**George C. Peñaloza**

**SCULPTURE • DESIGN • ILLUSTRATION**

I have found a way to give voice to my deeper creativity and to bring forth everything within me through the three-dimensional world of ceramic sculpture. My inspirations for working with the free-form and intricate art form of sculpture include fantasy movies and special effects design. Ceramic sculpture gives me an opportunity to give “life” to what exists in my heart and imagination.

**Accomplishments and Awards**

**2021 Tohono Chul Dia de los Muertos Exhibition**

For the sculpture *“Is That All There Is?”*

**2020 Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum’s 41st Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibition**

For the sculpture *Queen Kraken*.

Juror Patty Haberman

**2019 Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum’s 40th Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibition**

For the sculpture ​*Inspiration Pride*.​

Associate Curator Louiza deCamargo

**2018 Arizona Biennial Prospectus, Best of State**

Tucson Museum of Art

Guest Curator Rachel Adler

**2017 Herberger Theatre Center Phoenix, Arizona**

Exhibition “Edgy Art”.

**2016 Tempe Center for Arts, Tempe, AZ**

**Tempe Biennial: CLAY**

Two entries selected.

**2016 Herberger Theater Center, Phoenix, Arizona, “Face Off” Exhibition**

**F**or the ceramic sculpture “Andy Taking a Ride”.

**2014 NICHE Professional National Finalist, Sculptural Ceramics**

Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft

**2013 Arizona Biennial Prospectus, Best of State**

Tucson Museum of Art

Guest Curator Rene Paul Barilleaux

**2013 NICHE Professional National Finalist, Sculptural Ceramics**

Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft

**2012 Call to Artists**

Pima County Public Library, Joel D. Valdez Branch

Tucson, Arizona

**2012 NICHE Professional National Finalist, Sculptural Ceramics**

Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft

**2011 Feats of Clay, Merit Award**

Lincoln Arts Foundation

Lincoln, California

**2010 NICHE Student National Finalist, Sculptural Ceramics**

Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft

**2010 NCECA Conference International Invitational Exhibition, “Earth Matters”**

Moore College of Art and Design

Philadelphia, PA

**2009 SandScript**

The Literary/Art Magazine of Pima Community College

Category: Sculpture Portfolio and Back Cover

**2009 Pima Community College, Best in Three Dimensions Category**

Louise Carlos Bernal Gallery Annual Juried Student Exhibition

Tucson, Arizona

**2008 Pima Community College, Best in Ceramic Category**

Louise Carlos Bernal Gallery Annual Juried Student Exhibition

Tucson, Arizona

**2008 NICHE Student National Finalist, Sculptural Ceramics**

Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft

**2007 Arizona Biennial Prospectus, Best of State**

Tucson Museum of Art

Guest Curator Diane Perry Vanderlip

**2007 Pima Community College, Best of Exhibition**

Louise Carlos Bernal Gallery Annual Juried Student Exhibition 2007

Tucson, Arizona

**2006 Arizona Student Sculpture Competition, Ceramic Sculpture: Mayor’s Award**

Carefree, Arizona

**2006 Arizona Designer Craftsmen Awards for Art in Craft Media**

Funded by the Susan Chambers Endowment at the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

Louis Carlos Bernal Gallery - Pima Community College - Tucson, Arizona

**2003 Greater Phoenix Doll & Ceramic Show, Hand-Built Sculpture, Best of Show, Best of Group**

Phoenix, Arizona

**2002 Arizona Designer Craftsmen, Sculpture: Certificate of Merit**

**2002 Arizona State Fair, Hand-Built Ceramics: Ann Vaccaro Award, Best of Show, Best of Group**

Phoenix, Arizona

**2001 Greater Phoenix Doll & Ceramic Show, Hand-Built Ceramics: Exhibitors Association Award**

Phoenix, Arizona

**1999 Greater Phoenix Doll & Ceramic Show, Hand-Built Ceramics: Best of Show, High First Place and Best of Group**

Phoenix, Arizona

**1997 Greater Phoenix Doll & Ceramic Show, Hand-Built Ceramics: Prestigious Judges Award,** **Best of Show, High First Place and Best of Group**

Phoenix, Arizona

**1994 Arizona Ceramic Artists Association, Hand-Built Ceramics: Best of Class**

Phoenix, Arizona

**1981 Jobs for Arizona Graduates Poster Competition, First Place: Regional and State**

**Galleries and Exhibitions**

**2021Tucson Jewish Community Center**

The Art of Sculpture

**2021 Tohono Chul**

Dia de Los Muertos

**2014 BICAS Presents: Tucson Sculpture Festival**

Curator Tanya Rich

**Details Art & Design**

Tucson, Arizona

Vickie and Michael Schwager (520) 577-1994

**Raices Taller 222 Art Gallery & Workshop**

Tucson, Arizona

Cessi Taller (520) 888-5335

**Obsidian Gallery**

Tucson, Arizona

[www.obsidian-gallery.com](http://www.obsidian-gallery.com)

[info@obsidian-gallery.com](mailto:info@obsidian-gallery.com)

Monica Prillaman (520) 241-3987

**Publications**

**2017 Desert Leaf Magazine Tucson Arizona**

**2014 American Art Collector**

**2014 BICAS Presents: Tucson Sculpture Festival**

Catalog

**2006 SandScript**

The Literary/Art Magazine of Pima Community College

**2009 SandScript**

The Literary/Art Magazine of Pima Community College

**Education**

**Pima Community College**

Associate’s Degree, Fine Arts, September 2010

**The Art Center of Tucson**

Certificate of Completion, March 1995

**Art Instruction School**

Minneapolis, MN

Certificate of Completion, August 1980