

# CV RAFAEL BLANCO Art Professor/Professional Artist

## EDUCATION

- 2013 **MFA**, Drawing & Painting, University of Nevada, Reno NV  
2004 **BA** cum laude, Studio Art, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga CA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-Present **Art Program Coordinator/Professor**, Feather River College, Quincy CA  
2013-14 Adjunct Art Professor, University of Nevada, Reno NV  
2012-14 Adjunct Art Professor, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno NV  
2012-14 Project Leader HandsON! Program, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno NV  
2011-2013 Instructor of Record, University of Nevada, Reno NV

## PUBLIC ART

- 2018 ***Western Pacific Mural***  
Commission, 17'x 100', Old Town Portola, Portola CA
- La Michoacana Mural***  
Commission, 16' x 66', Downtown, Lincoln CA
- Welcome to Plumas County Mural***  
Commission, 16'X 8', Plumas County Fairgrounds, Quincy CA
- 2017 ***Plumas Arts Mural***  
Commission, 35'x 50', Town Hall Theater, Quincy CA
- Irma***  
Reno Mural Expo, 22'x 22', The Depot Brewery, Reno NV
- No Parking***  
Lincoln Mural Competition (1<sup>st</sup> Place), 9'x 20', 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln CA
- Snapshot***  
24 Hours Mural Marathon (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), 15'x 20' Circus Circus Casino, Reno NV
- Railroading Away***  
Commission, 17'x 50', Live Oak CA
- 2016 ***Dancing Street***  
24 Hours Mural Marathon (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), 15'x 20' Circus Circus Casino, Reno NV
- Art Door***  
Commission, 11'x 11', Feather River College, Quincy CA

- 2016      **Flying**  
Commission, 8'x 8', Quincy Elementary School, Quincy CA
- 2014      **The Jump!**  
24 Hours Mural Marathon (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), 15' x 20' Circus Circus Casino, Reno NV
- We Are Reno**  
Commission, 8'x 4', 8'x 2', 8'x 4', 8'x 2', Center Street, Reno NV

## EXHIBITION RECORD

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2018      Plumas Art Gallery, Quincy CA
- 2015      Charleston Heights Art Center, Las Vegas, NV  
Plumas County Museum, Quincy CA
- 2014      Western Nevada College, Carson NV  
Plumas Art Gallery, Quincy CA  
Sierra Arts Gallery, Reno NV
- 2013      Stremmel Gallery, Reno NV
- 2012      Capital City Arts Initiative, Carson NV  
Bank of America Building, Reno NV  
McNamara Gallery, Reno NV  
Main Art Gallery, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno NV
- 2011      Metro Gallery, Reno City Hall, Reno NV
- 2010      La Pena Cultural Center, Berkeley CA

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2015      National All Media Juried Exhibition, Chico Art Center, Chico CA
- 2014      Painting in the World, Northern Arizona Univ. Art Museum, Flagstaff AZ  
Haggin National Exhibition, The Haggin Museum, Stockton CA  
Emergence 2014 International Artists to Watch, Myrtis Gallery, Baltimore MD  
Shades of Gray, Abstract to Representation, Contemporary Art Center, Las Vegas NV
- 2014      For Whom It Stands TOO, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore MD
- 2013      Grants to Artists Exhibition, Sierra Arts Gallery, Reno NV
- 2012      Truckee Meadows Community College Faculty Exhibition, Reno NV  
Cross Section, MFA Group Exhibition, McNamara Gallery Reno NV  
I Visual Art Blast, McKinley Cultural Center, Reno NV
- 2011      Lately, MFA Group Exhibition, McNamara Gallery Reno NV

## AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017      *Certificate of Commendation*, United States Senator Catherine Cortez Maestro  
*Lincoln Mural Competition*, Winner, Lincoln CA  
2017 24h Mural Marathon Circus Circus Resort, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Reno NV
- 2016      2016 24h Mural Marathon Circus Circus Resort, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Reno NV

- 2015 *National All Media Juried Exhibition, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Chico Art Center, Chico CA*
- 2014 *Painting in the World, Winner, NAU Art Museum, Flagstaff AZ*  
*Sharon Elizondo Special Award, Haggin Museum, Stockton CA*  
*2014 24h Mural Marathon Circus Circus Resort, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Reno NV*  
*Professional Development Grant, Nevada Arts Council, Reno NV*
- 2013 *Professional Artist Grant, Sierra Arts Gallery, Reno NV*  
*Outstanding International Graduate Student, University of Nevada, Reno NV*
- 2012 *I Visual Art Blast, Winner, McKinley Cultural Center, Reno NV*  
*International Student Award, University of Nevada NV*  
*Outstanding International Graduate Student, University of Nevada, Reno NV*
- 2011 *Outstanding Artist Award, University of Nevada, Reno NV*

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Steve Archer, *Mural Starts on Panaderia*, Lincoln News Messenger, Jun 7, 2018
- Roxanne Vallado, *Plumas Arts Celebrates*, Feather River Bulletin, May 21, 2018
- Lauren Westmoreland, *Muralists Picks up Steam*, Portola Reporter, April 15, 2018
- Lauren Westmoreland, *Muralist Begins Work*, Portola Reporter, Feb 28, 2018
- Nancy Wartik, *Go Ahead, Brag a Little*, New York Times, Feb 23, 2018
- Roxanne Vallado, *Plumas Arts Mural*, Feather River Bulletin, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Mari Erin Roth, *Local Artist Takes Second Place*, Plumas Count News, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- Chris Kaufman, *Train Mura Takes Shape in Live Oak*, Appeal Democrat, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Joseph Munoz, *The Common Good*, KQNY, Oct. 2016
- Mari Erin Roth, *Here Today Here Tomorrow*, KQNY, May 26, 2015
- James Wilson, *Art Teacher to Showcase Artworks Questioning the Use of the Flag*, Feather River Bulletin, Nov 5, 2014
- Prof. George Speer, *The Global Narrative on Canvas*, NAU Global, Fall 2014
- Joey Postiglione, *NAU's Newest Art Exhibit*, Jack Central, Sep. 19, 2014
- Rebecca Kitchen, *24 Hour Mural Marathon*, KoloTV, July 14, 2014
- Landon Miller, *Downtown Murals*, KTVN, July 14, 2014
- Jeremy Dunn, *The Work of Art: Artown*, KNPB, May 16, 2014
- Anne Hansen, *Works Portray a Cultural Journey*, Nevada Appeal, Feb.16, 2014
- Tyler Hersko, *The Need to Create*, Nevada Sagebrush, Jan.28, 2014
- Deborah Bohem, *The Universality of Daily Experience*, Capital City Arts, Aug.2012
- Brad Bynum, *Living in America*, Reno News&Reviews, Feb.23, 2012
- Geralda Miller, *Painting Over the Lines*, Reno Gazette Journal, Feb.12, 2012
- Montse Gonzalez, *Viviendo en 'el Norte'*, El Sol de Nevada, Feb.8, 2012

## INSTRUCTED LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- 2017 *Visual Literacy, Mini Corps Lecture, Feather River College, Quincy CA*  
*Visual Literacy, Visiting Artist Lecture, Quincy High School, Quincy CA*  
*Visual Literacy, Visiting Artist Lecture, Portola High School, Portola CA*
- 2015 *Visual Literacy, Professional Development, Feather River College, Quincy CA*
- 2014 *Rite of Passage, Visiting Artist Lecture, Western Nevada College, Carson NV*
- 2013 *Framing Identity, MFA Thesis Lecture, University of Nevada, Reno NV*

- 2013      *Learning How to 'See'*, Lecturer, Professional Development, Truckee Meadows  
Community College, Reno NV  
*Learning How to 'See'*, Lecturer, TMCC Classified Symposium, Truckee Meadows  
Community College, Reno NV
- 2012      *Learning How to 'See'*, Lecturer, Nevada Community College Conference, College of  
Southern Nevada, Las Vegas NV  
*Painting Timelessness*, Lecturer, CLAGS Graduate Symposium, University of Nevada,  
Reno NV  
*Painting Identity*, Lecturer, Mixed Blessing Symposium, Truckee Meadows Community  
College, Reno NV

## PERMANENT & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Northern Arizona University Art Museum, Permanent Collection, Flagstaff AZ  
Pyramid Lake Museum, Permanent Collection, Nixon NV  
Truckee Meadows Community College, Permanent Collection, Reno NV  
University of Nevada, Reno, Permanent Collection, Reno NV  
Western Nevada College, Permanent Collection, Carson NV  
City of Reno, Permanent Art Collection, Reno NV  
Nunez Family, Private Collection, Madrid, Spain  
Crowley Family, Private Collection, Reno NV  
La Pena Cultural Center, Permanent Collection, Berkeley CA  
Duggan Family, Private Collection, Oakland CA  
Alipaz Family, Private Collection, Lafayette CA  
Christner Family, Private Collection, Stuttgart, Germany  
Gouldby Family, Oxford, England

## UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT

Art Appreciation  
Visual Foundations  
2-Dimensional Art  
Drawing I & II  
Life Drawing I & II  
Painting I, II, Intermediate & Advance  
Color Theory  
Art History