

ALICIA ROJAS

b. 1976, Bogotá. Lives and works in Orange County, CA.



GRANTS// AWARDS

- 2024 National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures - Fund for the Arts Grant, San Antonio, TX.
- 2023 18th Street Arts Center- Creative Corps Fellowship a California Arts Council Initiative (2023-2024)
- 2023 Andy Warhol Foundation Grant, Grand Central Art Center, Artist-in-Residence (2021-2023), Santa Ana, CA.
- 2023 Certificate of Recognition Award for outstanding contributions to the community, City of Santa Ana.
- 2023 Investing in the Artist Grant, City of Santa Ana, CA.
- 2022 Community Engagement, Akumal Arts Festival, Artist-in-Residence, Yucatan, MX.
- 2021 California Arts Council, Established Artist Fellow Grantee, Sacramento, CA.
- 2020 Community Engagement, Public Art Grant, Poderosas Mural, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2018 Certificate of Recognition Award for outstanding contributions to the community, City of Santa Ana, CA.
- 2015 Investing in the Artist Grant, City of Santa Ana, CA.
- 2015 Orange Coast Magazine, Best Mural Project, Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition.
- 2013 Person of the year, advocacy and leadership in the arts, OC WEEKLY.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Grand Central Art Center, “Honey in the Mouth - Con Miel en la Boca” **Solo exhibition**, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2021 ASU Museum, “We Occupy/We Dis-cover”, Tempe, AZ.
- 2019 Fourth Element Gallery, Loca Artist Group Show, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2017 Santa Ana College (SAC Gallery), Las Mujeres de Aztlán, Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2016 OCCCA - Orange County Center for Contemporary Art Museum, Chicano/ Latino Artists United for Social Justice group show, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2016 OCCCA - Orange County Center for Contemporary Art Museum, Group Show, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2014 Música en Movimiento Arts Festival, EL CENTRO Cultural de México, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2013 OC WEEKLY Artopia Festival, **Featured artist**, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2014 AvantGarden Art Gallery , Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2013 Hispanic Arts Theater, Colombia Consulate show “Colombia is Passion a night of Art Music Dance”, San Diego, CA.
- 2012 Mercy House, Images of Homelessness, Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2011 Bowers Museum, Latin American Art Auction benefiting OCCCTA, Santa Ana, CA.

PUBLIC ART / SOCIAL PRACTICE

- 2024 Poderosas Sculpture - Latino Health Access, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2023 Sergio O’Cadiz Mural Restoration - Fremont Elementary - Santa Ana Unified School District, CA.
- 2022 The Magic of Bees Mural, Akumal Arts Festival, Artist-in-Residence, Yucatan, MX.
- 2020 Poderosas Mural, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2019 Orange County Women’s March, Moving Mural - La Pachamama, Santa Ana, CA.



- 2018 Crear Studio - Grand Central Art Center, Migration is Beautiful/Madres Emigrantes mural, a collaboration with artist Briayana Negrette.
- 2018 Fourth Element Gallery, Love Parrots/Un amor de loros Santaneros Mural, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2018 Santa ana Community Artist(a) Coalition, Vitus/Golden West Towers Mural, Senior low income housing,/Torrence, CA.
- 2017 Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition & Love Santa Ana , Myrtle St. Community Mural, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2017 Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition & Love Santa Ana , Townsend St. Community Mural, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2017 Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition & El Centro Cultural de México, Tierras Comunitarias Community Mural, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2015 Santa ana Community Artist(a) Coalition, Investing in the artist grant, Viva Santa Ana Community Mural, Calle Cuatro, Santa Ana CA.
- 2013 Co-Founder of the Santa ana Community Artist(a) Coalition, Mother Nature/Madre Naturaleza Community Mural, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2012 Santora Arts, Studio del Sotano, Celebration Community Mural, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2012 The Grain Project, Community Mural Headquarters, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2011 Pacific Symphony of Orange County, OC Can you Play/ Public Art Piano Community Engagement Project.

PANELS / TALKS

- 2023 Boca de Oro Festival - Panel discussion of **Sergio O’Cadiz Restoration Project**, the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2021 Alice Street Documentary Panel discussion of **Murals, Public art and gentrification** with filmmaker Spencer Wilkson in collaboration with Community Engagement and the Frida Cinema, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2019 2nd Annual Orange County Archives Bazaar, **Murals, Memories and Meaning Making** in collaboration with Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University, University of California Irvine Libraries, Cal State Fullerton and Santa Ana Public Library.
- 2019 The Chicano Experience at Boca de Oro Literature Festival, **Mujeres leading public art panel**, California Fine Arts Gallery, Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana CA.
- 2019 Fourth Element Gallery, Blank Canvas - **An Experimental non-linear exploration on the creative process panel** Santa Ana, CA.
- 2015 KPCC Air Talk’s 30th anniversary tour with Larry Mantle. **Authenticity and gentrification Panel:** The future of identity in Santa Ana and beyond.
- 2013 El Centro Cultural de México, **Anti-Gentrification Panel**, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2012 United Artist of Santa Ana, Santora Arts Building, **Preserving the Arts Panel and leadership**, Santa Ana, CA.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member - Future IDs Art and Justice Leadership Cohort with artist Gregory Sale (Since 2021)
- Co-Founder, Executive Director - Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition. (Since 2013)
- Steering Committee Member - Community Arts and Cultural Master Plan, City of Santa Ana, CA (Since 2013)
- Co-Founder, President - United Artists of Santa Ana, CA (2011-2013)