

# RUIZ-HEALY ART

Latinx, Latin America, & Texas Contemporary Art

## Leigh Anne Lester

### EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting, The University of Texas at San Antonio, TX

### RESIDENCIES

- 2015 The Berlin Residency Program, Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum in partnership with Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 1998 Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, WY

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Leigh Anne Lester: *Vain Fictions of Our Own Devising*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2019 *No Necessary Time Axis on Evolutionary Novelties*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX (catalogue)
- 2017 *Leigh Anne Lester: A Variety of Forms Recovering from Transubstantiated Clarity*, AT&T Lobby, McNay Art Museum San Antonio; TX; curator René Paul Barilleaux  
*Flexible Foundation*, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *A Variety of Forms Recovering from Transubstantiated Clarity*, McNay Museum, San Antonio, TX  
*Natural Order*, Muriel Guepin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *UnNatural Selection*, The Gallery at Vaudeville, Fredericksburg, TX; curator: Mary Parker  
*Infinite Horizons*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX (catalogue)
- 2014 *Venomous Cabbage and other demands satisfied*, grayDUCK Gallery, Austin, TX
- 2013 *Cultivated Divergence*, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
- 2012 *Seed Pod*, Site-specific/temporary land art on San Antonio River sponsored by the San Antonio River Foundation, San Antonio, TX
- 2011 *Beautiful Freaks/Nature's Bastards*, Houston Art Alliance, Houston, TX
- 2010 *Beautiful Freaks/Nature's Bastards*, The Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2009 *Intelligent Design?*, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio, TX
- 2006 *Artificial Arrangement*, Conduit Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Artificial Arrangement*, Lawndale Arts Center, Houston, TX
- 2005 *Family Portraits*, International Museum of Surgical Science, Chicago, IL  
*Artificial Arrangement*, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 *ROCK*, New Works Space, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2000 *ROCK*, Project Room, San Antonio, TX

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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Madre Tierra*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*This Ship is Sailing*, Vikky Jones, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 *Alchemy: Works on Paper*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*Womanish: Audacious, Courageous, Willful Art*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX; curators:  
Lauren Thompson and Kim Neptune
- 2021 *Ruiz-Healy Art: Quinceañera*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*E La Nave Va*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 *McNay Print Fair*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*Friendly Neighborhood Abstraction*, Hello Studios, San Antonio, TX
- 2017 *Drawn From*, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
*Jesse Amado, Cecilia Biagini, and Leigh Anne Lester*, Overland Partners Art Program, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *Natural Order*, Muriel Guepin Gallery, New York, NY (2 person show)  
*You Have No Choice*, FL!GHT Gallery, San Antonio, TX  
*Errant Domestic*, Museo Guadalupe, San Antonio, TX; curator: Laurie Britton Newell
- 2015 *IFPDA Ink Miami Art Fair*, Miami Beach, FL  
*Infinite Horizons*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*Aesthetic Encounters*, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX  
*Eastbound and down*, Good Children Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
*Nature on the Edge: Mutation and Hybridity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Art*, Bihl Haus Arts, San Antonio, Texas;  
curator: David S. Rubin  
*Running down the road*, Terminal 136, San Antonio, TX  
*Six Artists celebrate the McNay's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX; curator:  
Rene Barilleaux
- 2014 *IFPDA Ink Miami Art Fair*, Miami Beach, FL  
*Outside/In*, K. Imperial Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Flatland*, Museo Guadalupe, San Antonio, TX; curator: Patty Ortiz  
*Crossing the Line*, Centro Cultural Border, Mexico City, Mexico; curator: Michele Monseau
- 2013 *The Drawing Room, Part 2*, Galveston Center of Art, Galveston, TX
- 2012 *Prelude: Beginning a Conversation*, David Shelton Gallery, Houston, TX  
*The State of Drawing*, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX; curator: Benito Huerta
- 2011 *Wild Things*, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX  
*Rock, Paper, Carbon*, grayDUCK gallery, Austin, TX  
*San Antonio Draws*, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 *Ucross: Twenty-Seven Years of Visual Artist Residency*, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY; curator:  
Lisa Hatchadoorian

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- Palimpsest*, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2009 *Texas National*, Cole Art Center; Juror: Mel Chin, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2008 *Transitions*, Cantanker Magazine, Issue #6, Big Medium, Austin, TX; curator: Leona Skull-Hons  
*Biennial Southwest*, Albuquerque Museum of Art, Albuquerque, NM; curator: Dr. Stephanie Hanor  
*Transitions*, Cantanker Magazine, Issue #6, Bolm Studios, Austin, TX Curator, Leona Skull
- 2007 *Beneath the Skin*, LIMN Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Naturally Inclined*, College of Mainland Gallery, Texas City, TX
- 2006 *Utopia*, Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
“*Show – Offs*”, Unit B, San Antonio, TX
- 2005 *Stitch in Time*, Women and their Work, Austin, TX; curator: Joan Davidow
- 2004 *Cross Stitch: Craft Medium Redefined*, The Bank, Kansas City, MO  
*100 Drawings*, Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Irving, TX  
*H2O: Considering the Hydrosphere*, The Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX  
*Piece Work*, Dallas Center for the Contemporary Arts, Dallas, TX
- 2002 *10x3*, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 *Here/There*, Blue Star Contemporary Art Center, San Antonio, TX.  
*Uterior*, Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX.  
*Fibrous*, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.  
*Critics Choice 2000*, Dallas Visual Arts Center, Dallas, TX. Jurors: Carla Stellweg, Chris Cowden, Sara Kellner  
*A purse on both of your houses*, Muskett/Wallace Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2000 *As the women turn, Part 2*, Art Asylum, San Antonio, TX

## AWARDS

- 2011 Hunting Art Prize Winner
- 2007 Visual Art Award, Artist Foundation of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

## SELECTED ART COLLECTIONS

- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas, Austin, TX
- McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- The Woman’s Hospital of Texas, Houston, TX
- The University Health System, San Antonio, TX
- The University of Texas in San Antonio, TX

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008	Creative Capital Workshop, San Antonio, TX.
1993 to Present	Manager, San Angel Folk Art, Inc. Blue Star Arts Complex, San Antonio, TX.
1993 to 2012	Co-founder, co-owner, co-curator, Cactus Bra Space, an alternative exhibition space for new artists, Blue Star Complex, San Antonio, TX.

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Atwell, Wendy. "Interview: Leigh Anne Lester, might be good." *The Tangible and the Ethereal*, Iss. 170, May 27, 2011.
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- Baker, Kenneth. "The man works wonders with, yes, paint rollers." *San Francisco Chronicle*, June 16, 2007.
- BE Magazine*, #23. Künstlerhaus, Bethanien Berlin, 2016.
- Bennett, Steve. "Artist is growing mutants in Artpace windows." *San Antonio Express-News*, February 23, 2013.
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- Britt, Douglas. "San Antonio Artist awarded 2011 Hunting Art Prize." *Houston Chronicle*, April 30, 2011.
- De la Rocha, Haydee. "Review: Cultivated Divergence by Leigh Anne Lester." *Art Magazine SA*, January 2013.
- Fauerso, Neil. "No Necessary Time Axis on Evolutionary Novelties: Leigh Anne Lester's Cut Copies." *Glasstire*, May 22, 2019.
- Fee, Brian. "Color Pollination: Leigh Anne Lester at grayDUCK Gallery." *New American Painting*, May 16, 2014.
- Fisch, Sarah. "Escena San Antonio: Leigh Anne Lester rocks on, Cruz Ortiz as auteur, a visit from Houston curators." *Glasstire Texas Visual Art Online*, June 17, 2011.
- . "Strange Fruit and Odd Vegetables." *Plaza de Armas San Antonio*, December 10, 2010.
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- Munoz de la Rocha, Haydee. "Review: Cultivated Divergence by Leigh Anne Lester." *Art Magazine SA*, January 2013.
- Petty, Kathleen. "Interrupting the Familiar: Guest Contemporary Art Month curator shines spotlight on six local artists." *San Antonio Magazine*, March 2016.
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- . "San Antonio Artist Leigh Anne Lester Investigates an Uncertain Future with Exhibition of Evolutionary Novelties." *San Antonio Current*, March 15, 2019.
- . "Out of the Bra and into the Barn: Two San Antonio artists resurrect their experimental gallery concept." *San Antonio Current*, November 2, 2023.
- . "San Antonio artist Leigh Anne Lester's odd botanical universe at center of new exhibition." *San Antonio Current*, October 15, 2024.
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- Schwaiger, Seth Orion. "Venomous Cabbage and Other Demands Satisfied." *Glasstire Texas Visual Art Online*, May 31, 2014.
- Silva, Elda. "Exquisite art leaves you wondering." *San Antonio Express-News*, January 16, 2011.
- . "Nature in the Hands of the Artist." *San Antonio Express-News*, August 9, 2009.
- Wellinghoff, Jasmina, "Art Advocates Extraordinaire." *San Antonio Woman Magazine*, May 27, 2008.
- Wolff, Elaine. "Growth Spurt." *San Antonio Current*, Elaine Wolff, July 22- 28, 2009.

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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Snyder, Hills. Leigh Anne Lester: *No Necessary Time Axis on Evolutionary Novelties*. Exhibition Catalogue, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 Coates, Alana J. and David S. Rubin. *Infinite Horizons: Abelardo Lopez and Leigh Anne Lester*. Exhibition Catalogue, Ruiz-Healy Art, San Antonio, TX.