

# Jake Prendez

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## Artist Bio:

Jake Prendez is a renowned Chicano artist, public speaker, and owner/co-director of the Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery.

He was selected in summer 2016 to participate in the National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures Leadership Institute, won the "People's Choice" award at the 2017 Fiestas Patrias Art Exhibition, selected to serve on the Northwest Folklife Cultural Focus Committee in 2018, serves on the Arts Advisory Committee for 4Culture since 2019, won the Roberto Maestas Legacy Award in 2019, recipient of the ARC Fellowship Award, co-founded the Proxima Generacion Youth Artist Residency, has served on the board of La Sala since 2020, selected to serve on the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau

in 2020 and served on the Seattle Art Museum Advisory Circle for the American Art Collection reinstallation.

In 2019 Jake opened up the Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery on the border of White Center and West Seattle with his fiancé Judy Avitia-Gonzalez. The gallery is a multi-use, multicultural art space grounded in the Chicana/o Latinx arts traditions offering monthly art exhibitions and free arts programming.

Jake creates art with a specific focus on themes relating to Chicana/o culture, activism, social justice, pop culture, and satire. His artistic style ranges from indigenous iconography, social realism, portraiture, to colorful pop art.

His Master's thesis was entitled The Art of Rebellion: Social Justice and Chicano Visual



Arts. He spent 15 years living and working in Los Angeles where he was a founding member of The Barrio Boogie Collective, The Art Jam/ Buen Pastor Mural Project as well as a founding member of the Chicana and Chicano Bar Association of Greater Los Angeles. Jake now resides in White Center, WA.

### **Education:**

BA American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington  
MA Chicana/o Studies, California State University, Northridge

### **Sample of Past Exhibitions:**

El Velorio, Los Angeles CA, Oct. 28th 2011  
The Art of Rebellion Exhib, California State University Northridge, Northridge CA, March 2013  
Tierra de Oro, CSU Long Beach, Long Beach CA, March 2014  
Para la Gente, Chimmaya Gallery, Los Angeles CA, October 2015  
Churro Know My Life Exhibition, Eastern Washington University, Cheney WA, January 2017  
Don't Be Self Conchas Exhibition, Boise State University, Boise ID, April 2017  
Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin TX, October 2017  
Fiestas Patrias Art Show at Seattle Center, September 2017 (People's Choice Winner)  
The Art of Rebellion Exhibition, Skagit Valley College, Mt Vernon WA, October 12th 2018  
(Where) Do We Belong Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle WA, November 2018  
Nuestra Latinidad Centro de Artes, San Antonio CA, March 2019  
Yehaw Indigenous Showcase Exhibition, King Street Station, Seattle WA, March 2019  
Art of Jake Prendez Arts West, West, Seattle WA, May 2021  
Dia de los Muertos Exhibition Mighty Tieton, Tieton WA, October 2021  
Art of Jake Prendez, Pasadena City College, Pasadena CA, September 2022  
Dia de los Muertos Exhibition, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA, October 2022  
Estar Guars Art Show, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery, Seattle WA, May 2023

