

# JOHN PEÑA

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## RESUME

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & PUBLIC PROJECTS

- 2023 *400 Million Years of Water (Public Artwork - Fern Hollow Bridge)*, PennDOT, Swank Construction, HDR, Office of Public Art, & the City of Pittsburgh, Fern Hollow Bridge, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2022 *The Larimer Times Publication (Public Artwork)*, Fiscal Sponsor: NYFA (New York Foundation for the Arts)
- 2020 *Hazelwood Green Bollards (Public Artwork)*, GGN Landscape Architects, Office of Public Art, and Monmade, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2018 *Larimer Stories (Public Artwork)*, Office for Public Art, Neighborhood Allies, and The Larimer Consensus Group, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Artist Who Teach*, Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA  
*Identity Play*, SPACE Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017 *Sometimes I Just Don't Know How To Be In The World (Solo Exhibition)*, The Lantern Building, Pittsburgh, PA  
CSA PGH Selected Artist, "Two Word Balloons," Pittsburgh, PA  
*SEEP*, Woskob Family Gallery, Penn State College of Art and Architecture, State College, PA
- 2016 *Word Balloons (2-Person Exhibition)*, Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, Buffalo, NY  
*Daily Geology Book Release*, Copacetic Comics, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2015 *Daily Geology: Selected Works (Solo Exhibition)*, West Virginia University, Laura Mesaros Gallery, Morgantown, WV  
*Word Balloon (Public Bike Rack)*, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Institute for New Feeling: FELT BOOK (Traveling Video Screening)*, Storefront Lab, San Francisco; Leisure Gallery, Denver; Threewalls, Chicago; Recess Gallery, NYC
- 2014 *Word Balloons (Pittsburgh Biennial Exhibition)*, Mattress Factory Museum, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Lifeloggers: Chronicling the Everyday*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
- 2013 *Building on Sand*, ARTMRKT Hamptons Video Screening, Bridgehampton, New York  
*Daily Geology: Selected Works (Solo Exhibition)*, Perlman Museum, Northfield, MN  
*Significant Ordinaries*, California State University Art Museum, Long Beach, CA  
*Daily Geology: Selected Works (Solo Exhibition)*, WERK Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2012 *Things That Fly*, TOUGH Art Exhibition, The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, PA

- 2011 *Emerging Artist of the Year (Solo Exhibition)*, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts  
*Room for Error*, Provincetown Art Museum, Provincetown, MA  
*DRUGSTORE BEETLE*, Raid Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Natural Translations*, Blue Sky Project Armory Exhibition, Dayton, OH  
*Conflict Kitchen Project (Co-collaborator)*, Pittsburgh, PA  
*The Young Pretenders*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Los Perros Chandonosos (Public Works)*, Barrio Refugio, Cali, Colombia  
*I Heart Photography*, Capricious Gallery, New York, NY  
*Thoughts on a Blue Sky*, Public Art Mural, Sprout Fund, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2008 *Join the Human to Robot Army*, The Mattress Factory Museum, Pittsburgh, PA  
*A Moratorium on Make-Believe*, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Regina Miller Gallery, Pittsburgh  
*It's Easy To Find*, PO BOX Exhibit, Elizaville, NY

## **RESIDENCIES & AWARDS**

- 2016 Placemaking + Temporary Public Art Program Artist, Office of Public Art and Neighborhood Allies, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2014 Mattress Factory Museum, Artist-in-Residence, Pittsburgh, PA  
Lighthouse Works Fellowship, Artist-in-Residence, Fishers Island, NY
- 2013 Creative Development Grant, Pittsburgh Foundation
- 2012 Carol R. Brown Creative Achievement Award, Heinz & Pittsburgh Foundation Grant  
TOUGH ART Program, The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Artist-in-Residence
- 2011 Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Artist-in-Residence, Omaha, NE  
"Emerging Artist of the Year", Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2010 Fine Arts Work Center Fellowship, Provincetown, MA  
Blue Sky Project Resident Artist, Dayton, OH  
Wassaic Art Project Resident Artist, Wassaic, NY
- 2009 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, MA
- 2008 Fulbright Fellowship Recipient (ETA), La Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia

## **EDUCATION**

- 2008 M.F.A. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2005 B.F.A. (Painting & Drawing) Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA