

## Jim Grafsgaard - Curriculum Vitae

**Mainly I'm a painter**, but I've also been active in muralism, printmaking, photography, graphic art, animation and poetry. My collaborative work is international and cross-cultural, including involvement with creatives in Minnesota, Guam, Andalucia, Oaxaca, El Distrito Federal, Michoacan and Yucatan (I am 100% bilingual in Español and English). I grew up in the Red River Valley border towns of Fargo-Moorhead, began my formal art education at the University of MN, and finished with an art degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz. For the past 30 years I have maintained a base for my studio practice in Minneapolis, fueled by the flexibility of yoga, travel, and an interest in science - while my creative work has led me to live for extended times in Micronesia, Spain and Mexico.

### selected solo gallery exhibits

2023 Science Museum of Minnesota Gathered in the Moss  
2020-21 Pandemic projects: *virtual exhibits* in 3D reproductions of actual gallery spaces  
Mpls Institute of Arts What Are We/Where Do We Come From/ Where Are We Going?  
Museum of the Middle Ages, Chappelle de Cluny, Paris France Creation Song  
2015 Central Square Cultural Center, Glenwood MN Geo-Expressionist Art  
2012 Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson WI Geo-Expressionist Visions  
2010 University of MN, Larson Art Gallery Life and Light  
2004 Capela das Artes, Alcantarilha, Portugal Geo-Explorations  
2003 Artrujillo Multicultural Gallery, Minneapolis MN Vistas de España  
2001 Plains Art Museum, Fargo ND Geo-Expressionism  
2001 Spirit Room Gallery, Fargo ND A Closer Look  
2000 Artrujillo Multicultural Gallery, Minneapolis MN New Geo-X  
1999 Normandale Community College, Bloomington MN Geo-Expressionism  
1996 Spirit Room Gallery, Fargo ND Room for the Spirit  
1995 New Traditions Gallery, St Cloud MN | Ching paintings  
1994 Lutheran Brotherhood Gallery, Minneapolis MN Expressionist Landscapes  
1990 Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington MN Mixed Media

### selected juried group exhibits

2013 Fuego del Espíritu Colectiva La Revolución @ 5<sup>th</sup> Street Lofts, Minneapolis  
2011 El Milagro Grupo Soap del Corazón @ Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis  
2011, 2009 Summer Invitational Gallery 13, Minneapolis MN  
2010 Hot Off the... Soap Factory, Minneapolis MN publication and exhibit  
2010 Primavera La Hacienda Didáctica, Merida Yucatan Mexico  
2010 Neuroblasto Collective Fundacion Ex-Molino, Mexico City  
2009 Creative Blood Altered Esthetics Gallery, Minneapolis MN  
2009 Oaxaca Artrujillo Gallery, Minneapolis MN  
2008 Corredor de Arte Internacional Merida, Yucatan Mexico  
2007 Nuestra Frida Grupo Soap del Corazón @ Casket Arts, Minneapolis MN  
2007, 2008 Day of the Dead Altered Esthetics Gallery, Minneapolis MN  
2007 Urban Identities Borland Gallery, University of Salford UK  
2005 Canvas Clad Offbeat Gallery, Minneapolis MN  
2005 The City Seen Minneapolis Foundation  
2004 20th National Juried Competition Utrera Spain \**selected finalist*  
2004 12th Juried Competition of Gruas Lozano Seville Spain \**purchase award*  
2001, 2000, 1999 Midwest Invitational Rourke Art Museum, Moorhead MN  
2000, 1999, 1998 Fall Invitational Anderson Center, Red Wing MN  
2000, 1999 55408 Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis MN

My art has also been shown in alternative galleries, cultural events, corporate offices, community centers, government buildings, cafes and other public spaces locally, regionally and internationally, too numerous to list.

## **selected juried video screenings**

2009 MNTV – twincities public television / IFP Minnesota / Walker Art Center  
2009 Visual Music Marathon – School of Visual Arts Theater, New York NY  
2009 Ultimate Landscape II - Gallery 13 – Minneapolis, MN  
2008 Art Here! – Minnesota Museum of American Art, St Paul MN  
2008 Made in Minnesota – Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN  
2007 Streaming Festival – ISFTH Foundation, The Hague, Netherlands  
2007 Visual Music Marathon – Northeastern University, Boston MA  
2007 Magma Art – Casoria Contemporary Art Museum, Naples Italy  
2007 Undisclosed Recipients – Ithaca College, NY

## **grants**

2010 Film and Video Grant - Jerome Foundation  
1998 Community Arts Grant - Metro Regional Arts Council  
1996 New Presenters Grant - Minneapolis Arts Commission  
1985-87 Artist-in-Education Fellowship Grants - Guam Council on Arts and Humanities

## **self-initiated travel/study**

Mexico: 2006 - now

emphases: prehispanic and contemporary art / muralism and arts activism  
in Mexico City, Oaxaca, Morelia, Guanajuato, Chiapas and Yucatan Western

Europe: 2001 -2004

emphases: contemporary and historical visual art with travel in 12 countries and  
studio residency in Seville, Spain

Rock Islands, Palau Micronesia: 1986 – marine research and studio residency

## **selected residencies**

March 2024 - Glenwood MN Central Square - Artist in Residence  
May 2022 - Science Museum of Minnesota - Pine Needles Artist in Residence  
Sept 2014 - Owatonna MN Public Schools - 6 Arts of the Maya residency  
May-Sept 2012 - ArtOrg Northfield MN – 1000 Print Summer printmaker  
July 2011 - CLUES Summer Youth Mural project, Minneapolis (with Gustavo Lira)  
April 2009 - Telchac Puerto, Yucatan Mexico – muralist  
April – Aug 2008 - Casa Rosada, Merida, Yucatan Mexico – studio residency/muralist  
Feb 2007 - Casa de Cultura, Tejupan, Oaxaca Mexico - muralist  
Oct 2006 - Mural Arts Program, Philadelphia PA - volunteer muralist  
June 2006 - South High School, Minneapolis – Unity Mural (with Gustavo Lira)  
May 2006 - Taller de Investigación Plástica, Morelia / Mexico City - muralist  
Feb 2006 - Rush Creek Elementary School, Maple Grove MN - Peace Mural  
Nov 2005 - Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN – NEAT Research Lab art/science residency  
Sept 2004 - Owatonna MN Public Schools – Aztec Mythology residency  
August 2003 - Villa Gabriele, Gallipoli Italy – At the Beach - mural commission  
June 2003 - Centro Cultural, Moorhead MN – Bienvenidos community mural  
June 1998 - Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Red Wing MN – residency  
1996-98 - Sabathani Community Center, Minneapolis MN – Imagine ME mural project  
1996-98 - Como Park Conservatory, St Paul MN – Art Instructor  
July 1997 - Como Zoo, St Paul MN – MN Lake Ecology youth mural project  
June 1996 - Wilder Forest, Stillwater MN – Expressing the Environment retreat  
1995 - St Joseph's Home for Children, Minneapolis MN – Know Thyself youth murals  
1985 - Guam Public and Private Schools - mural residencies

## **collectives and organizations**

2015 - now The Telchac Project Yucatan Mexico - member by invitation

- participation in mural painting / exhibitions in villages and city of Merida

2010-2015 Neuroblasto Collective Mexico City - member by invitation

- featured in inaugural edition of Neuroblasto Magazine and group exhibit Mexico City

2004-2010 BrightBlueEarth multimedia studio Minneapolis MN - co-founder

- with jazz musician PJ Tracy produced art animations for international venues

2007-2009 Art Review and Preview Minneapolis MN - contributing writer

2006-2009 La Casa de Cultura Tejupan, Oaxaca Mexico - associate member

- organizing fundraising in Minneapolis to support La Casa's arts programming - lead artist of community mural project

2000-2010 Taller de Investigación Plástica - volunteer member

- working on mosaic murals in Minnesota and Morelia, Mexico

- advocating for preservation of the Minneapolis mural "Mosaic of the Americas"

2002-2005 Babylon Cultural Center Collective Minneapolis - volunteer member -

organized fundraiser for Peace Mural in Nasiriya Iraq

- prepared Iraqi/Palestinian artwork for Art Across Borders national touring exhibit

1999-2004 Artrujillo Multicultural Studio and Gallery Collective - founding member

- gallery manager, organized and promoted exhibitions and educational events

- helped produce and install Day of the Dead ofrendas at the Mpls Institute of Art

2000 - 2005 Soap Factory Minneapolis - volunteer member/ gallery assistant

2000-2002 ArtStead: Artists for Studio Ownership - founding member

1990-1995 Visual Artists Focus Group, Springboard for the Arts St Paul MN

- organizational committee member for St Paul Art Crawl and NE Mpls Art-a-Whirl

1990-1992 Frogtown Family Lofts an ArtSpace project St Paul MN - founding member

1981-1988 Guam Visual Arts Group - member