[annotated] **MARTHA HUGHES** BIO

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BFAK

1949-1967 – CANYON, TEXAS



School/art/and adventures with my archeologist father and journalist mother and smartypants little brother.

Canyon's Miss Hughes . . . prize-winning artist

1968 -1973 - MAINLY AUSTIN



University of Texas at Austin [Yes, ONLY a BFA not an MFA. But that's all the school I could stand.]

1974 - 1988 – ART AND POVERTY



My work represented by galleries in Austin, Dallas, Houston, Taos, and Atlanta.

> Chinaberry Tree and Lake Prismacolor on paper 50 x 72 inches 1988

2004 - 2023 - MARFA

Moved to Marfa, Texas. [AKA "Island Marfa," an oasis in the middle of the vast Chihuahuan desert]

> Solo and group shows here and there.



"Timelapse" (54 paintings) acquired by the Lannan Foundation. [Very exciting!]

Got older.



Immersion 1284 (Sun) Oil on canvas (triptych) 96 x 144 inches 2022



road trips/ sex/drugs/rock&roll.

1989 - 2004 - ART AND WORK

Worked as a tech-writer in the high-tech industry, Austin and Massachusetts.

And of course continued making art.



Artichokes, Prismacolor on paper, 36 x 35 inches, 2001

2024 – SANTA FE

Enjoying Big Town amenities: coffee shops, pastry, museums. Continuing work on several series of paintings.



Immersion 1368/1369 (diptych), oil on canvas, 24 x 50"



SOLO EXHIBITIONS [SELECTED]

- 2023 Casita Gallery at Cochineal, Marfa.
- 2022 Rule Gallery, Denver.
- 2019 OLA Gallery, Austin. Austin Critic's Table nominee for Best Solo Gallery Exhibition 2018/2019.
- 2016 Rule Gallery, Denver.
- 2014 Marfa Book Co Gallery.
- 2012 Marfa Book Co Gallery.
- 2010 Exhibitions 407, Marfa.
- 2009 Highland Gallery, Marfa.
- 2006 Highland Gallery, Marfa.
- 1979 Trinity House Gallery, Austin, Texas.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS [SELECTED]

2023	Rule Gallery, Marfa.
2022	Rule Gallery, Marfa. Charles Adams Gallery, Lubbock.
2021	Octavia Gallery, New Orleans. VAR Gallery, Milwaukee.
2019	Rule Gallery, Denver.
2017	Black Box Gallery, Portland, Oregon. Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans.
2016	The Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, Texas. Artspace111, Ft Worth, Texas. Octavia Art Gallery, Houston. Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans.
2015	Rule Gallery, Marfa. Octavia Art Gallery, Houston.
2014	Octavia Art Gallery, Houston. Octavia Art Gallery, San Antonio.
2013	Lannan Foundation, Santa Fe. Lumberyard Gallery, Marfa.

- 2009 Marfa 6 Exhibition, Marfa.
- 2006 HWY 90 Gallery, Marfa.
- 2005 HWY 90 Gallery, Marfa. Big Bend Arts Council Gallery, Alpine, Texas.
- 2004 Davis Gallery, Austin, Texas. Two-person show.
- 2003 Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, California.
- 2002 Art Center Waco, Waco, Texas.
- 2001 Austin Visual Arts Association, Austin, Texas.
- 1987Patrick Gallery, Austin, Texas.Austin Visual Arts Association, Austin, Texas.
- 1986 Patrick Gallery, Austin, Texas.
- 1985 Patrick Gallery, Austin, Texas.
- 1980 Austin Contemporary Art Exhibition, Austin, Texas.
- 1979 Austin Contemporary Art Exhibition, Austin, Texas. Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas.

EDUCATION

BFA, University of Texas, Austin, 1973. Post-graduate studies in studio art, art history, and American Studies at North Texas State University and UT-Austin, 1978 and 1979.

COLLECTIONS

Lannan Foundation, Santa Fe. Numerous corporate and private collections.

OTHER

National Endowment for the Arts Artist in Schools program: two residencies, 1977. Featured artist in *The Southern Review* quarterly, summer 2022.