



ALICIA ROJAS

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

Alicia Rojas participates in movements of immigrant rights, anti-gentrification, social economic equity and ecology. Alicia's artistic practice starts as an exploration of self expression and healing, which led her to paint almost 100 self-portraits in one year. Her practice has a collaborative and storytelling process in which paintings, drawings, photographs, performance and murals are not the end result but rather part of her art making pedagogy. Her work contributes to the historical memory of the collective and facilitates placemaking within communities of color.

She is currently an artist-in-residence at Grand Central Art Center, funded through a grant by the Andy Warhol Foundation. Rojas is a California Arts Council, established artists fellow grantee, she has received funding from the City of Santa Ana Arts and Culture Department, Community Engagement and local non-profits.

GRANTS/ / AWARDS

- 2022 Community Engagement, Akumal Arts Festival, Artist-in-Residence, Yucatan, MX.
- 2021 California Arts Council, Established Artist Fellow Grantee, Sacramento, CA
- 2021 Andy Warhol Foundation Grant, Grand Central Art Center, Artist-in-Residence, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2021 National Fitness Campaign, Poderosas con alas digital Mural, Heritage Park, Santa Ana, 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.
- 2018 Community Engagement, Public Art Grant, Vitus - Golden West Tower Senior Low Income Housing, Torrence, 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

- 2021 ASU Museum, "We Occupy/We Dis-cover", Tempe, AZ.
- 2021 Orange County Justice Fund, "Bee Hive Network" Art exhibit and auction, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2020 Poderosa Illustration Portraits, Public Art Exhibit, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2020 Orange County Justice Fund, "Madres Migrantes" Art exhibit and auction, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2020 Defend the Earth Exhibit, "La Pachamama", Santa Ana, CA.
- 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 OCWEEKLY Artopia Festival, **Featured artist**, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2014 AvantGarden Art Gallery, **Solo Exhibit**, 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.
- 2011 La Mirada Theater for Performing Arts, **Solo Exhibit**, La Mirada, CA.
- 2011 Pacific Symphony of Orange County, OC Can you Play Public Art Piano Community Engagement Project
- 2009 AvantGarden Art Gallery, **Solo Exhibit**, Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana, CA.

PUBLIC ART / SOCIAL PRACTICE

- 2022 The Magic of Bees, Akumal Arts Festival, Artist-in-Residence, Yucatan, MX.
- 2021 Poderosa con Alas Digital Mural, National Fitness Campaign, Heritage Park, Santa Ana, CA
- 2020 Poderosa Mural, Public Art Exhibit, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2019 Orange County Women's March, Moving Mural - La Pachamama, Santa Ana, CA.
- 2018 Crear Studio - CSUF 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.

PANELS / TALKS

- 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)