



# RETNA

America, b.1979

## TIMELINE

- 1979 Born in Los Angeles, CA
- 1990 Began work as a Graffiti artist  
Present Member of Art Work Rebels, Mad Society Kings, and The Seventh Letter artist collective

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Colours From the Streets, Woodbury House, London
- 2022 Adornment Artifact, Eastern Projects, Los Angeles  
Alphabet Soup II, Eastern Projects, Los Angeles  
A Simple Mark, Maddox Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2021 RETNA: Hallelujah Paintings, Chase Contemporary, New York
- 2020 Retna: Valle De Guadalupe, HOFA Gallery, London
- 2017 *Retrospective 2017*, Maddox Gallery, London  
*Winter Contemporary*, Maddox Gallery, London  
*Margraves – RETNA*, Maddox Gallery, London  
*RETNA: Mano A Mano*, New Image Art, West Hollywood, CA  
*LA/LA/LA*, Robert Berman Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Chaos Theory*, Joyce Varvatos, Sag Harbor
- 2016 *SPEAKEASY*, Casterline | Goodman Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 2015 *Believe Me When I Tell You I Know Where I'm Coming From*, Coney Art Walls, Curated by Jeffrey Deitch & Joseph Sitt, Brooklyn, NY  
*Articulate & Harmonic Symphonies of the Soul*, Hoerle-Guggenheim Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013 Michael Kohn Gallery Miami, FL  
*Keith Haring/RETNA*, Presented by Andy Valmorbida, exhibition during Art Basel Hong Kong
- Mural*, in conjunction with The Urs Fischer Exhibition at MOCA, Los Angeles, CA

- Mural*, Petty Cash Restaurant, Los Angeles, CA  
*Cash, Cans & Candy*, Gallery Hilger NEXT, Vienna, Austria  
*Urban Art Biennale 2013*, Urban Art Biennale, Völklingen
- 2012 *California Photography Now*, New Image Art Gallery, West Hollywood, CA  
*Juxtapoz Turns 18*, Copro Nason Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*New Paintings and Works on Paper*, Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*A Conversation with a Great Friend*, Houston/Bowery Wall, New York, NY  
*The Boneyard Project: Return Trip*, Pima Art and Space Museum, Tucson, AZ  
Mural, Facade of Louis Vuitton Store, Miami, FL
- 2011 *Art in The Streets*, Museum of Cotemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Brimstone (mural)*, Wynwood District, Miami, FL  
*The Hallelujah World Tour*, Presented by Andy Valmorbidia & Vladimir Restoin Roitfeld, New York & London  
*Ward of the State: Tony Ward Artists Muse*, Curated by Robert Standish, Stephen Cohen Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Nose Job*, Curated by Carlo McCormick, Eric Firestone Gallery, East Hampton, NY  
*Freedom*, Known Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*DESATURATED*, New Image Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*RETNA*, Rivera & Rivera, Los Angeles, CA  
*The Lost Ones*, Curated by Marsea Golberg, New Image Art Gallery, Mexico City  
*VOX HUMANA*, LA Art Machine, LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA  
*Of Our Youth (mural)* with El Mac & Estevan Oriol, Los Angeles Skid Row, Los Angeles, CA  
*Skid Row Mural*, with El Mac and Estevan Oriol, Los Angeles Skid Row, Los Angeles, CA  
*Hollywood & Wilton Mural*, with El Mac, Los Angeles, CA  
*JUSTICE (mural)* with El Mac & Kofie, for Manifest Equality, Los Angeles, CA  
*Art For All (mural/exhibit)*, Malaga, Spain  
*Ave Maria (mural)*, Yves Laroche Galerie d'art, Montreal, QC Canada
- 2009 *Primary Flight III (mural)*, Margulies Warehouse, Miami, FL  
*Vagos Y Reinas with El Mac*, Robert Berman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Follow the Line*, The Don Gallery, Milan, Italy  
*RCVA Headquarters (mural) with El Mac*, Los Angeles, CA  
*Memento Mori (mural) with El Mac*, Los Angeles, CA  
*The Knight (mural) with El Mac*, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 *Primary Flight II (mural)*, Miami, FL  
*Writing alla Ribalta*, Milan, Italy  
*Low & Slow*, Mesa Contemporary Arts, Mesa, AZ  
*Angeles Will Rise*, Robert Berman Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2007 *Letters First '07*, Bread & Butter, Barcelona, Spain  
*Primary Flight I (mural)*, Art Basel—Miami, FL  
*From LA with Love*, Interior Installation, A+D Museum, Los Angeles, CA

- Dialect of the Scribes*, UpperPlayGround, San Francisco, CA  
*All writes Reserved*, PowerHouse Arena, Brooklyn, NY
- 2006 *Sexta Feria del Libro en el Zócalo (mural)*, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Wall Street Journals*, White Walls Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Superiority Complex*, Scion Installation Gallery, Culver City, CA  
*Iron Eye*, Scion Installation, Culver City, CA  
*Casa De Tinta Negra*, 222gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 *Read the Writing on our Walls*, Greystone Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA  
*Identity & Inspiration*, Millard Sheets Gallery, Pomona, CA  
*Urban Edge Show*, Milan Italy  
*Emerging From Aztlan*, The dA Center for the Arts, Pomona, CA  
*Promise Land*, Nike Exhibit, Union Station, Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 *Application*, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Australia  
*Incognito*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
- 2003 *The Seventh Letter*, E.S.P. Tokyo, Japan  
*Street Dreams*, Ghetto Gloss Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Still Alive*, Subject Matter Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA  
*INRI*, Subject Matter Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
- 2002 *Abstract Reality*, I.C.U Art. Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 *El Bago De La Calle*, Zero One Gallery. Los Angeles, CA
- 2000 *Graffiti Art: The Auction*, Guernsey's, New York, NY  
*Contemporary Corruption II*, Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Sarcastic (installation)*, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 *East Meets West*, Martinez Gallery, New York, NY  
*Contemporary Corruption*, Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1997 *DADA (installation)*, Los Angeles, CA

## COLLECTIONS

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Los Angeles

Louis Vuitton

Chanel

Nike

Restoration Hardware

Vista Jets

## SELECTED ARTICLES/PULICATIONS

2015 W Magazine, June/July 2015

- 2014 Architectural Digest, Cover  
Language Arts, C California Style Magazine
- 2013 LA Artists to Watch, Los Angeles Confidential  
Fresco Magazine, Cover and feature
- 2012 RETNA Paints The Bowery Graffiti Wall, Replacing Faile, Huffington Post  
Retna Mural on Bowery & Houston, NYC, Juxtapoz
- 2011 Art in the Streets sets record for MOCA, LA Times  
Shepard Fairy, street artists brighten West Hollywood library, LA Times  
Graffiti Artist Retna's World of Words, Black Book  
A Street Artist's Fashion Week Debut, The Daily Beast  
The Q & A: Retna, The Economist  
Installation/Set-up – Hallelujah World Tour, Arrested Motion  
Wingspan by Retna and El Mac, Miami Herald  
Man One and Retna at Folwer Musuem, LA Times
- 2010 Best Public Art of 2010, Miami New Times
- 2009 Graffiti artists make their Art Basel mark, Miami Herald  
Winners & Losers, Biscayne Times  
944 Primary Flight  
Alianza: Retna & Mac, Upper Playground/Ginko Press  
Status, issue 06 - Indiepreneur Issue
- 2008 Mynameis,  
The Radar Art, Angeleno  
Bliss Cover / feature  
On These Gallery Walls Graffiti, LA Times  
Tarot, Swindle, Feature  
Mural Art, Kiriakos Iosifidis, (Greece) Publikat
- 2007 Graffiti LA: Street Styles and Art, Steve Grody  
The Rise of the Seventh Letter, LA Weekly  
The Seventh Letter Issue, Juxtapoz  
Streetwise, LA Times, Feature  
Catch Me if You Can Magazine
- 2006 Greystone Home Collection, California Homes  
Inner City Arts, California Home + Design  
Freestyle, Rime, feature
- 2005 Retna, Warp Magazine (Japan) feature
- 2003 Dialect of the Scribes, Lit Magazine, cover / feature