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EDRA SOTO

Born 1971, Puerto Rico
Lives and works in Chicago, IL (since 1998)

EDUCATION

- 2000 MFA, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 1997 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1995 Painting Fellowship, Alfonso Arana's Foundation, Paris, France
- 1994 BFA, Escuela de Artes Plásticas de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

SELECTED SOLO + TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *The Myth of Closure | El Mito del Cierre*, Luis De Jesus Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Platform: Edra Soto GRAFT, Curated by Ylinka Barotto, Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX
Let Love Win, The Abrons Arts Center, New York, NY
Casas-Islas | Houses-Islands, Morgan Lehman, New York, NY
- 2020 *Forgotten Forms*, with Yhelena Hall, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, IL
Open 24 Hours, Heaven Gallery, IL
- 2019 *Forgotten Forms*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *OPEN 24 HOURS*, Chicago Athletic Association, Chicago IL
OPEN 24 HOURS, Fashion Outlets Chicago, Chicago, IL
OPEN 24 HOURS, Museum of Contemporary Art of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *OPEN 24 HOURS*, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA
OPEN 24 HOURS, The Ski Club, Milwaukee, WI
Screenhouse, curated by Janine Mileaf, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago IL
Manual GRAFT, curated by Kendra Paitz, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
GRAFT, curated by Albert Stabler, Sector 2337, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *It's Been A Very Good Year*, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
It's Been A Very Good Year, Outhaus, Champaign, IL
GRAFT, curated by Albert Stabler, Cuchifritos Gallery + Project Space, New York, NY
- 2015 *I IN THE SKY*, Pedestrian Projects, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
Bernard Williams & Edra Soto, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
DOMINODOMINO, with Dan Sullivan, EXPO CHGO, Chicago, IL
DOMINODOMINO, with Dan Sullivan, Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *mas damas, damas, damas, damas*, Curated by EMBAJADA, San Juan, The Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

- The Way Forward*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts of Kendall College of Art and Design, Ferris State University, Grand Rapids, MI
Estamos Bien, La Trienal 20/21, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY
Darkroom, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL
NADA House 2021, Presented by Morgan Lehman Gallery, New Art Dealers Alliance, Governors Island, NY
Counter Flags, Curated by Natalia Viera Salgado, Abrons Arts Center, New York, NY
Stopgap, Curated by Tony Lewis, VSPACE, Milano, Italy
LatinXAmerican, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
XX, LatchKey Gallery, New York, NY
- 2020 *Unreachable Spring*, Luis De Jesus Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
(Re)Visions of Chicago Public Schools, CPS Lives, Chicago, IL (online)
Temporal, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL (postponed)
TBD, Weinberg Newton Gallery, IL (postponed)
Artists Run Chicago 2.0, The Franklin, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL (postponed)
State of the Art 2020, curated by Lauren Hayes, Alejo Benedetti and Allison Glenn, The Momentary, AK
Stilleven, Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, NY
The Petty Biennial 2, Heaven Gallery & Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, IL
Open House: Domestic Thresholds, curated by Aaron Ott, Albright-Knox Northland, IL
- 2019 *Cross Currents*, Smart Museum, Chicago, IL
CNL Projects, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL
Repatriacion, Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR
Monarchs, curated by Risa Puleo, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland, KS
- 2018 *High Desert Test Sites*, curated by The Ski Club, Joshua Tree, CA
Monarchs, crated by Risa Puleo, Southwest School of Art and Blue Star Contemporary, Austin, TX
Local Comfort, LVL3, Chicago, IL
Corrosive Like Salt Water, curated by Sharmyn Cruz Rivera, Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, IL
ISLA, curated by Jacqueline Milad, Center for the Arts, Towson University, Towson, MD
GOLD, Aspect/Ratio, Chicago, IL
Out of Easy Reach, curated by Allison Glenn, Grunwald Gallery of Art, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Dock 6 Design & Art #11, Chicago, IL
On Visiting...by Khaty Xiong, Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and Poetry Foundation, Chicago, IL
Out of Easy Reach, curated by Allison Glenn, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Isla Imaginaria, curated by Natalia Viera Salgado, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Cross Currents, Smart Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Monarchs*, curated by Risa Puleo, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
Traduttore, Traditore, curated by Karen Greenwalt and Katja Rivera, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL
Infinite Games, organized by John Preus, Open House Contemporary, Chicago, IL
The Poor Connection, curated by Lise Baggesen + Yvette Brackman, Krabbesholm Exhibitions, Skive, DK
Terrain Biennial, Chicago, IL
Summer on the River, The Floating Museum, Chicago, IL
Spots, Dots, Pips and Tiles, curated by Arden Sherman + Maria Elena Ortiz, Perez Art Museum, Miami, FL
Personals, Skowhegan, New York, NY
Mind's I, curated by Anne Harris, Ed Paschke Art Center, Chicago, IL

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- 2016 *Beyond Printmaking*, curated by Patricia Villalobos, TexasTech University, Lubbock, TX
Ida y vuelta, curated by Laura Bravo, Museo de Historia, Antropología y Arte de la UPR, San Juan, PR
Spots, Dots, Pips and Tiles, curated by Arden Sherman + Maria Elena Ortiz, Hunter East Harlem Gallery, NY
RENBEN 2016, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, IL
Connect, curated by Allison Glenn, Hyde Park, IL
Minimum Requirement, Silent Funny, Chicago, IL
The Arts Club Centennial Celebration, Chicago IL (performance)
New Age Now: Art Auction, 2016 Green Lantern Press Fundraiser, Sector 2337, Chicago, IL
The Suffragette Social, Spudnik Press, Chicago, IL
I Am Prepared, curated by Charlotte Street Foundation, La Esquina, Kansas City, KS
The International Printmaking Alliance, Imperial Ancestral Temple Art Museum, Beijing, CN
Great Poor Farm Experiment, curated by Lise Baggesen + Yvette Brackman, Manama, WI
This room is a work made of people, curated by Alberto Aguilar, The Art Institute of Chicago, IL
There was no joy in the brilliance of sunshine, curated by Ruslana Lichtzier, Efrain Lopez Gallery, Chicago, IL
Manual GRAFT, Rapid Pulse International Performance Festival, Defibrillator Gallery, Chicago, IL
White Feelings, curated by Albert Stabler, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2015 *IV Trienal Poli / Graáfica de San Juan*, Latinoamerica y el Caribe, San Juan, PR
Know Yourself, The Luminary, St. Louis, MO
Terrain Biennial, Oak Park, IL
SPECTRA, UNO St. Claude, University of New Orleans, LA
Material Normal Monumental, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
DUCKS SHOW LA, Minotaur Projects, Los Angeles, CA

LECTURES / PANELS

- 2021 Artwalk: Broker, Martin, Soto + Weston, School of Architecture, Rice University
The Abundant City, Chicago Futures with Professor Laura Letinsky, University of Chicago
Artist Talk with Edra Soto: Casas-Isla | Houses-Islands, Oberlin College & Conservatory via Zoom
Scratch Space Episode 14: Estamos bien?, Hosted by Lucas Artists Residency Program, Montalvo Arts
Millennium Park's Modern Masters: Movement in a Time of Stillness. School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Millennium Park Foundation
- 2020 State of the Art 2020: The Aesthetics of Place, The Momentary, via Zoom
Open 24 Hours: Virtual Artist, Talk, Heaven Gallery, via Zoom
The Open Practice Committee lecture series, DoVA, University of Chicago, via Zoom
Vanderbilt University Visiting Artist, via Zoom
Mount Royal School of Art Visiting Artist, Maryland Institute College of Art, Via Zoom
Monuments without Heroes, College Art Association Conference, Chicago, IL
Transnational Feminisms for The Feminist Art Project, College Art Association Conference, Chicago, IL
Visiting Speaker, Locate Projects, University of Tennessee, TN
Art Beyond Gallery Walls, Anna Cerniglia, Edra Soto and Chad Kouri, The Hoxton, IL
- 2019 Creative Chicago: Interview Marathon Book Launch, Dialogues, EXPO, Chicago, IL
The Cosmos: Possibilities of a Structure, with Eduardo Terrazas, Dialogues, EXPO, Chicago, IL Visiting Artists Series, Cleve Carney Art Gallery, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL
Guest Speaker, Chicago Artists Coalition, Field Work, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Creative Chicago: An Interview Marathon, with Hans Ulrich Obrist, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL

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- FIELD/WORK: Art Business Models, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
Sculpture Dialogues, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Artist Discussion, with William Cordova + Luis Gispert, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
Panel moderated by Victoria Martinez, Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, IL
Out of Easy Reach symposium, Grunwald Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Association of Midwest Museum, Chicago Creative Community Flash Talks, Chicago, IL
UIC Gallery 400 Voices, Chicago, IL
Brown University, Providence, RI
Chicago High School for the Arts, Chicago, IL
Chicago Artists Coalition, Field Work, Guest Speaker, Chicago, IL
2017 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Illinois State University, Normal, IL
Guest Speaker, Chicago Artists Coalition, Field Work, Chicago, IL
2016 Hanes Visiting Artist Lecture Series, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, IL
University of Illinois Springfield Visual Arts Gallery, Springfield, IL
2015 DePaul University, Art, Media & Design, Chicago, IL
Threewalls, SAIC Low-Res MFA Studio Seminar, Chicago, IL
DePaul University, Contemporary Practices Seminar, Chicago, IL

AWARDS / RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Artist Residency, Abrons Arts Center + Pública, La Residencia, New York / Puerto Rico (forthcoming)
2020 Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, New York, NY
3Arts Foundation Fellow, Montalvo Arts Center, Saratoga, CA (postponed)
2019 Foundwork Artist Prize, Brooklyn, NY
Residency, Ragdale Foundation, Lake Forest, IL
2018 Special Topics: Supermodel, Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, MI (instructor)
Cecily Brown Honorary Fellowship, Art OMI International Arts Center, Ghent, NY
2017 Residency + Commissioned Exhibition, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA
Arts+Industry Residency, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
2:2:2 Exchange, Project Row Houses in partnership with Hyde Park Art Center, Houston, TX
2014 3Arts Fellow, Rauschenberg Artist Residency, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, Captiva, FL
2011 Beta-Local, Lecture / Residency, San Juan, PR
2000 SAIC Trustee's Scholarship, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME

SELECTED CURATORIAL WORK

- 2020 The Franklin takeover, COVIDtv (25 artists), Instagram Live
2019 *Entrelazar*, The Arts of Life, Chicago, IL
2018 *Under the Influence*, Ralph Arnold Gallery, Loyola University, Chicago, IL
Expansive Threads, Latino Arts Inc, Milwaukee, WI
2017 *Home Feelings*, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

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- 2016 *Dock 6 Collective*, Design & Art 10, Chicago, IL
Y, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, MFA 2016 Selection, EXPO, Chicago, IL
The Annual, SHOWROOM, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
Everything Must Go! Art Fair (for THE FRANKLIN), Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
41L, Revival Food Hall, Chicago, IL
Dock 6 Collective, Design & Art Series #9, Chicago, IL
Present Standard, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago IL
- 2015 *SPECTRA*, with Maria Gaspar and Damon Locks, UNO St. Claude, LA
- 2012 The Franklin (co-founder), Chicago, IL (ongoing)

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
DePaul Art Museum at DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR
Museo de Arte Contemporaneo de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR
The Fidelity Investments Corporate Art Collection, Boston, MA
Google Art Collection, Mountain View, CA
The Berezdivin Collection, Espacio 1414, Santurce, PR
Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, Washington D.C.

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"Edra Soto Joins Exhibit of Works Done During Pandemic", [LatinoLA.com](#), Oct. 7
Archer-Helke, C.E., "Dialogs: 2020 CHF Panel Discusses Art as a Means to Social Change", [Third Coast Review](#), Oct. 20
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Cahill, Zachary. [Portable Gray](#), Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring
Lucero, Jorge & Shaeffer, Laura. [The Compound Yellow Manual](#) (publication)
Cardoza, Kerry. "Counting for Culture," [Chicago Reader](#), May
Kim, Patricia Eunji. "Shifting Public Spaces," [Monument Lab](#), Apr.
Radley, Jack. "Crystal Bridges's New Space the Momentary," [Artsy](#), Feb.
Gomez, Guisell. "Meet the Boricua Artist Edra Soto," [BeLatina](#), Jan.
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Indrisek, Scott. "Interview: Edra Soto," [Foundwork Dialogues](#), Nov.
Resende Santos, Marina. "Tanto and Edra Soto in Conversation," [Sixty](#), Aug.
Ar, Manisha. "Mixed Media and a Clear Messaging," [South Side Weekly](#), Jul.
Guerrero, Esperanza M. "The Franklin: El corazón artístico de Chicago," [Contratiempo](#), Summer
Reilly, Alison. "Mining Personal History to Create Artistic Engagement," [CGN](#), May (cover)
Snodgrass, Susan. "Forgotten Forms: Edra Soto and Yhelena Hall," [THE SEEN](#), Apr.
Landwehr, Amanda. "Forgotten Forms: A Celebration of Neighborhood Identity," [The Torch](#), Feb.

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