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## Education:

2010: **The University of Texas at San Antonio**, BFA, Major: Painting, Minor Art History

2003: **SAY Sí Alumni**

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## Employment and Descriptions:

2008-PRESENT: SAY Sí Visual Arts Director & Middle School Coordinator

SAY Sí is a national, award-winning, year-round, long-term multi-disciplinary creative youth development program for creatively talented high school and middle school students.

In the high school visual art program, I assist young artists in cultivating their creative talents and skills in out-of-school time hours in an open studio environment. I develop a student-centered curriculum around an exhibition schedule. Additional duties include maintaining studios, facilitating visiting artists, program budgeting, planning field trips, coordinating student community projects, and installing exhibitions.

I also coordinate SAY Sí's middle school visual arts program: Project WAM [Working Artists and Mentors]. Duties include developing program curriculum, coordinating and supervising student mentors, and purchasing supplies.

2011-2020: Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, San Antonio Coordinator

SAY Sí is the Regional Affiliate for the San Antonio Scholastic Art Awards. I worked with students, teachers, schools, and arts organizations in Bexar County to promote, organize, adjudicate, and exhibit the regional Scholastic Art Awards. The organization also submits the top award-winning work to the Alliance for national judging.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the exceptional vision of the nation's creative youth by providing opportunities for students to be recognized for their creative talents. Each year, creative teens submit their work and become a part of a community of young artists, writers, filmmakers, photographers, poets, sculptors - along with countless educators and parents - who support and encourage the creative process.

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## Notable:

2020: Day of the Dead Calavera Artist, Skull on view at San Antonio's Airport  
National Association for Latino Arts and Culture Fund for the Arts Grantee

2019: Published in the third issue of That Gray Zine...about mental health  
2018: National Association for Latino Arts and Culture Leadership Institute  
2016: Lincoln Center Summer Forum, Learning Lab for Advanced Teaching Artists  
2012: Teacher's Institute of Contemporary Art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
2008-09: Art and Art History Departmental scholarship recipient  
2007-09: San Antonio Yes foundation scholarship recipient  
2007: Berlin, Germany as part of a Graduate-level studio art course  
International Education Fund recipient  
2001: Rhode Island School of Art and Design Full Merit Scholarship

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### **Solo Exhibitions:**

2020: Presa House Gallery, *Prey For Us*, Solo Show  
2019: McNay Art Museum, *Artists Looking at Art*  
2016: Rubio Gallery South, *Birds of a Feather*, Solo Show  
2010: Studio 2410, *Taking Flight*, Solo Exhibition

### **Group Exhibitions:**

2020: **Red Dot**, Blue Star Contemporary Museum,  
2003- 2021: **Annual Small Scale Work for a Larger Cause**, SAY Sí  
2019 **VOZ: Selections from The UTSA Art Collection**, Centro de Artes  
2018: **Red Dot**, Blue Star Contemporary Museum  
2017: **Cuatro Four**, SAY Sí  
2016: **Noche Buena**, Galeria 237  
    **Art to the Power of Ten**, McNay  
    **50/50: Salon Style Art Show Fundraiser**, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center  
    **Abstracts, Wings, Old World Masters, and Beads**, High Wire Arts Gallery  
    **Solidarity Art Show**, Movement Gallery  
2015: **VIENTE**, SAY Sí  
    **One and Only**, Lady Base Gallery  
2014: **Art to the Power of Ten**, McNay  
    **Contemporary Latino Art: El Corazón de San Antonio**, Educational and Cultural Arts Center at Texas A&M San Antonio  
2013: **Circling Back**, SAY Sí  
    High Wire Arts Gallery  
2012-2019: **Invisible Treads**, Bi-Annual, SAY Sí  
2003-2020: **Annual Small Scale Work for a Larger Cause**, SAY Sí  
2010: **Women Without Borders**, La Peña Gallery, Austin  
    **Planned Parenthood Trust presents "Family"** Southwest School of Art  
    **Nueva Generación III**, Lone Star Studios  
2009: **FotoSeptiembre USA**, Instituto Cultural de Mexico  
    **Illuminati**, SAVA Gallery  
    **Collegiate Exhibition**, San Antonio Art League  
    **40x40**, Justice Works Gallery  
2008: **Top 25 under 25**, SAY Sí

2007: **Student Show**, The University of Texas at San Antonio

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## Interviews and Reviews:

Josh Feola, “**Glasstire's best of 2020**”

<https://glasstire.com/2020/12/21/glasstires-best-of-2020/>

Paige Turner, “**Here are the top 5 things to do in San Antonio this weekend**” Culture Map San Antonio, Nov 5, 2020.

<https://sanantonio.culturemap.com/news/entertainment/11-05-20-best-top-5-things-to-do-in-san-antonio-this-weekend/#slide=0>

Ángela García, “**Red Dot Artist Interview**” Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum, June 2020.

<https://bluestarcontemporary.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Ashley-Perez-Interview-June-30-2020.pdf>

René Paul Barilleaux, “**McNay Art Museum Artist Looking Art Presentation**”, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjRHeqHOZ6I&t=7s>

David Anthony Garcia, “**Artist's in Education**” SA Monthly, Oct. 2016

[https://issuu.com/samonthlymag/docs/sammo\\_oct2016\\_sm](https://issuu.com/samonthlymag/docs/sammo_oct2016_sm)

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## Conferences:

2019: **Speaker**, Youth Voice: A Catalyst for Developing Assets, Excel Beyond the Bell San Antonio Annual Submit

2018: **Speaker**, Wallace Foundation Panel, SAY Sí

2017: **Speaker**, Home Grown: Student to Alumni to Staff, National Guild for Community Arts Education, San Francisco, CA

2015: **Attendee**, National Guild for Community Arts Education, Philadelphia, PA

2012: **Attendee**, National Guild for Community Arts Education, Austin, TX