

**JUSTIN FAVELA**

Lives and works in Las Vegas, NV.

**EDUCATION**

2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

**SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

- 2019 *Re/Presenting México: José María Velasco and the Politics of Paper*, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO  
*Saludos Amigos*, Carson City Courthouse Gallery, Carson City, NV (forthcoming)  
*Puente*, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, TX (forthcoming)  
*Regeneration*, Santa Cruz Museum of American Art, Santa Cruz, CA (forthcoming)  
*Sorry For the Mess*, Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, Las Vegas, NV (forthcoming)  
*Justin Favela: ALL YOU CAN EAT*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX (forthcoming)
- 2018 *Ofrenda*, Breckenridge Creative Arts, Breckenridge, CO  
*Recuérdame*, Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art and Storytelling, New York, NY  
*Re/Presenting México: José María Velasco and the Politics of Paper*, The Philip and Muriel Berman Museum Art at Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA  
*Pólvora*, SPACE, Portland, ME  
*Santuario/Sanctuary*, Sierra Arts Gallery, Reno, NV
- 2017 *Aves Raras*, Jewett Art Gallery Wellesley, MA  
*Thank you Thank You, Gracias, Gracias*, Palos Verdes Art Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 2016 *Patrimoanio*, City Hall Grand Gallery, Las Vegas, NV  
*Big Load, with Mikayla Whitmore*, Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI  
*Mi Casa es Mi Casa*, OXS Gallery, Carson City, NV
- 2015 *Chop Shop*, Alios Inc., Las Vegas, NV  
*Car Show, with Sean Slattery*, Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 2014 *Mark Twain's Suicide Table Blood Bucket Ghost Bonanza Amen*, St. Mary's Art Center, Virginia City, NV
- 2013 *The Mini Market: Grand Opening*, El Porvenir, North Las Vegas, NV
- 2012 *Justin Favela: "Newer Paintings,"* Gamma Gamma Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 *CountyCenter*, Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, NV

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2020 *Kissing Through the Curtains*, MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA (forthcoming)
- 2019 *LATINX*, La Bodega Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018 *Something Pretty*, Morlan Gallery, Lexington, KY  
*Americanx*, Donna Beam Gallery, Las Vegas, NV  
*Orgullx*, Grey Space, Dallas, TX  
*Re-Presentando: Their Nation is Not My Nation*, DECENTERED Gallery, Puebla, MX  
*Unsettled: Art on the New Frontier*, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA (traveling)  
*Pachucos y Sirenas*, Museo de las Americas, Denver, CO  
*Plural*, Marjories Barrick Museum of Art, Las Vegas, NV
- 2017 *Shonky: The Aesthetics of Awkwardness*, traveling exhibition, United Kingdom  
*The Alchemical Trace*, Sanitary Tortilla Factory, Albuquerque, NM

- The High Art of Riding Low: Ranflas, Corazón e Inspiración*, Petersen Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- Mi Tierra: Contemporary Artists Explore Place*, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO
- Smoldering: a Project by Museum Blue*, Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2016 *Tilting the Basin: Contemporary Art of Nevada*, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
- Con Cariño*, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM
- NorthEast*, Left of Center Gallery, North Las Vegas, NV
- Taste*, Contemporary Arts Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 2015 *Recent Acquisitions*, Marjorie Barrick Museum, Las Vegas, NV
- Basin and Range*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- Transient Landscapes*, Nevada Humanities, Las Vegas, NV
- Roll*, BLVDS Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2014 *State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR
- MAS Attack 6*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
- comedians and magicians*, Trifecta Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- Of Love and Longing*, Maxine's Tap Room, Fayetteville, AR
- 2013 *Greetings from Las Vegas*, Gateway Motel, Las Vegas, NV
- Indelicate*, (curated by JW Caldwell) Contemporary Arts Center, Las Vegas, NV
- Space//Time//Engagement*, Fifth Wall, Las Vegas, NV
- Celebration*, City Hall Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2012 *Off the Strip*, Contemporary Arts Center, Las Vegas, NV
- TOTE*, (collaboration with Thomas Willis) Southwest Michigan College, Niles, MI
- Anniversary Show!*, Kleven Contemporary, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 *MEATumental*, Trifecta Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- Radiant City*, CCAI Courthouse Gallery, Carson City, NV
- 2010 *Kith*, SNC/FA Tahoe Gallery, Incline Village, NV
- Bachelor of Fine Arts 2010 Exhibition*, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV
- tomorrowpeople*, Contemporary Arts Center, Las Vegas, NV
- National Invitational Postcard Exhibit*, traveling exhibition, USA
- 2009 *minUMENTAL*, Trifecta Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- Inscribed/Messages*, Clark County Rotunda Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- Skin and Other Stories*, Vagus Nerve Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- Camping*, (organized by Stephen Hendee) Grant Hall Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- The Drawing Room*, (curated by Fay Ku), Fallout Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 20th Annual Juried Show*, Contemporary Arts Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 2008 *Never Damage*, Vagus Nerve Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- The Organ of Emotion*, The Arts Factory, Las Vegas, NV
- 19th Annual Juried Art Exhibition*, Contemporary Arts Collective, Las Vegas, NV
- Water Smart Art Exhibition*, Springs Preserve, Las Vegas, NV
- 2007 *One Night Stand*, Palms Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

## RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

- 2019 Nevada Humanities Rising Star Award, Reno, NV
- 2018 BreckCreate, Artist in Residence, Breckenridge, CO
- Pickwick Independent Press, Artist in Residence, Portland, ME
- SPACE, Artist in Residence, Portland, ME
- Alan Turing LGBTIQ Award, Artista Internacional, Tenerife, ES
- 2017 Unlisted Projects, Museum of Human Achievement, Austin, TX
- National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM

- 2016 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL  
Juhl, Artist in Residence, Las Vegas, NV  
Resident Artist, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM  
Brush Lake Residency Program, Eu Claire, MI  
TEAMVVORK artist in residence, Las Vegas, NV  
Nevada Arts Council Artist Fellowship Grant Recipient
- 2015 Arquetopia, Puebla, Mexico  
Chop Shop, Alios, Las Vegas, NV
- 2014 P3 studio, Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, NV  
St. Mary's Art Center, Virginia, City, NV
- 2011 Citizen of the Month, October, City of Las Vegas, NV

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2018 *Art People Podcast*, host and producer, Las Vegas, NV  
*Latinos Who Lunch*, podcast co-host (since 2017), Las Vegas, NV
- 2017 *Family Fiesta: Denver Art Museum*, Denver, CO  
*Family Fiesta: Neon Museum*, Las Vegas, NV
- 2016-2017 *Latinos Who Lunch*, a podcast with FavyFav and Babelito  
*Family Fiesta: Nevada Museum of Art*, Reno, NV
- 2015 *Family Fiesta: Double Negative*, Moapa Valley, NV
- 2014 *Family Fiesta: Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art*, Bentonville, AR  
*PURO JALE*, Las Vegas Backyard Wall, Las Vegas, NV  
*TIME CAPSULE 2014*, contributor to project by Ash Ferlito. Marjorie Barrick Museum, Las Vegas, NV
- 2013 *Loft*, Alios Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

### WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

- 2019 The Art People Podcast Live!, The Believer Festival, Las Vegas, NV  
Waffle Talks, Fusebox Festival, Austin, TX  
Latinos Who Lunch Live!, NYU, New York, NY  
Artist Lecture, NYU, New York, NY  
Queer Arts in L.A. and Beyond, Lecture, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 Latinos Who Lunch Live at the Berman Museum, Collegeville, PA  
Artist Lecture, SPACE, Portland, ME  
Latinos Who Lunch Live!, RuPaul's DragCon, Los Angeles, CA  
Creating Latinx Spaces, University of Las Vegas, NV  
Latinx Representation, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
Views on Velasco, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV
- 2017 The Politics of Podcasts and Representation, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA  
The Art of Resistance, Moderator, RuPaul's DragCon, Los Angeles, CA  
Podcasting 101, Boys and Girls Club, Las Vegas, NV  
Visibility is Essential, Lincoln High School, Denver, CO  
Artist as Cultural Producer, Panelist, Barrick Museum of Art, Las Vegas, NV
- 2016 PCCLAS Conference, Keynote Speaker, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV  
Hispanic Identities, Southern Utah University, Cedar City UT  
Barrick Talks, Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, Las Vegas, NV  
Alt. Lecture KC, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO
- 2015 Flora and Fauna sculpture workshop, The Writer's Block, Las Vegas, NV

- 2014 Paper Workshop, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR  
We Might Should Could, Capital City Arts Initiative, Carson City, NV
- 2013 Sculpture Workshop with GULCH, ActionRed, Las Vegas, NV  
First Friday, WorkInProgress, Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 Kith, Sierra Nevada College, Incline Village, NV

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