



Mike Chavez

Education

1988-1990 Queensland College of Art

Individual exhibitions

2015 Mar "Break-up Album" Gallerysmith Melbourne

2013 May "Apocalypse Wow" Gallerysmith Melbourne

2011 Mar "Live Fast Die Young" Iain Dawson Gallery Sydney

2011 Mar Jackman Gallery Melbourne

2010 Mar "It Got Weird Didn't It?" Chaffers Gallery Wellington

2009 Aug "Ghetto Superstar" Mossgreen Gallery Melbourne

2009 Sep "Ghetto Superstar" Iain Dawson Gallery Sydney

2008 Oct "Menagerie a Trois" Edwina Corlette Gallery Brisbane

2008 Aug Iain Dawson Gallery Sydney

2008 Apr "A Fistful of Pesos" Mossgreen Gallery Melbourne

2007 Nov "Paintings My Mother Wouldn't Hang" Diaz-Castillo Gallery Melbourne

2007 Jul "Four play" Lorraine Pilgrim Gallery QLD

2007 Mar "50 Years in Hollywood" Gullotti Galleries Perth

2006 Dec "Peepshow" Gullotti Galleries Perth

2006 Nov "Terror Australis" Fox Gallery Brisbane

2006 Sep "Terror Australis" Linden Gallery Melbourne

2006 Aug "Smells Like Victory" Beatty Gallery Sydney

2005 Apr "All Your Base Are Belong To Us" Smyrnios Gallery Melbourne

2005 Mar "Roots in Beaut Utes" - Beatty Gallery Sydney

2005 Feb "Yard sale" - Doggett St Studio Brisbane

2004 Jul "Weapons of Mass Deception" - Ric's Bar Brisbane

2004 May "Weapons of Mass Deception" - Fox Galleries Brisbane

Selected group exhibitions

2015 Sep Sydney Contemporary Art Fair Carriageworks

2014 Jul "Signal 8" Cat Street Gallery Hong Kong

2014 Apr "50 Shades of Brown" Gallerysmith Melbourne

2012 Jul Art Hamptons New York
2012 Jun Gallery One Gold Coast Queensland
2012 Apr Affordable Art Fair New York
2012 Mar Affordable Art Fair London
2012 Feb Affordable Art Fair Brussels

2011 Dec Petits Travaux - Retrospect Galleries - Byron Bay NSW
2011 Dec Petits Travaux - Retrospect Galleires - Broadbeach QLD

2009 Archibald finalists touring exhibition AGNSW

2008 Group show Edwina Corlette Gallery Brisbane

2007 Aug "Eleven" Harrison Galleries
2007 Mar "Let Them Roam" Harrison Galleries Sydney

2006 Oct "5 Young Artists" Harrison Galleries Sydney
2006 Jun Art Sydney 06 Walker Fine Art
2006 Jun Art Sydney 06 Paul Gullotti Galleries
2006 Apr Art Melbourne 06 New Generation

2005 Dec - 9 Pink Pigs Go Pop - Popshop Gallery Melbourne
2005 Jun - Discovery Art Prize - Gasworks Melbourne

2004 Dec "Business As Usual" - Fox Galleries Brisbane
2004 Dec 11th anniversary show - Doggett St Studio Brisbane

Awards

2009 selected finalist Archibald prize
2008 selected finalist Fleurieu art prize
2007 selected finalist Prometheus award
2007 selected finalist Metro 5 award (sort of)

Public Collections

National Portrait Gallery, Artbank, Latrobe University Museum, Lismore Art Gallery,
Rockhampton Art Gallery, Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Hardy's S.A.

Artist-in-Residencies

2004 Feb-Oct Queensland University of Technology

Selected Publications

2011

Anne-Maree Sargeant - (Inside) Interior Design Review - Home of art and soul - May/June p.
52

QANTAS - The Australian Way - May p.183

Bridget Cormack - The Australian - Arts - March 1 p.14

2010

Ronnie Girdham - The Sunday Mail - Event Arts - Bank On This Art - June 20 p.16

2009

Erin Moy - Timeout Sydney - The She-male of the Species - Oct p.42

2008

Becky Barker - Belle - Dec p.48

Urbis - issue 46 - p.157
Empty - issue 13 - p.113
Leta Keens - Belle - apr p.40
Annemarie Kiely - Vogue Living - Mar p.127

2007

Jane Hutchinson - Sunday Herald Sun Magazine - Arts About 21 Oct p.34
Cecelia Mcnamara - The Courier Mail - Go Today 9 July p.33
Marina St. Martin - Gold Coast Bulletin - Mike's Repetitive Exploration Jun 16-17 p.22
Kerrie Davies - The Australian (Wish Magazine) Young At Art Mar p.45
Pip Christmass - The Western Australian - critics pick Mar 7
Dennis Chaplot - Black+White issue 88 Jan p.10

2006

Box magazine Dec p59
Michael Fox - The Independent, 15 Nov p11
Mikolai Napieralski - Team Evil issue 2 "George Bush is my Homie" p 21
Artlink - Sept - p11
Sunanda Creah - Open Gallery, Sydney Morning Herald Aug 12
Elizabeth Fortescue - Weekend Planner - Daily Telegraph Aug 5

2005

John Mcdonald - "On a Tangent", Sydney Morning Herald April 16
Tracey Clement – critic's picks, Sydney Morning Herald April 1 p27
Michelle Fernandez, review - Sydney Morning Herald March 17
Rex Turnbull, "The Adrenaline Moment", Lino magazine issue 9 March

Bio

Mike Chavez was classically trained as an animator and in a career spanning over 16 years worked for such studios as Disney, Warner Brothers and Dreamworks. In 2006 he switched his focus to fine art and quickly gained kudos for his skill and uncompromising subject matter. Chavez's work consistently infuses heavy political commentary with meticulous artistic skill. His work explores themes of racism, the complexities of the human condition and life's daily travails. In 2008 he was a finalist for the Fleurieu Art Prize and in 2009 he was nominated as a finalist for the Archibald award, Australia's most prestigious portrait prize. He has exhibited in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Belgium, London and New York.

His work has appeared in Vogue Living, Belle, Urbis, Lino, Empty and Art Monthly