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### Education

- 1989-1990 Art Instructional School - Minneapolis, MN
- 1994-1996 American Communication Institute - Hollywood, CA
- 1995-1998 Santa Monica College - Santa Monica, CA
- 2005-2007 BFA-The School of the Art Institute of Chicago - Chicago, IL
- 2011-2012 graduate school at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

### Awards

- 2000-2005 Honorable Mention in many events while at Richland Ave Elementary
- 2005 Recipient of The Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement Association-Foundation
- 2005 Recipient of The Merit Scholarship at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2006 Winner of the Latina Magazine "My Latina Style" photography Contest
- 2007 Student Leadership Award from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2008 Honorable Mention in the Des Plaines Art Show
- 2011 Honorable Mention in the Des Plaines Art Show
- 2012 Mujer Destacada 2012 en Arte y Cultura La Raza Newspaper
- 2012 recognition from the city of Aurora Hispanic Chamber with the group Pintoras Mexicanas
- 2012 recognition from The Illinios Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation for outstanding Excellence and lasting contribution in the Latino Arts community.

### News Articles

- 2008 October An article was written in Des Plaines Times regarding the art piece *Traveling Chones*
- 2009 March An article was written in the Des Plaines Journal regarding "Women in Art Exhibit sponsored by the Chicago Public Library"
- 2009 April An article was written in La Raza Newspaper regarding my artwork
- 2011 October an article regarding participation in "Call and Response: from Artemisia to Frida Women's Juried Art exhibit" in the Des Plaines Journal
- 2012 La Raza Newspaper in regards to Mujer Destacada award
- 2012 August featured article in Refejos regarding Pintoras Mexicanas
- 2012 March full feature page on La Raza newspaper regarding an award
- 2012 August small article on an event regarding Pintoras Mexicanas in Hoy newspaper
- 2012 October Chicago ReMezcla mentioned in a group exhibition
- 2012 October Pintoras Mexicana nominated for Refecjos excellence award
- 2012 October Hispanically Speaking news article regarding Pintoras Mexicanas
- 2012 October Gozamos.com article regarding Pintoras Mexicanas
- 2013 January Reflejos "In the spotlight"
- 2013 September Lawndale Newspaper article on artwork at the State Treasurers

### Other

- Member of the Des Plaines Art Guild
- President of Latina Art League
- Volunteer at Jewel school in Maryville Des Plaines, IL
- Conducts parent/toddler workshops on creating art at home

## Artist Resume

### Solo Shows

February 2003- solo show-Mary Paxton Gallery –Norwalk, CA  
March 2003 –solo show-Cesar Chavez Celebration –Inglewood, CA  
June 2003 –solo show-Espresso mi Cultural -Hollywood, CA  
May 2004- solo show-Tia Chuchas Cultural- Sylmar, CA  
July 2004- solo show-UCLA Latina Convention- Los Angeles, CA  
August 2004-solo show-Galerias Las Americas-Los Angeles, CA  
August 2007-solo show-Des Plaines Public Library-Des Plaines, IL  
March 2009-solo show-The Chicago Public Library “Women History Month”  
August 2009-Solo show- Exhibition at the Des Plaines Library-Des Plaines, IL  
August 2010- Solo Exhibition for Hispanic Heritage Month West, Belmont Library Chicago  
January 2011-painted mural in Library of St. Gall School, Chicago, IL  
February 2013-solo group- Des Plaines library, Des Plaines, IL  
September 2013- Chicago Public Library featured artist, Chicago, IL

### Curator

March 2009--The Chicago Public Library “Women History Month”  
August 2009-Exhibition at the Des Plaines Library-Des Plaines, IL  
August 2010-Exhibition for Hispanic Heritage Month West, Belmont Library Chicago  
June 2012-Pintoras Mexicanas Bridgeport Art center, Chicago,IL  
July 2012- Pintoras Mexicanas Alcyone Festival at the Greenhouse Theater, Chicago,IL  
October 2012- Dia de los Muertos exhibit Casa Ciudad Mexico, Chicago IL  
February 2013- Des Plaines library, Des Plaines, IL  
March 2013- “Woman: Divine and Perfection”,Chicago State University, Chicago IL  
July 2013- Frida on our Mind, at Under the Bridge Gallery, Chicago, IL  
September 2013-“Viva La Cultura”, Elgin Artspace, Elgin, IL

### Group shows

September 2004-Arco Iris Gallery- Norwalk, CA  
November 2004- Mary Paxon Gallery, Norwalk CA  
April 2007-BFA Exhibition-Gallery 2-Chicago, IL  
May 2007 –Mattie Rhodes Gallery-group show –Kansas City, MO

June 2008-Friends of the Wilmette Public Library 27th Annual Juried Art Show-  
Wilmette, IL

July 2008-Mexican Fine Arts Museum-Chicago, IL

October 2008- Chicago Open at the Merchandise Mart-Chicago, IL

October 2008-Andersonville Art –sponsored by La Cocina de Frida -Chicago,IL

August 2009-8th Annual Pilsen Together Chamber of Commerce Art Festival-  
Chicago,IL

April 2010-Chicago Open-Chicago, IL

October 2011- Pilsen Open Studios, Chicago IL

July 2011- La Encantada Raises/roots , Chicago, IL

October 2011- Call and Response: From Artemisa to Frida, Koehnline Museum,  
Des Plaines, IL

November 2011-Des Plaines History Center, Des Plaines, IL

February 2012-Mexican Women Artists exhibition in the Museum of Sebastian, Casa Siglo XIX  
Ave. Juárez 601 Col. Centro. Chihuahua, Chih. CP. 31000.

March 2012-Congress theater Lilia Downs “Pecados y Milagros” Chicago,IL

June 2012-Bridgeport Art center, Chicago,IL

July 2012- Alcyone Festival at the Greenhouse Theater, Chicago,IL

August 2012-Rostros de migracion, Mexico

September 2012-East Chicago Library Hispanic Heritage, E Chicago,IN

October 2012- Global Feast at the Broadcasting museum, Chicago IL

October 2012- Latin night part of Hispanic Heritage, East Chicago, Indiana

October 2012- Pilsen Open Studios, Chicago,IL

October 2012- Dia de los Muertos exhibit Casa Ciudad Mexico, Chicago IL

October 2012- Dia de los Muertos exhibit Studio 12 Gallery, Denver, CO

October 2012-The Personal is Political- Koehnline Museum,Des Plaines, IL

November 2012-Dia de los Muertos event Aurora Hispanic Chamber, Aurora,IL

November 2012-Dia de los Muertos exhibit ER Gallery, Chicago,IL

November 2012-Mujeres de Pilsen-Aztlan, Gallery Calmecac Casa Aztlan,Chicago, Il

January 2013-Viajeras, Casa Michuocan, Chicago IL

March 2013-Voces de Mujeres-Carlos and Dominguez Gallery, IL Chicago

March-April 2013- Woman: Divine and Perfection-Chicago State University,Chicago May 2013-  
Skokie Art Walk – Skokie, IL

June 2013-Phoenix Rising Chicago Presents Gynaecum, Chicago, Il

June 2013-Dreamers, Casa Durango, Chicago, IL

July 2013- Frida on our Mind, at Under the Bridge Gallery, Chicago, IL

August 2013-Januray 2014 Illinois Sate Treasurers Office at the Thompson Center, Chicago IL

September 2013- Next Wave Art Salon, Elgin, IL

September 2013-“Viva la Cultura” Elgin Art lofts, Elgin,IL

October 2013- “A Passion for skulls” Vital Real Estate, Chicago,IL

October 2013-“ Passion for skulls” Blue Betties Boutique, Pilsen,IL

November 2013- “ Dia de los muertos” Representante del Estado de Durango en Illinois,  
Chicago,IL

November 2013-Sister Cities Naperville Chicago Sinfonietta Concert II: Día de los Muertos,  
Naperville,IL

November 2013-2nd Annual Mariachi & Tequila Festival 2013,Chicago,IL

January 2014- Heartbreak Hotel a tribute to Elvis, Blue Betties boutique, Chicago, IL

January 2014- Arte Latino Now at Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC



**CARMINA CORTES**

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**Artist's Bio**

Carmina Cortes was born and raised in southern California. At a young age, she suffered a fall and herniated three discs in the lower lumbar area, which led to a series of operations and treatments. In 2002, she suffered an irreversible injury that left her with two herniated discs in the cervical area. As a result of this injury, she suffered depression and sadness due to her physical state. This same sadness brought forward the artist who is now recognized in the Los Angeles area as well as the Chicago area. Her depression led to an abundance of paintings expressing hope.

Her passion for her Mexican heritage drives her to create bright colorful pieces that remind her of her childhood summers in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Most of her new pieces are mix media surrealism with a strong resemblance to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Mexican art, which she has grown to admire. She strives to create a positive connection for the Latino community especially within her young Latino students today. Carmina is a member of the renowned Pintoras Mexicanas and has exhibited with them throughout Chicago, Indiana and Mexico. Her newest venture is the launch of Latina Art League, a group of Latina artists dedicated to empowering and education through the arts.

She holds a degree from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago in Fine Arts. She holds a degree from Art Instructional Schools as well as Santa Monica College. In 2012 she won the award Mujer Destacada in the area of the arts from the respectable newspaper La Raza.

Carmina can be reached at 224-565-1805

**Public Relations for Pintoras Mexicanas**

**Chicago,IL**

Facebook.com/pintoras.mexicanas

A group of over 250 members in Mexico, USA, Italy, Canada

Tv and radio appearances. Write press releases, plan events and venues for

The artists, promote and find venues or 10 women artists in Chicago. The group has over 250 members all over the world. I write press releases, plan events, organize, schedule, TV and radio appearances'

**Latina Art League Chicago**

**Chicago,IL**

Founder of art group

Curate art shows, press releases, Tv and radio appearances. Write press releases, plan events and venues for the artists, promote and find venues or 10 women artists in Chicago. The group has over 250 members all over the world. I write press releases, plan events, organize, schedule, TV and radio appearances'

