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**EDUCATION**

2005 MFA, Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi

1993 BFA, Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, TX

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:**

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Associate Professor of Art Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX.

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

**2022 Joe Peña Solo Exhibition, Redbud Gallery, Houston, TX. (November 2022)**

**2021 Joe Peña: Nightscapes**, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

2020    **Joe Peña: The Last Stop Series,** Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX

             (Received Contemporary Art Month “2020 Cammie” excellence award by the

**San Antonio Museum of Art**)

**Joe Peña: Corpus Nocturns**, KSpace Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX

**Joe Peña: Nightfall**, University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Tx

2019**Joe Pena: A Sense of Place,**Laredo College, Laredo, TX.

2018    **Joe Peña: Summer Nocturnes**, Houston Community College, Houston, TX

**Camaradas: Pena and Ricardo Ruiz,**Mi Vida Loca Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

2017    **Joe Peña: Texas Nocturnes**, University of Mary Hardin – Baylor, Belton, TX

**Joe Peña: Last Stop**, Sul Ross University, Alpine, TX

**Joe Peña: Food Trucks at Night**, South Texas College, McAllen, TX

**Voracious Spaces**, Rockport Art Center, Rockport, TX

**Joe Peña: Lineage**, College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX

2016    **Corner Nocturnes in Ink,** Leal Art Gallery, San Antonio, TX

2015    **Studio Orbits: Ruiz & Pena (two person exhibition),** Art Museum of

South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX2014

**Invisible Territory**, Avis Frank Gallery, Houston, TX

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2012 **Joe Peña: Recent Work,** Islander Art Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

2011 **Of Figures and Flesh**, Talento Bilenque de Houston, Houston, TX

2006 **Joe Peña: Transitions**, Kucera Gallery, Art Center of Corpus Christi, TX

2005 **Joe Peña: Penetrating the Landscape**, Islander Art Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

2002 **Joe Peña: Recent Works**, IV Artspace, San Antonio, TX

2001 **Resistance**, 26th ST. Gallery, New York, NY

2000 **New York Portraits**, Buchanan Gallery, Galveston, TX

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2023 **Soy de Tejas: A Statewide Survey of Latinx Art,** Centro de Artes, San Antonio, TX

invitational with artists selected by Pressa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX.

2022 **The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture**, Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA.

2021 **De Colores: Recent work by Latinx Artists,** Johns Creek Art Center, Johns Creek,

GA (Awarded 2nd place)

**Viewing Room: Presa House Fifth Year Anniversary Exhibition**, Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX

**Los Camaradas: Six Texas Painters,** South Texas College, McAllen, TX

***Is Texas Painting?*** Painting Symposium, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

**Re-Mastered**, Galeria Galvan, Corpus Christi, TX

2020 **Bruno Andrade: The Legacy of an Artists-Educator**, South Texas College,

McAllen, TX

2019 **Guadalupe**, Mi Vida Loca Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**Joe Peña: Remembering Bruno**, Mi Vida Loca Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**Open 30 Juried Exhibition,** Laredo College, Laredo, TX

**Confluence: The Art Faculty Biennial**, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX.

**Selections from the Collection: Latino and Latina Heart Work,** Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2018 **Remembering Bruno**, Mi Vida Loca Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**Portrait Society of America: Texas Exhibition**, Breckenridge Fine Arts Center, Breckenridge, TX.

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**Los Tejanos: Chicano Art from the Collection of Cheech Marin**, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX (Traveling Exhibition)

**K Space in the House**, Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX

2017 **Texas Biennial 2017,** Austin, TX

**Mexican-American Perspectives**, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

**Tidal Shift: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Art Faculty Biennial**, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

**IV ArtSpace Retrospective**, Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX

**51st Small Sculpture and Drawing Show,** Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX.

**Hambidge 2017 Art Auction and Gala**, Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences, Atlanta, GA.

2016 **Hambidge 2016 Art Auction and Gala**, Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences, Atlanta, GA

2015 **Chicanitas: Small Paintings from the Cheech Marin Collection,** Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

**Selecciones de la Coleccion Permanente,** Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2015 **Human Rights & Hispanic Experience Exhibition**, Kean University, Union, NJ

2014 **Obras de Papel Pequeños**, Oaxaca, Mexico

2013 **Hispano-Epiphany,** Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA

**Corpus Pluralis: The Department of Art Faculty at TAMUCC**, Art Museum of South Texas; Corpus Christi, TX

2012 **The Power of Paint,** Avis Frank Gallery, Houston, TX

**We Are You**, Kenkeleba Gallery, NY, NY. Traveling exhibition. Venues included New York, Spain, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Brazil, and Mexico.

2012- **Chicanitas: Small Paintings from the Cheech Marin Collection (Traveling),**

2011 Museum of Monterey, Monterey CA.; Mesa Contemporary Arts, Mexa, AZ.; Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

2011 **Lone Star College Exhibition**, University of Houston-CL, Houston, TX

2010 **Drawn Out Death,** Talento Bilenque de Houston, Houston, TX

**Past, Present, and Future**, KSpace Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX

2008 **Del Otro Lado,** Art League of Houston, TX.

**Hunting Art Prize Exhibition**, Hunting, Inc., Houston, TX

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**New Art / Arte Nuevo: San Antonio 2008**, University of Texas at San Antonio, Jurors: Benito Huerta and Kathy Vargas, San Antonio, TX

**Cataclysm and Creativity: Art in the Age of Uncertainty**, Museum of Contemporary Art, Skopje, Macedonia (February 2008); traveling to Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, TX (September 2008)

2007 **10 Printmakers**, Art Center of Corpus Christi, TX

**Comadres and Amigos**, Galería Galván, Corpus Christi, TX

**K Space at the Galería Galván**, Galería Galván, Corpus Christi, TX

2006 **Visual Dialogues III: Sights, Sites and Cites of TAMU-CC Art Faculty, Students, & Beyond,** Islander Art Gallery, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, TX

**Yla No.10: The 10th Annual Young Latino Artist Exhibition**, Mexic-Art

Museum, Austin, TX., traveling to Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, TX

2006 **New Work**, (3 person Show) KSpace Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX.

**Rock, Paper, Scissors**, (3 person show) Arbor Art House, San Antonio, TX.

2005 **39th Annual Drawing and Small Sculpture Show,** Del Mar College,

Corpus Christi, TX

2004 **National Annual Juried Exhibition**, Bowery Gallery, New York, NY

**Visual Perspectives: Selecions Hispanas**, Del Mar College

**Dimensions**, Art Center of Corpus Christi, TX (Honorable Mention)

**Coastal Connections,** Weil Gallery, Texas A&M University -Corpus Christi, Tx

2003 **Behind the Green Door III**, Green Door Gallery, New York, NY

**The Dubious Alphabet**, Tompkins Square Gallery, New York, NY

**Contemporary Artists From South Texas,** Simon Michael Gallery, Coastal

Bend College, Beeville, TX.

2002 **Holiday Exhibition,** Babcock Galleries, New York, NY

**21th Annual Metro Show**, National Juried Exhibition, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ. Traveling to Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ; Les Malaut Art Gallery, Union, NJ; Palmer Museum, Springfield, NJ; Johnson Public Library, Hackensack, NJ.

**Little Gems**, Buchanan Gallery, Galveston, Tx

**Take Heart**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

2001 **Masterpieces**, South Texas Institute for the Arts, Corpus Christi, TX

**XMust**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

2000 **21th Annual Metro Show**, National Juried Exhibition, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ. Traveling to Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ; Les Malaut Art

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Gallery, Union, NJ; Palmer Museum, Springfield, NJ; Johnson Public Library, Hackensack, NJ. ***Best of show***

**In the Pink**, South Texas Institute for the Arts, Corpus Christi, TX

1999 **2 + 1**, MB Modern Gallery, New York, NY

**Now My Chaparral**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**Preview the New**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

1998 **Reaction**, 26th Street Gallery, New York, NY

**Dia De Los Muertos**, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX

**Artist Among Us**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**Ballads and Sweet Dreams**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

1997 **Nature and Spirit: Three Artists in the ‘90’s**, 26th ST. Gallery, New York, NY

**Great Expectations**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**31st Annual Nation Small Drawing and Sculpture Show**, Del Mar College,

1996 **Spirit of Nature,** MB Modern Gallery, New York, NY

**Primos**, Wilhelmi/Holland Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

**COMPLETED / SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES:**

2021 ***Interdisplinary Collaboration in the Painting Studios. Texas Painting***

***Symposium,* Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tx. (Co-organizer)**

*Los Camaradas (Six Contemporary Painters from Texas),* South Texas

College, McAllen, TX.

2020 *Bruno Andrade: The Legacy of an Artists-Educator,* South Texas College,

McAllen, TX

*Bruno Andrade Retrospective:  A Native of South Texas,* Mexi-Arte Museum,

Austin, TX (July)

*Joe Peña: On Painting*, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

*The Portrait Redefined* (Date TBD), Stephen F. Austin State University,

Nacogdoches, TX

*The Portrait Redefined,* (Date TBD), Baylor University, Waco, TX

2019 *Joe Pena: Painting on Yupo,* Laredo College, Laredo, TX

2018 *Oso Bay Binnial XX: Realism Redux!* TAMUCC, Corpus Christi, TX

*On Collaboration in the Classroom*, Texas A&M University -Corpus Christ,TX

*Joe Pena with Art Educators*, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX.

*Joe Pena: Painting on Yupo,* Houston Community College, Houston, TX

2017 *Joe Peña: New Approaches to Painting*, College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX.

*Joe Peña: On Painting*, South Texas College, McAllen, TX

*Joe Peña: Multimedia Painting*, St. Edwards University, Austin, TX.

*The Portrait Redefined,* Laredo Community College, Laredo, TX.

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2016 *How to Destroy a Portrait*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, McAllen, TX.

2014 *Guns, Goggles and Grog!,* KSpace Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX.

*Knowing Bruno Andrade,* Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

*Where does passion start and how that desire evolves through uncertainty.*

Session Co-Chair, *Mid America College Art Conference*, San Antonio, TX

*Getting the most out of Painting in the Classroom,* Presentation and Demonstration for CCISD all level art teachers.

2012 *Presents Bug Party! An Entomophagic Adventure*. Co-Organized with Ryan O’Malley, Professor of Printmaking at TAMUCC

2013   *Chicano Art*: In conjunction with “Chicanitas: Small Works from the Cheech Marin Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA

2011 *The Art of Underpainting,* Art Center of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

*Just Get it on the Canvas, then fix it!,* Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

2009 *Hispanics in Mainstream Arts*, Panel Member, *College Art Association*,

February 2009, Dallas, TX.

*Getting Mileage out of Style, as Seen in Menudo: Chicano Art from the*

*Cheech Marin Collection*, Art Museum of South Texas, October 2009, Corpus

Christi, TX.

**SELECTED CURATORIAL PROJECTS and JUDGING:**

2021 ***Is Texas Painting? Texas Painting Symposium, Texas Tech University,***

***Lubbock, Tx. (Co-organizer)***

*Los Camaradas (Six Contemporary Painters from Texas), South Texas*

*College, McAllen, TX.* ***(Curator)***

*Dimension XLVIII,* Art Center of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX. **(Juror)**

*South Texas Art League Juried Exhibit*, Art Center of Corpus Christi, Tx. (**Juror)**

*Visionarios*, Art Contest for CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2019 *Bruno Andrade: The Legacy of an Artist – Educator, South Texas College, McAllen, TX*

*Living Coral (Juror),* Art Center of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

2018 *Open 30 Juried Exhibition (Juror),* Laredo College, Laredo, TX

*South Texas Art League (Juror),* Garcia Arts Center, Corpus Christi, TX.

*Oso Bay Binnial XX: Realism Redux!* TAMUCC, Corpus Christi, TX

*Arts Respond Grant Evaluator*, Texas Commission on the Arts, Austin, TX.

2017 *Artists of Texas Exhibition: 2017*, Art Center of Corpus Christi, TX

*Arts Respond Grant Evaluator*, Texas Commission on the Arts, Austin, TX.

*Visionarios*, Art Contest for CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2016 *VASE: Visual Arts Scholastic Event*, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

2015 *Currents- Annual Member Exhibition*, Rockport Art Center, Rockport, TX

2015 *Night at the Museum,* Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

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*Visionarios*, Art Contest for CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2014 *Visionarios*, Art Contest for CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2013 *South Texas Art League*, Art Center of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

*VASE: Visual Arts Scholastic Event*, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

*Visionarios,* Art Contest for CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2012 *Merit Artist Award,* Festival of the Arts, Corpus Christi, TX

*VASE: Visual Arts Scholastic Event*, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

*Project Slicker*, Family Planning of the Coastal Bend, Corpus Christi, TX

*Victoria Art League Annual Exhibition*, Victoria Art League, Victoria, TX *Visionarios*, CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

2011 *VASE: Visual Arts Scholastic Event*, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

*Silver Cup Show*, Art Association of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX *Visionario*s, Art Contest for CCISD Students, Art Museum of South Texas,

Corpus Christi, TX

**PUBLICATIONS, VIDEOS, PERIODICALS, AND ONLINE JOURNALS**

**2023**

Romo, Ricardo. “Texas Chicanos Shine in New Cheech Marin Museum in Riverside,

California,” Latinos in America, March 14, 2023. Latinosinamerical.com

**2022**

Knight, Christopher. “Review: What is Chicano art? Riverside’s new Cheech Marin

Center offers an open-ended response”. Los Angeles Times. June 21, 2022.

Morena, William. “Cheech Marin’s Next Move,” Artillery. September 2, 2022

**2020**

Cooper, Kylie, “Creative Dispatch: Candid Conversations with Four Local Artists in

Isolation.” *The Bend Magazine*, June 2020. 30-31.

Nelson, Kelly Merka. “Contemporary Art Month Announces 2020 CAMMIE Award

Winners Online.” San Antonio Current. April 13, 2020.

Woods, Bria. “VC Fine Arts Gallery to Exhibit Paintings by Joe Pena.” Crossroads

Today.” March 10, 2020

“Joe Pena: The Last Stop Nightscapes,” *Unfiltered SA*. March 6, 2020.

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**2019**

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weekend.” October 5, 2019. Kristv.com. <https://www.kristv.com/news/art-museum->

“Summer exhibit highlights Cheech Marin's guitars and Mexican-American art.”

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“Misericordia in Dallas displays Mexican-American art with Cheech Marin Chicano

guitars.” Nepascene.com. June 27, 2019.

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cheech-marin-chicano-guitars-june-28-aug-9/

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**2018**

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Marin,”Inliquid.com, January 2018. https://inliquid.org/calendar/los-tejanos-chicano-

art-from-the-collection-of-cheech-marin/

Jurica, Jenny, “Corpus Christi Art Museum Features the Tejano Art Collection of Cheech

Marin,” TexasHillCountry.com, January 19th, 2018.

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Portrait Society,” *BrechenridgeTexan.com.* Setpetember17, 2018.

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exhibition-for-texas-members-of-portrait-society/

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*Sundial.com* (California State University Northridge), October 4, 2017

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“Joe Pena: Summer Nocturnes Opening,” *Events.UMHB.edu*, October 2, 2017

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Austin American Statesman,” *MyStatesman.com*, September 26, 2017.

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eating establishments,” The Monitor. June 26, 2017

“Food Trucks and Magazines Inspire Artists’ New Exhibitions,” *Galveston Daily News,*

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**2016**

Noble, Whitney, “The Art of Starting,” *The Bend Magazine*, June 2016, 62-63.

**2015**

Carrie Auerbach, “Blazing Chicano Guitars,” *Guitar Aficionado*, Vol. 7, No.5

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Lucero, Rebecca, “Cheech Marin Adds Chicano Art To His List Of Celebrated Vices,”

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Acosta, Jose, “WE ARE YOU PROJECT Exhibition at Kean University,” *ART ID*,

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“WE ARE YOU PROJECT Human Rights Institute at Kean University Celebrates

National Hispanic Heritage Month with Latino Art Exhibition Exploring Social

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“Cheech Marin in Corpus Christi for Two Events at Art Museum of South Texas,” KIII

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Sausley, Lee, “Cheech Marin shows ‘Chicanitas,” KRIS TV news, September 2015,

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Cheech Marin Collection,” Chicano Art Movement, June 2015,

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“WE ARE YOU PROJECT Exhibition at Kean University,” September 2015,

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“We Are You Project: An Exhibition on Social Justice & Immigration,” New Jersey Arts

Maven, September 2015, [www.njartsmaven.com](http://www.njartsmaven.com)

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“A Lovesong For the Food of My Heritage’ by Joe Pena,” October 2015,

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**2014**

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**2013 - 2012**

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**RECENT AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:**

2020 **CAMMIE Award presented by Contemporary Art Month San Antonio.** The

exhibition *Joe Pena: The Last Stop Series* at Presa House Gallery was chosen as

“Outstanding” by the **San Antonio Museum of Art.**

**Nomination for Texas State Artist 2021-2022.** Selected as a top-ten finalist for

the title of **Texas State Artist - 2D**.

2017 Selected inclusion in the **2017 Texas Biennial**, Austin, TX.

2016 Selected inclusion in the Hambidge Gala, **Hambidge Center for the Creative**

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The Chaney Foundation, Houston, TX.

The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture, Riverside Art Museum,

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James Hutson Collection, Los Angeles, CA.

La Universidad de Oaxaca, Oaxaca City, Mex.

Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum, Hamilton, OH

We Are You Project International, New Jersey, NJ

South Texas College, McAllen, TX

Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

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