# **ROBERTO JACKSON HARRINGTON**

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# **EDUCATION**

2008 — MFA. San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA.

2006— BFA. The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

## **SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 Mama's Boy or An Inexplicable Reasoning, La Mecha Contemporary, El Paso, TX.
- 2021—2022 Spring/Summer Season Collection, St. Edwards Art Gallery, Austin, TX.
- 2020— Summer Collection-Jolly Rancher, grayDUCK Gallery, The Internet.
- 2019— Long Past Midnight, Anthem Gallery, San Antonio, TX. Useless Systems, Presa House, San Antonio, TX.
- 2019— With regard to drawing, Lubbock Christian University Art Gallery, Lubbock, TX. All on the Line, Backdoor Biennial, Dirty Dark Place, Kyle, TX.
- 2017— C wut stix, Bill's Junk, Houston, TX.
- 2015— Impossible to tell, grayDuck Gallery, Austin, TX.
- 2014— Energy Cache & the Imagined Promise, Post Studio Projects, Houston, TX.
- 2012— The Development of Actuality, Co-Lab Project Space, Austin, TX.
- 2011— *Generator: An Exploration in Potential Systems,* Gallery I, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. *Universal Capable*, Lone Star College-Kingwood, Houston, TX.
- 2010— Potential Modulations, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX.
- 2008— Vernissage, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA.

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024— Chai'n Brai Like A Diamon-P2, Canopy Projects, Austin, TX.
  - Creating Encuentros: Changarrito 2012-2024, Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX.
- 2023— Chai'n Brai Like A Diamon, Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX.
  - ArtPrize-Taller de Harrington Showroom, Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2022— CraftTexas 2022, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX.
  - Smart Objects/Flattened Images, Well Well Projects, Portland, OR.
  - Dream Job, Ivester Gallery, Austin, TX.
  - While You Can Still Smell 'Em, Not For You Gallery, San Antonio, TX.
- 2021— All My Friends are Miracles 2, Sow and Taylor, Los Angeles, CA.
  - People Places Things, Project V Gallery, The Internet.
  - Labor and Immigration, SFAA, The Internet.
  - A Wished for and Welcomed Guest, Co-Lab Projects, Austin, TX.
  - staycation, MASS Gallery, Austin, TX.
- 2020— Its good work if you can get it, grayDUCK Gallery, Austin, TX. (Canceled).
  - No Small Parts, Xolo Gallery, El Paso, TX. (Canceled).
  - Now | Contemporary 2020, Art Room, Ft. Worth, TX.
- 2019— Flat File Invitational, St. Edwards Art Gallery, Austin, TX.
  - Clip: An International Exhibition of Works On Paper, Charles Adams Studio Project, Lubbock, TX.
  - Expressiones en Esculturas/Expressions in Sculptures, Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX.
  - At a distance # 3, Wedge Projects, Chicago, IL.
  - work, practice, play, Clamp Light Gallery, San Antonio, TX.
- 2018— The Accelerationist, Space HL, Houston, TX.
  - Why Annual, Northern-Southern, Austin, TX.
  - At a distance#2, Harvester Arts, Wichita, KS.
- 2017 Fountain, St. Edwards Art Gallery, Austin, TX.
  - Bread & Butter: Milk, ICOSA Collective, Austin, TX.
  - En Bola, de stijl | podium for art, Austin, TX.
  - At a distance, Shift Space Gallery, Wichita, KS.
- 2016— 6th Chicana/o Biennial, MACLA/ Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana, San José, CA.
  - The ArtSmarter Prize, Cris Worley Fine Arts, Dallas, TX.
  - TEXAS DRAWS IV, The Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX.



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## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)**

- 2015— *The IV Bienal Ciudad Juárez-El Paso Biennial 2015,* El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX., and Museo de Arte Juárez, Ciudad Juárez, MX. *The Big Draw,* Catalyst Gallery, Beacon, NY.
- 2014— Goodly/Wicked, grayDUCK gallery, Austin, TX.
- 2013— A Catalogue, Tiny Park, Austin, TX.

3rd Coast National, K Space Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX.

Lo de la Vida, La Galeria 77, Mexico City D.F., MX.

The III Bienal Ciudad Juárez-El Paso Biennial 2013, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX., and Museo de Arte Juárez, Ciudad Juárez, MX. Young Latino Artist 18-Con Juntos, Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX.

2011— NOW! That's What I Call Art: Vol:1, Oliver Francis Gallery, Dallas, TX.

Advanced Young Artists at Arthouse Exhibition, Arthouse, Austin, TX

Group Hug, Pump Projects Satellite Space, Austin, TX.

2010— Zine Library, Trouser House, New Orleans, LA.

Material & deStructure: The Creative Alternative in Art, PG Contemporary, Houston, TX.

The People's Gallery Exhibition, Austin City Hall, Austin, TX.

2009— Postcard Show 13, The Lab, San Francisco, CA.

Teeny-Tiny Show, Birdhouse, Austin, TX.

2008— Fresh Baked, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, TX.

Decoy, LoBot Gallery, Oakland, CA.

Ways and Means, 111 Townsend, San Francisco, CA.

Sound Device, Root Division, San Francisco, CA.

2007— Grounded?, Southern Exposure/Intersection for the Arts, San Francisco, CA.

Continuing MFA Show, Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco, CA.

SFAI NOW, Red Ink Studios, San Francisco, CA.

2006— Three Strikes, The Swell Gallery, San Francisco, CA.

The Value Show, 910 Texas, El Paso, TX.

2005— Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture, International Sculpture Center, Hamilton, NJ.

Rimscape3, Bridge Center for Contemporary Art, El Paso, TX.

Que Paso en El Paso, Avant Studio Gallery, El Paso, TX.

2004— Project Space Silo Exhibition, Border Art Residency, El Paso, TX.

#### **AWARDS**

- 2015— Honor of Excellence in Group Gallery Exhibition for Gently Fried, Austin Critics Table Award.
- 2008— MFA Sculpture Fellowship, San Francisco Art Institute.
- 2006— Marguerite Loya Pearson Scholarship Fund for the Arts.
- 2005— Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award, International Sculpture Center.

## **CURATORIAL PROJECTS**

- 2020— Capirotada (of a personal nature), grayDUCK Gallery, Austin, TX.
- 2019— Lost in thought, yet beyond our reach, Galería Cinco Puntos, El Paso, TX.

Flamin' Hot, Fusebox Festival, Austin, TX.

- 2017— Friend of a friend, Pump Projects, Austin, TX.
- 2016— Sew Wasted, FuseBox Festival, Austin, TX.
- 2015— Drawing Lines, District 1, Austin, TX.

Gently Fried, The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, Austin, TX.

#ATXLoteria, Blackbaud, Austin, TX.

2014— Dance Your Pants Off, Gallery at Canopy, Austin, TX.

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"The 5th Dimension-Roberto Jackson Harrington" What's My Thesis, October 5, 2020 https://whatsmythesis.podbean.com/e/the-5th-dimension-roberto-jackson-harrington/

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