

# Thomas Murray

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## Profile

I am an artist and a musician, and collaborator in multi-media film, installation and performance. I also  
Lecturer in painting and drawing

## Education

- 2003 MFA, Painting and Drawing, University of New Mexico
- 1996 BS, Fine Art, 1996, Magna Cum Laude, University of South Florida
- 1996 BS, Art Education, Cum Laude, University of South Florida

## Work Experience

- 2019- ¾ LECTURER. Rowan University
- 2016- 19 FULL TIME LECTURER, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
- 2015-16 FULL TIME ARTIST, Community enrichment through weekly workshops (ongoing) both in figure drawing as well as figure painting from life model. Figure Painting workshop with "Art Awakenings"
- 2010-15 FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR, South Texas College, McAllen, TX. Services include collaboration in video and digital art with the music dept, primarily in live performance. Safety liaison between Safety Dept and Studio faculty. Degree Plan collaboration. Continuing facilitation of life drawing, model training.
- 2010-15 FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR, South Texas College, McAllen, TX. services include collaboration in video and digital art with the music dept., primarily in live performance. Safety liaison between Safety Department and Studio Faculty. Degree Plan and Core Subject collaboration, Continued facilitation of life drawing, model hires and training.
- 2009-10 Adjunct Art Instructor, South Texas College
- 2009 LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PAN AMERICAN, and SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE  
Duties: Teach Painting, Art Appreciation
- 2008-09 LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PAN AMERICAN  
Duties: Teach Painting and Drawing, seminar Contemporary Issues in Art, Studio Painting Tools and Strategies to stretcher building, demos open to all students and faculty
- 2007-08 Adjunct Professor, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PAN AMERICAN  
Duties: Teach Painting and Drawing, 2-D Design, Art Appreciation
- 2005-07 AJUNCT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA,  
Duties: Teach Painting and Drawing
- 2005-07 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, ECKERD COLLEGE, PROGRAM FOR EXPERIENCED LEARNERS  
Duties: Teach Painting
- 2005-07 INSTRUCTOR, SAINT PETERSBURG COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION  
Duties: Teach Painting and Drawing
- 2006 INSTRUCTOR, GULFCOAST MUSEUM OF ART SCHOOL  
Duties: Teach Painting
- 2005-07 INSTRUCTOR, SAINT PETERSBURG ARTS CENTER  
Duties, Teach Figure Drawing, Painting
- 2004-05 ARTIST, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
Duties: Substituting
- 2003-04 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Duties: Teach Painting and Drawing
- 2003-04 INSTRUCTOR, CONTINUING EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Duties: Teach Painting and Drawing

- 1999-03 GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO,  
Duties: Teach Drawing, Painting, 2-D design
- 1996-99 ART TEACHER, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TAMPA, FLORIDA  
Duties: Create and Teach Art Curriculum Grades 1-5
- 1990-1996 PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN
- 1986-90 UNITED STATES NAVY  
Duties: Gas Turbine Mechanic

## Public Art and Murals

- 2017 "Untitled", 13'x 66', acrylic directly on wall. Commissioned by Lumina Designs for RGV Careers

## Exhibitions

### Solo

- 2021 "Visions Of Arquetopia", Museum of Fine Art, Brownsville, Tx
- 2017 "Porziuncola", Centre Gallery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2016 "Porziuncola", Upper Valley Art League, Mission, TX
- 2015 "St. Francis", Beyond Arts Gallery, Harlingen, TX
- 2014 "This is Our Garden", Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2014 "This is Our Garden", North American Art Gallery, Mcallen, TX
- 2012 "Heliotropes", South Texas College, Center for Learning Excellence, Mcallen, TX
- 2012 "The Garden", Serena Pandos Gallery, Mcallen, TX
- 2010 Archetyptonics, Studio @ 620, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2010 "Drawing, Divining", Manichaus Modern Art Space, McAllen, TX
- 2008 "Garden", Manichaus Art Space, McAllen, TX
- 2007 Portraits, "First Name Only", Tampa Public Library
- 2007 Portraits, "First Name Only", Saint Petersburg College
- 2006 TECO plaza, "Gait", Tampa FL.
- 2005 "Name, Mine", Saint Petersburg Arts Center, Saint Petersburg, FL
- 2005 "Meaningfulnessfullness", Tampa, FL.
- 2004 Solo Exhibition, the Beck Gallery, Lutz, FL
- 2004 "Full Circle With Tangent", St. Petersburg, FL
- 2003 "First Name Only", The Walls, Albuquerque, NM
- 2003 "Flying Man" O'Neill's, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2003 "First Name Only", John Sommers' Gallery, UNM, Albuquerque, NM
- 2003 "Hypercube", O'Neill's Uptown, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2001 "Momente" Hyde Park Fine Arts, Tampa, FL
- 2000 "Last Chance Texaco" Hyde Park Fine Arts, Tampa, FL
- 2000 Large Scale Drawings, Saint Petersburg Arts Center, Saint Petersburg, FL
- 1999 "Ether..." Silver Meteor Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 1999 "New Works" Fusion/Flux Gallery, St. Petersburg, FL
- 1998 "Mannequins" Mahaffey Theatre, St. Petersburg, FL
- 1995 St. Petersburg Center for the Arts, St. Petersburg, FL
- 1995 Centre Gallery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 1994 Szilage Gallery at 145, Tampa, FL

### Selected Juried and Invitational

2021 Arts Benicia, Benicia CA

2017 "OVUNQUE PROTEGGI (Prayers and miracles)" organized and curated by ArtSOB y Yanira Delgado in collaboration Ágora y la Gallery Atelier Casa Mexicana, and monica Ramirez Art, Santa Caterina D'Alessandria, Bitonto, Bari, Italy

2016 44th International Art Show, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, TX, Cande Aguilar Juror

2016 Quinta Mazatlan, "Arte Nativo", Mcallen, Texas

2016 Art Undressed, ES Art Group, Miami, FL

2016 Loteria, High Wire Gallery, San Antonio, Texas

2015 UVAL Tower Artists, Mcallen, TX

2015 Religious Icons, The Centennial, Mcallen, TX

2015 Nueve (9), Galeria 409, Brownsville, TX

2015 Back and Forth, Silver Meteor Gallery, Tampa, FL

2014 International Exhibition in Assisi, Art Gallery Le Logge

2014 Faculty Exchange Exhibit, Texas A&M Kingsville, TX

2014 International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Le Logge, Assisi UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2014 Naked in New Hope, Sidetracks Art Gallery, New Hope, Pennsylvania

2013 Naked in New Hope, Sidetracks Art Gallery, New Hope, Pennsylvania

2013 "Seven Point One", Gallery 409, Brownsville, TX

2012 "Smart Animals", North American Art Gallery, Mcallen, TX

2012 "What is Sacred" Serena Pandos Gallery, Mcallen, TX

2012 "Open Season for Artists", Invitational Exhibition, Serena Pandos Gallery, Mcallen, TX

2011 "Eclectic Chaos IIA", West Orange, NJ

2011 Third Coast National Juried Exhibition, K Space Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX

2011 Texas Biennial, "Sans Serif" Collaboration with Donna Mason Sweigart, IMAS, Mcallen, TX

2010 Jim Toia, *Islands*, Kim Foster Gallery, NY, NY

2010 "Dialogus", Invitational, Lima, Peru

2010 2nd Annual McAllen Arts Council Fine Art Exhibition

2010 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried exhibition, University of Texas, Tyler, Texas

2009 "New Life" Legacy Fundraiser for Mission Regional Medical Center

2009 "Upper Valley Art League Members Exhibition", Mission, TX

2009 "Buzz Willi-B" Invitational Exhibition, Brooklyn, NY

2008 "Harvest", ArtHouse, McAllen, TX

2008 "Texas Tea", Netherlands

2007 "1967", curated by Anthony Crisafulli, International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX

2007 Douglas Clark Gallery, McAllen, TX

2007 "Best Artful Protest" for "Project Home", Weekly Planet, Tampa Bay, FL

2007 "1967", curated by Anthony Crisafulli, Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX

2006 Caladan Gallery, Boston, MA

2002 Beth-el Invitational Group Exhibition, St. Petersburg, FL.

2000 New Graduate Group Exhibition, Raymond Jonson Gallery, UNM, New Mexico

2000 Hyde Park Fine arts, Second Annual Juried Exhibition, Tampa, FL.  
Juror, Adrienne Golub, Best of Show

1999 University of South Florida Faculty/Alumni Exhibition, Invitational

1999 Cerebral Arts Festival, Performance/ Installation in tandem with the music group Tricycle, DJ Tres, and various multi-media artists, St. Petersburg, FL

1999 Northern national Juried Art Exhibition, Rhinelander, WI.  
Juror: Christopher Brown

1999 The Combined Talents: Florida National, Florida State University, FL.  
Jurors: Kabuya Bowens, Davina Grunstein, and Hugh Peacock

1999 Best of Tampa, Hyde Park Fine Arts, Tampa, FL. Award of Merit

1998 National Art Exhibition, Charlotte County Art Guild, Punta Gorda, FL

1998 Drawing Now, National Juried Drawing Exhibition, Venice FL.

- Juror: Marilyn Moss, Best of Show
- 1997-98 Beth-el International Art Festival, St. Petersburg, FL.  
Silver Anniversary Award of Excellence
- 1997 Northern National Juried Art Competition, Rhinelander, WI.  
Juror: Phillip Pearlstein
- 1997 Florida Biennial II, Gulfcoast Art Museum, Belleair, FL.  
Juror: Tom Hinson, Purchase Award
- 1997 All Florida Spring Juried Exhibition, St. Petersburg, FL  
Juror: Barbara Hill, John Brown Memorial Painting Award
- 1996 University of South Florida Juried Exhibition, Tampa, FL.  
Fine Arts Forum Painting Award
- 1995 All Florida Spring Juried Exhibition, St. Petersburg, FL. Juror: C. Gerozissis
- 1995 Florida Center for Contemporary Art, Pride Film Festival, Tampa, FL
- 1995 Gallery @145 "La Bella Dozza", St Petersburg, FL.
- 1995 St. Petersburg Arts Center, Staff and Student Exhibition
- 1995 St. Petersburg Arts Center, Solo Exhibition
- 1995 USF Juried Student Exhibition
- 1994 All Florida Juried Spring Exhibition, St. Petersburg, FL.  
Juror: H. Messersmith

### **Selected Group Shows**

- 2020 ArtFrontGalleries Virtual exhibition  
[https://artfrontgalleries.com/virtual\\_galleries/heliotrope-turning-toward-the-light-curated-by-kymba-nijuck/](https://artfrontgalleries.com/virtual_galleries/heliotrope-turning-toward-the-light-curated-by-kymba-nijuck/)
- 2018 Upper Valley Art League Members Exhibition
- 2017 UTRGV Faculty Exhibition, Brownsville, TX
- 2014 La Frontera, with Yoli Cantu, Serena Pandos Studio Gallery
- 2014 Mozart Madness video Installation, With William Buhidar, South Texas College
- 2013 Mozart Madness Art/Stage Installation, With William Buhidar, South Texas College
- 2013 Open Season for Art 2, Serena Pandos Studio Gallery, Mcallen, TX
- 2012 Members Exhibition, Upper Valley Art League, Mission Texas
- 2012 "Au Natural", figurative exhibition, South Texas College, Mcallen, TX
- 2011 South Texas College, "Keitz, Leonard, Murray" New Faculty Exhibition, Mcallen, TX
- 2009 Portraiture: In Three Movements, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2008 Casa De Cultura, Reynosa, Mexico
- 2007 War Paint, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2007 Art of Healing, Salt Creek Art Works, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2006 6[5], Ybor City, FL
- 2006 Interstices, Tampa FL
- 2005 "Art After dark", Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL
- 2005 I Love St. Pete, St. Pete, FL
- 1999 Avant-Hop, Tampa, FL
- 1999 He Said She Said, Tampa, FL
- 1998 Lost Weekend, Tampa, FL

### **Selected Permanent Collections**

- Brownsville Museum of Fine Art
- Rio Grande Valley College, large scale mural
- Leepa-Ratner Museum of Art, Saint Petersburg, FL
- Rise Foundation, Savannah, GA

Canson Inc, 21 Industrial Drive, South Hadley, MA 010075  
Gulfcoast Art Museum, Largo, FL. (Recently Purchased by Saint Petersburg College)  
Ken Rollins, Director Gulfcoast Art Museum  
Robert and Monique Larocque, Leiden, Holland  
David Paul Carlson, Tampa, FL.  
Jim and Barbra Beeler, Tampa, FL.  
Brett Verona, Tampa, FL.

## **Collaborations/ Curatorial History**

2021 Compersion, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, Brownsville, TX, with Donna Mason Sweigart  
2012 Jacques Bautiste, performance collaboration, Studio@620, St Petersburg, FL  
2012 Juror, University of Texas Pan American Student Show, Mission, TX  
2011 Leslie Elsasser, "The Blind One Smiled as he Watched the Falling Snow", South Texas College, McAllen, TX  
2011 Juror, University of Texas Pan American Student Show, Mission, TX  
2011 "Crop" Collaborative Exhibition with Donna Mason Sweigart, Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL  
2010 "Sans Serif" Collaborative Exhibition with Donna Mason Sweigart, Studio 620, St Petersburg, FL  
2009 Scored, music production and post-production; Independent Film "11 Years of Nightmares and a Wasted Lifetime" Director Roberto Collado  
2008 Initiated and coordinated Juried Student Juried Exhibition, Mission, Texas.  
2008 Portraiture in 3 Movements, performance exhibit  
2007 Project Home St. Pete,; Homebound  
2006 Co-curator; "He Said, She Said", Hyde Park Fine Arts, 1999  
2005 Co-director; "Y2k Survival Sale and Auction", Covivant Gallery, Tampa, FL.  
2003 - 05 Co-curator; Cerebral Arts Festivals, multi-media collaborative events, St. Petersburg, FL 1998-00

## **Residencies**

2018 Arquetopia, Puebla, Mexico  
2014 Arte Studio Ginestrelle, Assisi, Italia,

## **Awards**

2016 1st Place Painting Award, 44th International Art Show, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, TX  
2014 Artist Residency, Aertestudio Ginestrelle, Assisi, Italy  
2000 Awarded Florida Artists Fellowship  
1996 Inducted into Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi

## **Publications**

### **Books**

2014 "This is Our Garden", Catalogue, by Thomas Murray, ISBN-13: 978-1496008343  
2009 "Painter" The Works of Thomas Murray" by Anthony Crisafulli, Twadell Press, ISBN 1449547001

### **Periodicals**

2016, UTRGV Instructors Combine Works to Form Annual Exhibit, Brownsville Herald, Brownsville, TX  
Oct. 8, 2016, GARDEN VIEW: Celebrating native plants and more, The Monitor, McAllen, TX

2016, SURFACE TREATMENT: Artist's talent comes alive in latest exhibit, The Monitor, McAllen, TX,  
2014, Valley Life, "Murray's Eden", The Monitor, McAllen, TX  
2013. Sept 9th, "Open Season for Art", Serena Pandos Gallery, The Monitor, McAllen, TX  
2013, Feb 4th, SURFACE TREATMENT, "A Mad Mix", The Monitor, McAllen, TX  
2012, SURFACE TREATMENT, "It's Sacred", The Monitor, McAllen, TX  
2008, Texas monthly, 2007 The Monitor, McAllen, TX., Saint Petersburg Times, Weekly Planet>2006  
Creative Loafing>2005 Saint Petersburg Times>2000, Art Papers. >November 1999, St. Petersburg Times,  
St. Petersburg, FL.>November 1999, Cultural Affairs magazine, Tampa, FL.>2000, Art Papers>Oct. 21-27,  
Weekly Planet, Tampa, FL.>September 10 1999, St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL.>Sept. 20, 1996  
St. Petersburg Times September 1999, Cultural Affairs, Tampa, FL.>August 1999, Tampa, Tribune>May  
1997, St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL.>November 1996, St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg,  
FL.>July 1996, St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL.>May 1994, St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg,  
FL.