

## EDUCATION

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2012– **Self-Taught Artist.** Continuous exploration in acrylic, oil pastels, and large raw canvas.

### Previous Career Academic Background:

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2023– **Art Instructor at Arts for All Wisconsin**, Madison, WI

- *Good Company Art Studio:* Monthly dementia friendly art classes (May 2025 – present)
- *Arte y Buenas Intenciones:* Spanish-language three-day workshop (May 2023)

2024 **Visiting Artist at Little Picassos**, Madison, WI

- *Abstract Art Workshop:* Approximately 35 children participated (December)

2019 **Visiting Artist at Community Unity Arts**, Madison, WI

- *Mandala-Inspired Art Workshop:* Designed for Goodman Center's teen program (May)

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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2025 **First Place** for painting *Magic Hour*, Summer Salon, Madison Art Guild, Madison, WI  
**Latina Artist of the Year**, Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development (LOUD), Madison, WI

2024 **Madison Arts Commission Grant** (\$1,000) for *Building Community through Art Project*  
**Micaela Salinas Artist Fellowship**, LOUD, \$300 stipend and studio space at Common Wealth Gallery, Madison, WI

**Dane Arts 2024 Calendar Award** for painting *Seaside* (December), Dane County, WI

2023 **Forward Art Prize Finalist** (\$1,000), Women Artists Forward Fund, Madison, WI  
**Bridge Work: Madison Artist Program (2023-25)**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI

2022 **Dane Arts 2022 Calendar Award** for painting *Holding Space* (February), Dane County, WI

## Solo Exhibitions

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2026 **Madre Tierra (Mother Earth)**, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI

2025 **Her Colorful World (Su Mundo de Colores)**, Latino Arts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI

2024 **Ethereal Spaces**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI

## Selected Group Exhibitions

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2025 **Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibit**, presented by WI Rep. Priscilla Prado, Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI

**The Artists in Bridge Work**, The Guenzel Gallery, Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI

**Arts + Literature Laboratory Bridge Work: Madison**, Door County Contemporary, Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI

**Emergence**, Community Organizations Promoting the Arts, Fitchburg, WI

**Bridge Work**, UW Oshkosh, Allen Priebe Gallery, Oshkosh, WI

**Wherever Home Is**, James Watrous Gallery, Madison, WI, (guest curated by Amal Azzam and Nayfa Naji, Banana Banana Studio, Milwaukee, WI)

**Between Dreams, Clouds and Latin American Memories**, Macondo Project, Wilson Center Ploch Art Gallery, Brookfield, WI

2024 **Nuestro Sueños (Our Dreams)**, Sauk Prairie River Arts Center Gallery, WI

**Chaos & Creativity**, 100STATE, Madison, WI

	<i>Illuminating Our Voices</i> , UW Madison Latine Cultural Center, Madison, WI
	<i>Heal, Create, and Share</i> , Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
	<i>Realismo Mágico: Realidades Soñadas (Magical Realism: Dreamed Realities)</i> , Macondo Project, Playhouse Gallery at Overture Center, Madison, WI
	<i>Community of Artists 2024</i> , Madison Art Guild, Ballweg Gallery Goodman Ctr., Madison, WI
2023	<i>Women's Work</i> , Women Artists Forward Fund, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison, WI
	<i>LINEAR</i> , online, Art Connective Gallery, De Pere, WI
	<i>Wisconsin Alliance of Artists &amp; Craftspeople</i> , UW Hospital Galleries, Madison, WI
2022	<i>Día de los Muertos</i> , LOUD, Common Wealth Gallery, Madison, WI
	<i>Landscapes or Seascapes</i> , online, Las Lagunas Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
	<i>46 Artists for America's First Ladies</i> , Ballweg Gallery Central Library, Madison, WI
	<i>Catch the 22</i> , Milwaukee Artist Resource Network, Milwaukee, WI
2021	<i>46 Artists for America's First Ladies</i> , online, Arts + Literature Laboratory and Forward Theater Company, Madison, WI
2019	<i>Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Gallery Night</i> , duo exhibition with Mark Weller, The Gallery at Access Wisconsin, Waunakee, WI

## COLLABORATIONS

2025	<i>Artdose Magazine</i> , <i>Seeking Something Missing</i> selected for the 2025 Artdose limited-edition screen print series, in collaboration with screen print artist Julia Scheckel (Anchor Press, Print, & Paper), Milwaukee, WI.
2024	<i>Raíces en Color (Roots in Color)</i> , collaborative artwork exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Giant Jones Brewing Co., Madison, WI
2023	<i>Bajo el Mismo Cielo (Under the Same Sky)</i> , collaborative artwork exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Rotunda Gallery 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Overture Center, Madison, WI
	<i>Gol Gana</i> , Forward Madison FC game poster, collaborative artwork with Rodrigo Carapia
2022	<i>Madison Museum of Contemporary Art Gallery Night</i> , collaborative artwork with Rodrigo Carapia, Alvarado Real Estate Group, Madison, WI
	<i>Art Pop-Up</i> , collaborative artwork with Eric Escobar, Los Angeles, CA

## PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2024	<i>LunART Festival</i> , commissioned <i>Rebirth</i> painting (24"x18") and 20 small paintings (7"x5")
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## COLLECTIONS

- 2025 City of Madison Pre-Approved Artwork List
- UW Health – Eastpark Medical Center, Madison, WI
- Little Picassos, MYARTS, Madison, WI
- Edie Daly Estate, Gulfport, FL

## ART FAIRS & EVENTS (SELECTED)

2024	<i>Dane Arts Buy Local Holiday Pop-up Market at Aubergine Gallery</i> , Madison, WI
2023	<i>East Side Markers Market &amp; Bar Hop</i> , Milwaukee, WI
	<i>9th Annual Latino Art Fair</i> , Overture Center, Madison, WI
2022	<i>Marquette-Atwood Art Walk</i> , Madison, WI
2021	<i>Eastside Winter Market</i> , Madison, WI
	<i>The Art &amp; Gift Fair: Weekends at Madison Museum of Contemporary Art</i> , Madison, WI
	<i>Madison Museum of Contemporary Art</i> , Art Fair on the Square, Madison, WI
	<i>CultivARTE Latinx Art Festival</i> , Madison, WI
2019	<i>Dane Arts Buy Local Holiday Pop-Up at AC-Hotel</i> , Madison, WI
	<i>Art Walk Middleton</i> , Middleton, WI

## SERVICE

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2025 **Jury Committee Member**, *Overture Center Gallery Seasons 2025–26 and 2026–27*, Madison, WI

## LECTURES

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2025 **A Life Transformed by Art**, Speaker, WI Latino Arts and Culture Conference, Centro Hispano, Madison, WI (May 2)  
**Café con Arte: Artist Talk (Spanish & English)**, *Her Colorful World*, Latino Arts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI (May 9)  
**Panel: Belonging In-Between**, *Wherever Home Is*, James Watrous Gallery, Madison, WI (April 13)

2024 **Bridge Work Artist Talk (Spanish & English)**, *Ethereal Spaces*, Arts + Literature Laboratory (ALL), Madison, WI (November 22)  
**Panel: Art & Motherhood**, LunART Festival, ALL, Madison, WI (May 29)  
**Panel: Realismo Mágico: Realidades Soñadas (Magical Realism: Dreamed Realities)**, Macondo Project, Playhouse Gallery at Overture Center, Madison, WI (March 22)

2023 **Artist Talk, Bajo el Mismo Cielo (Under the Same Sky)**, collaborative artwork exhibition with Rodrigo Carapia, Rotunda Gallery 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Overture Center, Madison, WI (February 18)

## AFFILIATIONS

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2023– **Madison Art Guild**

2022– **Milwaukee Artist Resource Network (MARN)**, CREATIVE member

## PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

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2025 “Art installations reflecting Madison’s diversity begin at Madison Public Market,” **Madison365**, October 7, 2025. <https://madison365.com/art-installations-reflecting-madisons-diversity-begin-at-madison-public-market/>  
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Jynelle Gracia, “A Deep Knowing: Interview with Issis Macias,” **ALL Review**, November 2024. <https://arllitlab.org/all-review/a-deep-knowing-interview-with-issis-macias>  
Christine Holm, “Artist Profile: Issis Macias,” **The Little Book Project WI**, November 30, 2024.

<https://www.littlebookwi.com/blog/1031-artist-profile-issis>

Omar Waheed, "Issis Macias, Jessica Gutiérrez to Host Joint Gallery at Arts + Literature Lab Exploring Themes of Resilience, Transformation, and Cultural Heritage," **Madison365**, November 19, 2024. <https://madison365.com/issis-macias-jessica-gutierrez-to-host-joint-gallery-at-arts-literature-lab-exploring-themes-of-resilience-transformation-and-cultural-heritage/>

Ava Wojnowski, "Intuitive Painter Issis Macias Sets the Tone for LunART Festival 2024: Rebirth," **LunART W.O.W. Blog**, March 10, 2024. <https://www.lunartfestival.org/post/intuitive-painter-issis-macias-sets-the-tone-for-lunart-festival-2024-rebirth>

2023 Rafael Viscarra, "Intuición, Inspiración, Emoción," **La Comunidad News Online**, March 31, 2023. <https://wisconsinlcnews.com/intuicion-inspiracion-emocion/>  
Daniela Jaime, "From Mexico City and L.A. to Madison, Latino Artists Find New Opportunities at the Overture Center," **Wisconsin State Journal**, March 3, 2023.  
[https://madison.com/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/from-mexico-city-and-l-a-to-madison-latino-artists-find-new-opportunities-at-the/article\\_7bd43933-8bb6-5ca9-8005-08b5e8d5088a.html](https://madison.com/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/from-mexico-city-and-l-a-to-madison-latino-artists-find-new-opportunities-at-the/article_7bd43933-8bb6-5ca9-8005-08b5e8d5088a.html)

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