

Gabriela Monterroso

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Profile. Creative entrepreneur and gallery owner dedicated to showcasing emerging artists in Houston, with a focus on Latin American talent. I create opportunities for the exchange of ideas and knowledge between artists in Latin America and Latino artists in the U.S., fostering artistic growth. I founded a residency program that fosters community among artists, leading to solo shows after a year-long residency, while connecting them with the Houston art community. I've successfully organized non-profit events and auctions to showcase Latin American artists in Houston. As a founding member of the Latin American Women Artists of Houston (LAWAH), I've served in roles such as treasurer and tech trainer, amplifying Latino voices and creating opportunities for members. As part of the "100 Latinos," I advocate for a Latino cultural complex in Houston, which has garnered over \$1 million in seed capital.

Experience

Founder and Director, *Monterroso Gallery, Houston, TX – 2020-present*

Oversee all aspects of gallery operations, including project management, artist representation, curatorial decisions, and event coordination. Committed to fostering an environment where artists can thrive and gain visibility, particularly Latin American artists. Successfully organized nonprofit events and auctions to showcase Latin American artists.

Visual Artist, *Monterroso Studio, Houston, TX – 2014-2020*

Independent artist with a focus on studio practice, producing original works that reflect a deep connection to Latin American culture and identity.

Interpreter and Translation Assessor, *Masterword Services, Houston, TX – 2008-2010*

Provided interpretation services for Child Protective Services (CPS) and assessed potential interpreters, ensuring high standards in language services.

Project Manager, *Micronet Mexico, Monterrey & Mexico City, Mexico – 2004-2007*

Managed IT projects, human resources, and budgets, coordinating across multiple departments to ensure successful project completion.

Human Resources, *Skytel, Mexico City & Guatemala City – 1999-2003*

Handled various HR functions, contributing to the organization's overall effectiveness and employee satisfaction.

Education

BS in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala City – 2000

BA in English to Spanish Translation and Interpretation, Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico – 2007

Certificate of Achievement in Painting, Glassell School, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX – 2022

Advanced Studio BLOCK, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX – 2022

Limited enrollment program, Jurors: Joel Havel, Patrick Palmer, Francesca Fuchs.

Certificate of Achievement in Ceramics Candidate, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX – 2025

Awards or Mentions

Featured in *Latino Leaders* magazine's issue on 100 Latinas in the U.S., recognized for contributions to the art community and the gallery's impact on showcasing Latin American artists.

Interviewed by *PaperCity* magazine, with an upcoming article in October highlighting the new gallery space and residency program designed to foster community among artists who will work together for a year, culminating in solo shows.