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Resume

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Luis Fitch: The Art of a Mexican Artist, John B. Davis Center Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 Artivism: The public art practice of Luis Fitch, Normandale Gallery of Fine Art, Bloomington, MN
- 2025 Cultura Amplified! From Art to Product, CLUES Latino Art Gallery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2025 Black & White, 28 ink drawings, UR/IN Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 An Anthological Exhibition of Mexican Artist Luis Fitch, Inez Greenberg Gallery, Bloomington, MN
- 2023 Deconstructing the Minnesota Flag, North Hennepin Community Gallery, Brooklyn Park, MN
- 2023 Nuevo México, South Broadway Cultural Center Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2022 Dead Serious, Viewpoint Art Gallery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2019 Love/Hate, 20 new large-format canvases, UR/IN Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Drawing Blood, Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, Virginia
- 2016 Mex Art in the UK, Mex Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 Cross-cultural Posters Exhibition, The Consulate General of México and The Cultural Institute of New York, New York, NY
- 1999 Colores Santos, Flatland Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1997 Colores Vivos, Riverview Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1996 A Mexican in Columbus, Doo Wack Gallery, Columbus, OH

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 The Forbidden Steps, 25 Year Anniversary Grupo Soap Del Corazón, NE Sculpture / Gallery Factory, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Trienal de Tijuana, Centro Cultural Tijuana, CECUT, México
- 2024 Ahora, Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, IN
- 2024 Hilo de Sangre, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Saint Paul, MN
- 2023 NEW ART: 10 BIPOC Artists in Minnesota, Normandale Gallery of Fine Arts, Bloomington, MN
- 2022 La Línea, 22 Years of Grupo Soap del Corazón, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
- 2020 Conectado por la Naturaleza, Reedy Gallery, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaske, MN (Wendy DePaolis)
- 2019 McKnight 2014–2018 group exhibition/forum, MCAD gallery, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Kerry Morgan)
- 2019 Caravan, Williams Teaching Gallery and Concordia Gallery, Saint Paul, MN (curated by William G. Franklin)
- 2018 Latino Art Now! Art Auction & Exhibition, MACLA, San José, CA
- 2018 Day of the Dead After Dark, National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL (curated by Cesáreo Moreno)
- 2018 Day of the Dead at Zeitgeist Cultural Center, Duluth, MN
- 2018 Foodways, Exploring the intersection of food with cultural identity, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Kerry Morgan)
- 2017 Festival de las Calaveras, Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Ana Laura Juarez)
- 2017 La Lotería un Homenaje Ilustrado, Travel art show various states of México (curated by Federico López Escalante)
- 2016 Día de Muertos, 12 large format silkscreens, Bedam Theatre Art Gallery, Duluth, Minnesota
- 2011 El Milagro, Grupo Soap del Corazón, Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Xavier Tavera)
- 2007 Nuestra Frida, Art Jones Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Doug Padilla)

PUBLIC ART AND COMMISSIONS

- 2025 Twelve Utility Art Boxes, Lake Street Council, East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Imagine 2050, Metro Council, Illustration and Design for Metro Council's Imagine 2050 initiative, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Wings of Resilience, 15-foot metal sculpture, Mercado Central, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Six Utility Art Boxes, City of Minneapolis, East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 Target Stores product design collection commemorating the Day of the Dead, Nationwide stores
- 2021 USPS stamp designs, four stamp designs commemorating the Day of the Dead, Washington, DC
- 2021 Racism Kills, Social Justice Billboard Project, George Floyd Square, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 City of Bloomington utility art boxes designs, Bloomington, MN
- 2020 City of Minneapolis utility art boxes designs, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Minnesota Lottery campaign "Celebrate Day of the Dead", MN Lottery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2017 AIGA National conference at the Walker Art Center – Projection mapping art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 Minnehaha bike racks designs, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 By the Order of Me – Ongoing public art display in Latino Neighborhoods, Minneapolis, MN

AWARDS, HONORS AND CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

- Distinguished Mexicans Award, Government of Mexico. The highest national honors for Mexican nationals living abroad (2024)
- National Association of Secretaries of State Award for service to Minnesota as Chair of the State Emblems (2024)
- Appointed Chair, Minnesota State Flag and Seal Redesign Commission (2023)
- Outstanding Service Award, ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA (2024)
- City Pages Artist of the Year, Minneapolis, MN (2018)
- Paseo de la Fama, Tijuana, Mexico. The highest honors for a native of Tijuana, Mexico (2010)
- AARP Minnesota and Pollen 50 Over 50 Artists of the Year (2019)
- Institute of Mexicans Abroad, 2nd National Conference for Artists of Mexican Origin, Mexico City (2021)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Lake Street Lift Grant, Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 Forecast Mid-Career Project Grant Program, Saint Paul, MN
- 2025 MN State Arts Board Arts Education Grant Program, Saint Paul, MN
- 2024 MN State Arts Board Cultural Expression Grant Program, Saint Paul, MN
- 2020 AIGA Fellow Award, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship recipient, Minneapolis, MN
- 2004 Highpoint Center for Printmaking Grant, Minneapolis, MN
- 1995 Ohio Art Council Design Fellowship, Columbus, OH
- 1993 Ohio Art Council Design Fellowship, Columbus, OH

COLLECTIONS

Art Center College of Design
Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT)
Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum
Hoffritz Milken Center for Typography
Minneapolis Institute of Art
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Museum of American Art
Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana (MACLA)
National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC)
Plains Art Museum
Tamarind Institute
Weisman Art Museum

JURIES

2024 Jerome Early Career Printmaker's Residency Judge, Minneapolis, MN
2021 Augsburg Student Art Show judge, Minneapolis, MN
2019 61st Design Exhibition Art Directors Association of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa
2018 MCAD MFA Van Derlip Awards judge, Minneapolis, MN
2018 ADC 97th Annual Awards judge, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
2018 Made at MCAD, all-student exhibition judge, Minneapolis, MN
2017 MCAD graduate work judge, Minneapolis, MN
2015 Uptown Art Fair, Onsite judge, Minneapolis, MN
2005 Newspaper Association of America, Athena Awards Multicultural judge, San José, CA
2004 Mercado Central Day of the Dead altar judge, Minneapolis, MN

SELECTED PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

2024 The Art of Luis Fitch – A 434-page publication featuring interviews by Karen Mary Davalos, William Gustavo Franklin and others
2025 Canal Once, Sin Muros, Exploring Mexico-U.S. Relations, Mexico City
2024 Jenna Ross, "You've seen Luis Fitch's art on stamps, at Target and on the street. Now, see it in a gallery" StarTribune
2023 Latin Art in Minnesota: Conversations and What's Next, William G. Franklin, Afton Press, Mpls, MN
2023 Meron Moges-Gerbi "New Minnesota Flag" CNN, United States
2023 Steve Calechman, "If MN can redesign a problematic state seal in 3 months, why can't Massachusetts?" Boston Globe
2023 WCCO News, Exhibit on Minnesota Flag Symbolism, MN
2023 MPR News, Panel on Redesigning Minnesota's State Flag, MN
2022 Afton Press book, Latino artist in Minnesota, book to be publish in 2022, Minneapolis, MN
2021 NBC Universal, USPS & Target Day of the Dead Collection, Nationwide
2021 Canal 22, National Cultural TV, *Luis Fitch en México*
2021 NBC Universal national news, Día de los Muertos for USPS and Target Stores, Nationwide, USA
2021 Telemundo national news, Día de los Muertos for USPS and Target Stores, Nationwide, USA
2021 MPR News radio, Minneapolis artist's Día de los Muertos designs break new ground as Postal Service stamps, MN
2021 Jenna Ross "USPS celebrates Día de los Muertos with stamps by Mpls artist" StarTribune front cover newspaper, MN

- 2020 Canal 22 México, Diáspora Cultural, National Cultural TV in México
- 2018 Radio KPCW public radio station, Latinx artist interview, Park City, Utah
- 2017 Cheryl V. Jackson "Mexican celebration Day of the Dead goes mainstream in America" USA Today newspaper, NY, NY
- 2016 "Neo-Mexicanism work is both heartfelt and haunting", City Pages, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Guillermo Osorno for The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs 100 Mexicans Abroad
- 2013 The Minnesota History Society, Lideres Latinos Oral History Project, St. Paul, MN
- 2012 Hecho in Minnesota Posters Designed by UNO Branding, Hardcover, (Author, Editor, Illustrator)
- 2010 TPT MN Channel, Latino Art: A Community Vision, Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 Raul Dominguez, "Paseo de la Fama", El Mexicano, Tijuana Newspaper
- 2010 Lorena Duarte, "Minnesota Immigrants", MN Historical Society, Saint Paul, MN
- 2009 ¡Amigas Forever! Hardcover, (Illustrator)
- 2007 Leigh Roethke, The History of Latinos in Minnesota, publish by Minnesota Historical Society Press

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS *Workshops

- 2025 Minneapolis Public Schools, In-Culture Art Workshop for the School District, Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 MCAD, Color for All, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Street Art Workshop for 55+, Minneapolis, MN*
- 2024 Bloomington Public Schools, In-Culture Art Workshop for the School District, Bloomington, MN
- 2023 Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Art Poster Making, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 South Broadway Cultural Center, Urban Art for All, Albuquerque, NM
- 2022 Kentucky University, Interconnected Lecture Series, KY
- 2021 Walker Art Center Day of the Dead workshop for families – Minneapolis, MN*
- 2021 UW Stout School of Art and Design, My Art and Designs, Menomonie, Wisconsin
- 2021 Augsburg University, My history, my art, my design, Minneapolis, MN*
- 2020 Ramsey County Library, My work in times of Covid-19, Saint Paul, MN

EDUCATION

- 1990 BFA with Honors and Distinctions, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
- 1985 Certificate in Communication Arts with Honors, San Diego City College, San Diego, CA
- 1982 Diploma in Technical Drawing, Escuela Secundaria Técnica Numero 1, Tijuana, Baja California, México