ISSIS MACIAS

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GRANTS, AWARDS & PROGRAMS

2025 **First Place** for painting *Magic Hour*, Summer Salon, Madison Art Guild, Madison, WI
2024 **Dane Arts Calendar Award** for painting *Seaside*, Dane County, WI
2024 **Madison Arts Commission Grant** ($1,000), *Building Community Through Art*
2023–25 **Bridge Work: Madison Artist Program**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
2023 **Forward Art Prize Finalist** ($1,000), Women Artists Forward Fund, 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 ***Entre Tonos***, Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA
2026 ***51st Juried Annual***, Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay, WI.
2026 ***10th Anniversary Retrospective***, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
2026 ***Recognizing Us - Reconociendonos***, The Catacombs of Neto Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
2026 ***Artdose Projects Booth 23***, Door County Contemporary, PenArt, Fish Creek, WI
2026 ***Refuge and Resistance***, Imaginary Factory, Madison, WI
2026 ***The BIG Show***, The Art Garage, Green Bay, WI
2025 ***Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibit***, Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI
2025 ***The Artists in Bridge Work***, The Guenzel Gallery, PenArt, Fish Creek, WI
2025 ***ALL Bridge Work: Madison***, Door County Contemporary, PenArt, Fish Creek, WI
2025 ***Wherever Home Is***, James Watrous Gallery, Madison, WI
2025 ***Bridge Work***, Allen Priebe Gallery, UW Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI
2025 ***Between Dreams, Clouds & Latin American Memories***, Ploch Art Gallery, Brookfield, WI
2024 ***Nuestros Sueños***, Sauk Prairie River Arts Center, Prairie du Sac, WI
2024 ***Realismo Mágico: Realidades Soñadas***, Playhouse Gallery, Overture Center, Madison, WI
2023 ***Women's Work***, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
2019 **Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Gallery Night**, Access WI Gallery, Waunakee, WI

SELECTED PRESS

2026 **Wisconsin State Journal** – "Las Curanderas: From Ashes, We Rise. First entirely Latina art exhibit in Wisconsin ponders concept of fire" [link]
2026 **Bold Journey** – "Meet Issis Macias" [link]
2026 **WORT 89.9 FM** – 8 O'CLOCK BUZZ, *Refuge and Resistance Opens At Imaginary Factory,* [link]
2026 **Wisconsin State Journal** – "Las Curanderas exhibition seeks healing flames from Wisconsin's Latina artists" [link]
2026 **In Business Madison** – "Madison's New Market" [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 American Family Children’s Hospital, Madison, WI
UW Health Eastpark Medical Center, Madison, WI
Edie Daly Estate, Gulfport, FL
Private collections in the United States, Mexico, Europe, and Asia

COLLABORATIONS

2026 ***Raíces en Color***, exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Urban Office Co., Madison, WI
2025 ***Artdose Magazine***, *Seeking Something Missing*, Limited Edition screen print produced in collaboration with Julia Scheckel, Anchor Press, Milwaukee, 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– **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 Workshop*, Arts for All Wisconsin, Madison, WI
2019 **Visiting Artist**, Community Unity Arts, Madison, WI

SERVICE

2026– **Visual Arts Team Member**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
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
2022 **Judge,** NAACP Dane County Chapter’s 2022 ACT-SO Competition, 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 & Culture Conf., 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*, ALL, Madison, WI
2024 **Panel: *Art & Motherhood***, LunART Festival, Madison, WI
2024 **Panel: *Realismo Mágico: Realidades Soñadas***, Overture Center, Madison, WI
2023 **Artist Talks** (English & Spanish), *Bajo el Mismo Cielo*, Overture Center, Madison, WI

EDUCATION

2012– **Self-Taught Artist.** Continuous exploration in acrylic and oil pigments on canvas.
- MA, Public Administration – CSU, Long Beach (2003)
- BA, Political Science (Minors: Public Policy, Latin American Studies) – UCLA (2000)