

# ALICIA ROJAS

Born 1976, Bogotá, Colombia

Lives and works in Santa Ana, CA

## GRANTS & AWARDS

2025 – Cultural Center of Innovation, **CALI Catalyst Grant**, Los Angeles, CA  
2024 – National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC), **Fund for the Arts Grant**, San Antonio, TX  
2024 – Certificate of Special Recognition, Congressman J. Luis Correa, US House of Representatives, DC  
2023 – 18th Street Arts Center, **Creative-Corps Fellowship** (CAC Initiative), Santa Monica, CA  
2023 – Grand Central Art Center, Artist-in-Residence, **Andy Warhol Foundation Grant**, Santa Ana, CA  
2023 – Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to the Community, City of Santa Ana, CA  
2023 – Investing in the Artist Grant, City of Santa Ana, CA  
2022 – Akumal Arts Festival, Community Engagement Residency, Yucatán, Mexico  
2021 – California Arts Council (CAC), **Established Artist Fellow Grantee**, Sacramento, CA  
2020 – Community Engagement (CE), Public Art Grant for Poderosas Mural, Costa Mesa, CA  
2018 – Certificate of Recognition 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 Award**, Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition  
2013 – OC WEEKLY **Person of the Year Award for Advocacy & Leadership in the Arts**, Costa Mesa, CA

## EXHIBITIONS (Selected)

2025 – *Hive of Remembrance: A Performance & Spoken Word Activation*, **ARTBO**, Bogotá, Colombia  
2025 – *La Vitrina - Con Miel en la Boca*, **Solo Exhibition**, Espacio Continuo Gallery, Bogotá, Colombia  
2023 – *Honey in the Mouth - Con Miel en la Boca*, **Solo Exhibition**, Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA  
2021 – *We Occupy/We Dis-cover*, **Group Exhibition**, **ASU Museum**, Tempe, AZ  
2017 – *Las Mujeres de Aztlán*, SAC Gallery, **Santa Ana College**, Santa Ana, CA  
2016 – *Chicano/Latino Artists United for Social Justice*, Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA  
2014 – *Música en Movimiento* Arts Festival, El Centro Cultural de México, Santa Ana, CA  
2013 – *Artopia Festival*, **Featured Artist**, **OC WEEKLY**, Santa Ana, CA  
2013 – *Colombia is Passion: A Night of Art, Music & Dance*, Hispanic Arts Theater, San Diego, CA  
2012 – *Images of Homelessness*, Mercy House, Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana, CA  
2011 – *Latin American Art Auction*, **Bowers Museum**, Santa Ana, CA

## PUBLIC ART & SOCIAL PRACTICE (Selected)

2024 – **Poderosas Public Art Project (Brass Sculpture, Oral Histories, Publication)**, Latino Health Access, Santa Ana, CA  
2024 – *1991 La Raza Mural Restoration*, Artesia Pilar Neighborhood Association - Santa Ana, CA  
2023 – *1973 Sergio O'Cadiz Mural Restoration*, Monroe Elementary - Santa Ana Unified School District, CA  
2022 – *The Magic of Bees Mural*, Akumal Arts Festival, Yucatán, Mexico  
2020 – *Poderosas Mural*, Costa Mesa, CA  
2013 – **Santa Ana Community Artist(a) Coalition - 10 Community Murals from 2013 - 2019**, Santa Ana, CA  
2011 – *OC Can You Play?* Public Art Piano Community Engagement Project, Pacific Symphony of OC, CA



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## PANELS & TALKS

2024 – For Freedoms Congress, Presenter - ***Poderosas Project***, 18th Street Arts Center, Santa Monica, CA

2024 – Cal State Fullerton University, LatinX Lab, Chicano Studies and The Institute of Black Intellectual Innovation, Presenter - ***Storytelling and Social Justice: Community Engagement and Activism***, Fullerton, CA

2023 – Boca de Oro Festival, Panel - ***Sergio O’Cadiz Mural Restoration Project***, The Frida Cinema, Santa Ana, CA

2021 – Alice Street Documentary, Panel - ***Murals, Public Art, and Gentrification*** with filmmaker Spencer Wilkinson, in collaboration with The Frida Cinema, Santa Ana, CA

2019 – 2nd Annual Orange County Archives Bazaar, Presenter - ***Murals, Memories, and Meaning Making***, Hilbert Museum of California Art, Chapman University, UC Irvine Libraries, Cal State Fullerton, and Santa Ana Public Library, Orange, CA

2019 – Boca de Oro Literature Festival, Presenter - ***The Chicano Experience***, California Fine Arts Gallery, Santa Ana, CA

2015 – KPCC AirTalk’s 30th Anniversary Tour with Larry Mantle, Panel - ***Authenticity and Gentrification: The Future of Identity in Santa Ana and Beyond***, Discovery Center, Santa Ana, CA

2013 – El Centro Cultural de México, Panel - ***Gentrification and the Arts***, Santa Ana, CA

2012 – United Artists of Santa Ana, Panel - ***Preserving the Arts***, Santora Arts Building, Santa Ana, CA

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Visual Arts Teacher** - Orange County Educational Arts Academy, Santa Ana (Since 2026)
- **Public Art Consultant** – Parks and Recreation Department, City of Santa Ana (Since 2025)
- **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** – Cultural Master Plan, City of Santa Ana, CA (Since 2013)
- **Co-Founder & President** – United Artists of Santa Ana, CA (2011-2013)