Demo Art & Books blog *

2025 *Eternal Dew*, Anthropolazine Issue 4

2021 *Nostalgia and Cruelty*, The Museum of Americana

2021 *Werks: Issue 3 Chicago Artists Survey*, Werks Contemporary Art Magazine

2020 *And Then: Stories About What Happens Next*, Agitator Gallery

2020 *Knucklebone Magazine Issue 1*, Knucklebone Magazine

2019 *Jeffrey Ahn, Jr. Fellowship 2014-18*, Jeffrey Ahn, Jr. Fellowship

Curated Exhibitions

2021 *Inflorescence* with Annabelle Dunstan, Audrey Leshay, Caley Buck, Cassidy Early, CJ Shaw, Emily Yamaguchi, Gala Prudent, Max Capus, Jan Simonds, Jeffrey Michael Austin, Rachael Bos, Sendra Uebele, and Taylor Augustine, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL

2019 *Alter* with kg, Terrain Biennial, Oak Park, IL

2018 *Burial Caul (Gut Sack)* with John Harness, Compound Yellow, Chicago, IL

2018 *YOUARENEVERALWAYSHERE* with Alejandro T. Acierto, Compound Yellow, Chicago, IL

2018 *Schrödinger's cat isn't dead after all* with Tom Burtonwood, The Franklin, Chicago, IL

2018 *The Matzah House* with Gabrielle Egnater, Compound Yellow, Chicago, IL

2017 *I just want to stay home* with Madeleine Aguilar, The Franklin, Chicago, IL

2017 *Box Gallery* with Yvette Mayorga, Benjamin Cook, Alejandro Acierto, and Steve Juras, Terrain Biennial, Oak Park, IL

2017 *A Crooked Stile* with Jenny Kendler, Terrain Biennial, Chambers, AZ

2016 *Point 1612* with Claire Ashley, Project 1612, Peoria, IL