

# Ismael Muhammad Nieves

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**Born** December 5, 1968

**Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2007 CISA Gallery – *Critical Beatdown*, Hammond, IN
- 2005 Savannah Gallery – *MayFirst / Alma* – Gary, IN
- 2004 Towle Community Theater – *Recent Works* – Hammond, IN
- 2004 Uncle Freddy’s Gallery – *Break Trance* – Hammond, IN
- 2003 Savannah Gallery – *Relatives-Time-Space*, Gary, IN
- 1999 Hammond Public Library – *Graffiti Art*, Hammond, IN
- 1999 Purdue University Calumet – *Funky Abstracts*, Hammond, IN

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2008 Swope Art Museum– *64<sup>th</sup> Annual Wabash Valley Exhibition*, Terre Haute, IN
- 2008 Uncle Freddy’s Gallery – *Momentary Silence*, Highland, IN
- 2007 CISA Gallery – *Arte Muerte* – Hammond, Indiana
- 2006 Uncle Freddy’s Gallery – *Uncle Freddy’s Favorites* – Highland, IN
- 2005 SOMArts – *A Ritual in the Journey of Life and Death* – San Francisco, CA
- 2005 Huber’s Funeral Home – *Séance* – East Chicago, IN
- 2004 Uncle Freddy’s Gallery – *Home & Away* – Hammond, IN
- 2003 Uncle Freddy’s Gallery– *In and Around*, Hammond, IN
- 2003 Old Nipsco Building – *Cubicle*, Hammond, IN
- 2002 Northern Indiana Arts Assoc. – *54<sup>th</sup> Annual Salon Show*, Munster, IN
- 2002 Supreme Gallery – *Seven*, Chicago, IL
- 2002 Hammond Development Center – *Mind and Matter*, Hammond, IN
- 2002 Century 900 Gallery – *INDYNASTYLE*, Chicago, IL
- 2002 Hammond Development Center – *14 x 14*, Hammond, IN
- 2001 Century 900 Gallery – *This Thing of Ours*, Chicago, IL
- 2001 Hammond Civic Center – *A very nice day with GREY*, Hammond, IN
- 2001 The Hammond Community Theatre – *Arts Inside Out*, Hammond, IN
- 2001 Century 900 Gallery – *CISA: La Bodega Show*, Chicago, IL
- 1999 Substation #9 – *Evolution of a Revolution*, Hammond, IN
- 1999 Gallery Northwest – *La Pachanga*, Gary, IN
- 1998 William J. Bachman Gallery – *Latino Artists in Chicago and the Calumet Region*, Munster, IN

**Commissions**

- 2006 NIPSCO, *County Seats Project*  
*Commisioned by NIPSCO to design & paint a seat for public art project.*
- 2005 Purdue University Calumet, *Tsunami Relief - 3 banners for rock concert*
- 2004 Indiana State Museum, *Chicano Visions*  
*3 art works complementing Cheech Marin’s traveling art collection.*
- 2003 YMCA, *Art Outreach*  
*4-week workshop - Introduced graffiti as a tool for self-discovery and exploration., Hammond, IN*
- 2001 School City of Hammond, *ProjectLEARN*  
*10-week workshop - Used art as a tool for self-discovery and exploration to high school students with emotional and behavioral problems*

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**Bodies of Work**

2008 IUN Gallery for Contemporary Art – *INDY WINDY LOVE* – Directed and curated graffiti/street art exhibition featuring 23 artist from Chicago & Indiana

2007 CISA Gallery – Directed and curated exhibitions

2004 Hammond Sanitation Department– *Concrete Jungle* – Outdoor Graffiti Art Collaboration with 40 artists painting an entire warehouse., Hammond, IN

2004 City of Griffith – *Trains Project* – Collaborated on (4'x 3'x2.5') train for outdoor exhibition, Griffith, IN

2004 Indianapolis Art Center – *Subsurface*– (60'x 15' Mural) Participated in Outdoor Graffiti Art Exhibition, Indianapolis, IN

2003 City of Highland – *Ducks on Parade* - Collaborated on (4'x 5' x4') duck for outdoor exhibition, Highland, IN

2002-present Indianapolis Art Center – *Subsurface* – (60'x 15' Mural) Participated in Outdoor Graffiti Art Exhibition, Indianapolis, IN

1999 Purdue University Calumet – *Math Teacher* (48"x 48", acrylic on canvas), permanent collection publicly displayed, Hammond, IN

1999 Substation #9 – *Elements* – (30'x12', aerosol mural), outdoor graffiti mural on the side of community arts center, Hammond, IN

1985-present Chicago land Area – Participated in the execution of graffiti form murals. Works range from individuals pieces of my pseudonym to large-scale mural productions.

**Education** Self Taught Artist

Purdue University  
BS – 2004  
Major: Electrical Engineering

**Selected Reviews**

2005 NWI Times, Munster, IN  
"Up from Mayan Ruins"

2004 Associated Press  
"Graffiti Artists help rub out vandalism"

2004 The Hammond Times, Hammond, IN  
"'Funky Abstracts' bridge gap between art and science"

2004 Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, IN  
"Graffiti Art Captures Emotion"

2000 The Hammond Times, Hammond, IN  
"Infusing Vitality Back Into Graffiti Art"

1995 The Hammond Times, Hammond, IN  
"The Vocabulary of the Streets"

**Affiliations** Crazy Indiana Style Artists, East Chicago, IN, 1985 – present  
Hammond Commission for the Arts, Hammond, IN 2001 – 2003