

ISSIS MACIAS

Visual Artist working in intuitive abstraction
Madison, WI & Los Angeles, CA

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GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2025 **First Place** for painting *Magic Hour*, Summer Salon, Madison Art Guild, Madison, WI
- 2025 **Latina Artist of the Year**, Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development (LOUD), Madison, WI
- 2024 **Dane Arts Calendar Award** for painting *Seaside*, Dane County, WI
- 2024 **Madison Arts Commission Grant** (\$1,000), *Building Community Through Art*
- 2024 **Micaela Salinas Artist Fellowship**, LOUD (studio residency and stipend)
- 2023 **Forward Art Prize Finalist** (\$1,000), Women Artists Forward Fund, Madison, WI
- 2023–2025 **Bridge Work: Madison Artist Program**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
- 2022 **Dane Arts Calendar Award** for painting *Holding Space*, Dane County, WI

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 **Madre Tierra**, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI
- 2025 **Her Colorful World**, Latino Arts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
- 2024 **Ethereal Spaces**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI

PUBLIC ART

- 2025 Madison Public Market, Madison, WI – Murals: **Alma** and **Axolotl** (with Rodrigo Carapia)
- 2024 LunART Festival, Madison, WI – Commissioned paintings: **Rebirth** and 20 small works

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 **The BIG Show**, The Art Garage, Green Bay, WI
- 2026 **Pulling Together: Work from Madison's Roundhouse Studios**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
- 2025 **Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibit**, Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI
- 2025 **Wherever Home Is**, James Watrous Gallery, Madison, WI
- 2025 **Bridge Work**, Allen Priebe Gallery, UW Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI
- 2025 **The Artists in Bridge Work**, The Guenzel Gallery, Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI
- 2024 **Realismo Mágico: Realidades Soñadas**, Playhouse Gallery, Overture Center, Madison, WI
- 2024 **Nuestros Sueños**, Sauk Prairie River Arts Center, Prairie du Sac, WI
- 2023 **Women's Work**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
- 2022 **Día de los Muertos**, Common Wealth Gallery, Madison, WI
- 2019 **Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Gallery Night**, Access WI Gallery, Waunakee, WI

SELECTED PRESS

- 2026 **Madison365** – “Latina artists across Wisconsin invited to submit work to *Las Curanderas: From Ashes, We Rise* exhibition” [\[link\]](#)
- 2026 **WORT 89.9 FM** – A Public Affair radio panel interview, *Mother Artists Unite!* [\[link\]](#)
- 2026 **Isthmus** – “Madison Public Market murals give a taste of what’s to come” [\[link\]](#)
- 2025 **CanvasRebel** – “Meet Issis Macias” [\[link\]](#)
- 2025 **Milwaukee PBS Adelante** – “Issis Macias, a Los Angeles-born artist, channels her experiences into intuitive abstractions” (television feature) [\[link\]](#)
- 2025 **The Layered Onion Podcast** – “Exploring Intuitive Abstraction in Art with Issis Macias” [\[link\]](#)
- 2025 **Telemundo Wisconsin** – “Nueva exposición en Latino Arts: Su Mundo de Colores” [\[link\]](#)
- 2025 **The Badger Herald** – “Annual Madison Arts Commission grants provide accessibility to arts” [\[link\]](#)
- 2024 **The Little Book Project WI** – “Artist Profile: Issis Macias” [\[link\]](#)
- 2024 **Madison365** – “Issis Macias, Jessica Gutiérrez to Host Joint Gallery at Arts + Literature Lab Exploring Themes of Resilience, Transformation, and Cultural Heritage” [\[link\]](#)
- 2024 **LunART W.O.W. Blog** – “Intuitive Painter Issis Macias Sets the Tone for LunART Festival” [\[link\]](#)

2023 **Wisconsin State Journal** – "From Mexico City and L.A. to Madison, Latino Artists Find New Opportunities at the Overture Center" [\[link\]](#)

COLLECTIONS

UW Health – Eastpark Medical Center, Madison, WI
Little Picassos, MYArts, Madison, WI
Edie Daly Estate, Gulfport, FL
Private collections in the United States, Mexico, and Europe

COLLABORATIONS

2026 ***Raíces en Color***, exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Urban Office Co., Madison, WI
2025 ***Artdose Magazine*** Limited Edition Screen Print Series, *Seeking Something Missing*, screen print produced in collaboration with Julia Scheckel, Anchor Press, Milwaukee, WI
2024 ***Raíces en Color***, exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Giant Jones Brewing Co., Madison, WI
2023 ***Bajo el Mismo Cielo***, exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Overture Center, Madison, WI
2023 ***Gol Gana***, collaborative poster with Rodrigo Carapia for Forward Madison FC, Madison, WI
2022 ***Art Pop-Up***, collaborative artwork with Eric Escobar, Los Angeles, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025–Present **Art Instructor**, *Good Company Art Studio*, Arts for All Wisconsin, Madison, WI
2024 **Visiting Artist**, Little Picassos, Madison, WI
2023 **Art Instructor**, *Arte y Buenas Intenciones*, Arts for All Wisconsin, Madison, WI
2019 **Visiting Artist**, Community Unity Arts, Madison, WI

SERVICE

2026 **Co-Curator**, *Las Curanderas: From Ashes, We Rise*, The Gallery at Truax, Madison, WI
2025 **Jury Committee Member**, Overture Center Gallery Seasons 2025–26, 2026–27, Madison, WI

LECTURES, PANELS & ARTIST TALKS

2026 **Panel: *Frida's Legacy***, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Milwaukee, WI
2026 **Panel: *Mother Artists Unite!***, radio interview with Ali Muldrow, WORT 89.9 FM
2025 ***A Life Transformed by Art***, WI Latino Arts Conference, Centro Hispano, Madison, WI
2025 **Artist Talks** (English & Spanish), *Café con Arte, Her Colorful World*, Latino Arts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
2025 **Panel: *Belonging In-Between, Wherever Home Is***, James Watrous Gallery, Madison, WI
2024 **Bridge Work Artist Talks** (English & Spanish), *Ethereal Spaces*, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
2024 **Panel: *Art & Motherhood***, LunART Festival, Madison, WI
2024 **Panel: *Realismo Mágico: Realidades Soñadas***, Overture Center, Madison, WI
2023 **Artist Talk**, *Bajo el Mismo Cielo*, Overture Center, Madison, WI

EDUCATION

2012–Present **Self-Taught Artist**. Ongoing studio practice in intuitive abstraction using acrylic and oil pastel.

Previous Career Academic Background

2003 MA, Public Administration – CSU, Long Beach
2000 BA, Political Science (Minors: Public Policy, Latin American Studies) – UCLA

AFFILIATIONS

Madison Art Guild (Member, 2023–Present)