

IRVINE CONTEMPORARY

Izel Vargas

Born in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas (Alamo, TX).
Lives and works in Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Education

- 2007 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, MFA
2004 University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX
BFA, South Texas College, McAllen, TX

Selected Exhibitions

- 2008 *Reunion*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC
2007 *Introductions3*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC
New Currents in Contemporary Art, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC
2006 *Oculomotor*, John and June Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Amigoland, John and June Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
14th Annual Crossing Borders Exhibition, Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX
Guadalupe, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
2005 *McAllen's January Artwalk*, Art House, McAllen, TX
El Deseo de Mi Corazon, University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg TX
El Deseo de Mi Corazon, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
Bamboozled Blackout, Blue Onion, McAllen, TX
IMAS Staff Exhibition, International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX
Artist in Residence Exhibition, Rio Grande Valley Museum, Harlingen, TX
Plan B – An RGV Collective, The Loft Gallery, McAllen, TX
Cuatro Gatos, Murray State College, Tishomingo, OK
2004 *Visual Allegories*, BFA exhibition, University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX
34th Annual Student Exhibition, University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX
– 3rd place award – mixed media
McAllen's October Artwalk, Casa Antigua, McAllen, TX
Manichaus I, Manichaus, Edinburg, TX
The Cultural Spectrum, Art Awakenings, McAllen, TX
McAllen's December Artwalk, Art House, McAllen, TX
Guadalupe, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
2003 *The Great American Potluck*, Blue Onion, McAllen, TX
33rd Annual Student Exhibition, University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX
– Texas State Bank Purchase Award – 'Best in Show'
Pan Am Painting, Progreso Art Gallery, Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico
Tlacuachismo, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX
2002 *32nd Annual Student Exhibition*, University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX

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Lectures

- 2007 Instructor, Basic Drawing and Composition, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2006 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Art Making, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Research Assistant, John and June Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2000 Visiting Lecturer, *Tercera Cultura Lecture Series*, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
Visiting Lecturer, *Artist in the Classroom Series*, International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX
Curator, *Plan B – An RGV Collective* – The Loft Gallery, McAllen, TX
Visiting Lecturer, *Talk for Teens*, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC

Honors and Awards

- 2008 Winter residency, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC, Sept. – Nov.