

# Joseph Josué Mora

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(b. Mexico 1993) Living in Chicago.

Visual Artist, Art Handler/Gallery Worker, Educator, Co-Organizer for Undocumented Projects

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## Education

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Bachelors in Fine Arts, 2015 - 2018, Chicago

Harold Washington Chicago Community College, Associates Degree, 2012 - 2015, Chicago

## Awards

- 2022 **Breakout Artists 2022: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers**, Newcity, Chicago
- 2018 **One: Emerging Artists Grant**, Cleve Carney Art Gallery, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL.  
**Student Leadership Award**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 2017 **Idea Grant**, Student Government from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago  
**Caxton Club Grant**, Newberry Library, Chicago

## Residencies

- 2023 **Center Program**, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago
- 2020 **Tanda Fall 2020**, Chuquimarca Projects, Chicago
- 2018 **Core Residency** (September 2018-April 2019), Chicago Art Department, Chicago
- 2017 **Yollocalli's Yollo Lab** (2017 – Present), Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago

## Solo Exhibition

- 2022 **Needed, But Not Wanted (In Masses)**, Mana Contemporary's Mind Maps, Chicago
- 2019 **Clearance**, Chicago Art Department, Chicago
- 2018 **WaiOng For Clearance**, Adler & Floyd Gallery, Chicago
- 2015 **Yearning**, Pilsen Outpost Gallery and Shop, Chicago

## Selected Group Exhibition

- 2023 **Giving Shape: Yollocalli Artistic Practice Through the Years**, Curated by Marina M. Álvarez at the National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago  
**Citizen**, Curated by Sam Kirk at Lubeznik Center of the Arts, Michigan City, IN.
- 2022 **Magic of Community**, Chicago Art Department's Crystal Ball 2022, Chicago  
**Sequence, Iteration, and Permutations (SIP)**, Curated by Jasper Goodrich at Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago  
**Springboard**, Alberto Aguilar's Mayfield Studio, Forest Park IL  
**Newcity Breakout Artists 2022**, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago  
**Bridges Not Borders**, Curated by Chema Skandl at Dark Horse Art Bar, Madison WI
- 2021 **RAISIN**, Curated by Asha Man Veal at 6018North Aligned with The Available City as a partner program of the Chicago Architecture Biennial, Chicago  
**Arte Cultura y Resistencia**, Curated by Brown 'n' Loud at Chicago Art Department, Chicago  
**Same But Different**, School of the Arts Gallery at Indiana University Northwest, Gary IN.
- 2020 **The Long Dream**, work presented by Quarantine Times Magazine, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.  
**Templates for Public Art Volume 3**, Limited Time Engagement, Chicago  
**In Flux: Chicago Artists and Immigration**, collaboration Project with Silvia Inés Gonzalez and Patricia Nguyen, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago  
**Voting Kits for the Disenfranchised!**, collaboration with Aram Han Sifuentes, Chicago, LA, Denver  
**Recalentada**, CAD Think-Tank Program, Chicago Art Department
- 2019 **Chicago Art Book Fair**, with Flatland Press, Chicago Athletic Assoc., Chicago  
**Depart**, Terrain Exhibitions, James Jankowiak's residence, Chicago  
**Lit & Luz Festival, as part of Undocumented Projects, Comfort Station, Chicago**  
**Port of Call**, Chicago Art Department, Chicago
- 2018 **Living – Architecture**, collaboration Project with Silvia Inés Gonzalez and Patricia Nguyen, North 6018, Chicago  
**Base Line: The Next Stop**, Axis Lab, Chicago  
**Core Residents Exhibition**, Chicago Art Department, Chicago  
**One Emerging Artist Exhibit**, Cleve Carney Art Gallery, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL.  
**Peeling the Grey**, National Museum of Mexican Art's Chicago Gallery, Chicago  
**Missingless (SAIC BFA Select Curated Show)**, LeRoy Nieman Lobby at SAIC, Chicago  
**In Motion: Performance and Unsealing Borders**, Northwestern University, Chicago  
**Spring BFA Show**, Sullivan Galleries of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 2017 **Rise from the Rubble, Weather the Winds: Fundraiser/Auction**, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago  
**"NO": Igniting Oppositional Consciousness**, URI-EICHEN Gallery, Chicago  
**Underground Jus0ce**, Fuerza del Sol at St. Paul Basement Hall, Chicago  
**Somos Sur/ Somos Norte/ Somos UNIDX**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 2016 **In - Between**, Gallery X, Chicago  
**Official Unofficial Voting Station**, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago  
**Official Unofficial Voting Station**, James Addams Hull-House Museum, Chicago  
**Everything Was Beautiful (Pilsen Open Studios)**, La Catrina Café, Chicago  
**Immigration**, Julia De Burgos Lang Cultural Center, New York City  
**Unidos**, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL  
**Brown Profile (Spring of Latino Art Now)**, Benton House, Chicago
- 2015 **Sketchmas**, Pilsen Outpost Gallery and Shop, Chicago  
**Hood Surreal (10<sup>th</sup> Annual Villarte)**, Las Artelitas, Chicago
- 2014 **I Left My Wallet En La Cermak**, Pilsen Outpost Gallery and Shop, Chicago

- Noche De Familia, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago  
 Community & Luchadores (9<sup>th</sup> Annual Villarte), Ageless Arts Tattoos, Chicago  
 South Side, Our Side: The Beautiful Struggle, Las Artelitas, Chicago  
 2013 The Cardboard Show, Project Onward, Chicago  
 Life On Paper (Chicago Artist Month), Nite Cap Coffee Bar, Chicago  
 2012 Pilsen Open Studios, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago

## Performances

- 2018 In Progress: A Last, A Loved, A Long, collaboration with Uditah Upadhyaya and Lindsey Barlag Thornton, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago  
 Base Line: The Next Stop, Axis Lab, Chicago  
 Brown People Are the Wrens in the Parking Lot: Body Be-Longing, Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago  
 2017 Thawalls, Navy Pier Chicago, Chicago  
 2016 The Drifting Body: Mythical Selves and Ghosting, Garland Gallery, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago  
 The Drifting Body: Subjectivity and The Law, MANA Contemporary, Chicago  
 The Arts Club of Chicago at 100: Centennial Open House, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago  
 Mexico Film Festival: Censorship and Free Speech, OPEN Center for the Arts, Chicago  
 Conscious Rise: Exploring and Challenging Social Community Issues, Las Artelitas, Chicago  
 2015 Corner Store: A Co-op to Help Feed the People, Carlos and Dominguez Gallery, Chicago  
 Crossing Boundaries, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago

## Public Art

- 2019 Lit & Luz Festival, as part of Undocumented Projects, Comfort Station, Chicago  
 Depart, Terrain Exhibitions, James Jankowiak's residence, Chicago  
 Anonymous Recording Booth, as a part of the Undocumented Projects and The Nomadic Cube Project, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Pauline Street  
 2017 Ready? Set? Go! Postcard Typewriting Intervention, as a part of the Undocumented Projects, Chicago  
  - La Catrina Café
  - School of the Art Institute of Chicago
  - National Museum of Mexican Art
 Far Beyond, Corkery Elementary School, Chicago  
 Mother Nature, McCormick Elementary School, Chicago  
 Together We Fly Higher, Cardenas Elementary School, Chicago  
 2015 Away, Bucio Residence, Chicago  
 Vámonos, Pilsen Outpost Gallery and Shop, Chicago  
 Coffee at Nite, Nite Cap Coffee Bar, Chicago  
 2014 Chicago, Harold Washington Chicago Community College, Chicago  
 Remembering Mayahuel (Collab), Morenos Liquor Store, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago  
 Bonita Finca de Adobe (Collab), Tony's Fashion, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago  
 Bidi Bidi Bom Bom (Collab), Supermercado Cuauhtemoc, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago

## Published Material

- 2019 Clearance: A Drawn Zine Catalog, Chicago  
 2018 Survival Kit (Artist Book) as part of the Undocumented Projects, Chicago

- 2017 **Undocu-Ally (zine)**, as part of the Undocumented Projects, Chicago
- Scored On The Go (zine)**, Chicago
- Napkin Maps (zine)**, Chicago
- DUAL (zine)**, Chicago

## Lectures

- 2018 **Galeria Night**, St. Laurence High School, Burbank, IL.
- 2017 **Research Studio Class**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 2016 **Borders and Barriers**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- Art Class Visiting Alumni Arts**, St. Laurence High School, Chicago

## Teaching

- 2021 **Zine Design on Procreate**, Apple Chicago, Chicago
- Zine Making**, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago
- 2019 **Residency Facilitator**, Responding to Immigration and Displacement, Chicago Art department, Chicago
- Teaching Artist in Residence**, Yollo Lab, Bookmaking Class, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago
- 2018-21 **Teaching Artist**, Visual Art, St. Laurence High School, Burbank, IL.
- 2018 **Co-Teaching Artist**, Advance Painting and Drawing, After School Mahers' Lutz Family Center, Chicago
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Spray Runners, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- Co-Teaching Artist**, Mural Internship, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago
- Teaching Assistant**, Drawing Studio, Early College Program, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 2016 **Co-Teaching Artist**, Walls of Hope, Elevarte, Chicago
- Teaching Assistant**, Experimental Drawing, Early College Program, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- Teaching Assistant**, Art and Street Culture, Early College Program, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
- 2015 **Co-Teaching Artist**, Walls of Hope, Elevarte, Chicago
- 2014 **Lead Teaching Artist**, Drawing and Painting, ENLACE Chicago, Chicago
- 2013 **Co-Teaching Artist**, Street Art and Graffiti, Socorro Sandoval Elementary School, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago
- 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, Mural Painting, Socorro Sandoval Elementary School, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago
- 2011 **Teaching Assistant**, Comic Book, Socorro Sandoval Elementary School, Yollocalli Arts Reach, Chicago

## Curatorial

- 2017 **YOLLOCALLI'S 20<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**, (Curator Assistant/Installer), Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago
- HOME**, (Co-Curator), SITE Galleries, Chicago

- Art Pavilion 2017** (Co-Chair), Fiesta del Sol, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council, Chicago
- 2016 **Art Pavilion 2016** (Co-Chair), Fiesta del Sol, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council, Chicago
- 2014 **St. Paul Art Expo** (Co-Curator), St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Chicago

## Related Occupations

2022 - Present	<b>SAIC Department of Exhibitions and Exhibition Studies</b> , Assistant Director of Exhibitions and Staff Advisor for SITE Galleries and INCUBATOR, Chicago
2021	<b>SAIC Department of Exhibitions and Exhibition Studies</b> , Gallery Technician, Chicago
2017	<b>National Museum of Mexican Art</b> , Art handler, 1852 W 19th St, Chicago
2016	<b>SITE Galleries</b> , Director of InstallaGon, 37 S. Wabash Ave, Chicago <b>SITE Galleries</b> , InstallaGon Assistant and Gallery Ahendant, 37 S. Wabash Ave, Chicago

## Collections

**Carlos and Dominguez Fine Arts Gallery**, Public collection, Chicago  
**Eduardo Juarez**, Private collection, San Antonio, TX  
**Elaine Miller**, Private collection, Chicago, IL  
**Frank Lopez**, Private collection, New Jersey, NJ  
**Hinda Seif**, Private Collection, Urbana Champaign  
**Hope Wang**, Private collection, Chicago, IL  
**Illinois State Museum**, Private Collection, Springfield IL  
**Isabel Servantes**, Private collection, San Antonio, TX  
**James Jankowiak**, Private collecGon, Chicago, IL  
**Joan Flasch Artists' Book Collection**, Public collection, Chicago  
**National Museum of Mexican Art**, Special collection, Chicago, IL  
**Nicholas Zeppeda**, Private collection, Chicago, IL

## Bibliography

- 2022 Parker Yamasaki, Breakout Artist 2022: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers, **Newcity Magazine**, Apr. 4th
- 2020 Joseph Josue Mora: Undocumented Projects, **Contra Tiempo Radio**, Nov. 3rd
- Reassuring Disposition, **The Quarantine Times**, Mar. 31st
- 2019 Broken Pencil, **F\*ck 45: 10 Zines That Talk Back to Trump**, Issue #82, Feb. 5th
- 2017 ABC 7 Chicago, **ñ Beat**, ABC 7 Special, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Telemundo Chicago, **Arte en Fiesta del Sol**, Telemundo, Jul. 27<sup>th</sup>
- 2016 Gabriel Perez, **EP. 70 Joemama & Sarita**, Intellectual Nonsense Podcast, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Ilene Palacios, **The Arts of the Brown Profile Exhibit**, Gozamos (Podcast), Apr. 9th
- Rocio Anestesia, **The Artist of the Brown Profile Exhibit**, WBEW (93.1 FM), Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 Rocio Anestesia, **JoeMama Discusses His Solo Show, Yearning**, WBEW (93.1 FM), Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Irene Tostado, **Festival de Arte Quetzal Inaugura Exhibición**, La Raza, July 10<sup>th</sup>
- 2014 Rachel Hoffman, **Local Painter JoeMama Brings Whimsy Art To Life On The SW Side**, The GateNews, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Rocio Anestesia, **Joseph "Joemama" Mora an Aspiring Young Artist**, WBEW (93.1 FM), Jul. 20<sup>th</sup>