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ARTIST STATEMENT

Steven nizzotes Rubalcaba is a San José-based interdisciplinary artist whose practice bridges sculpture, collage, writing, performance, and community-engaged art. Rooted in a working-class upbringing shaped by resourcefulness and storytelling, his work centers reuse as both material strategy and cultural metaphor, with many projects incorporating at least 75% reclaimed materials. Through participatory sculptures, collaborative collages, and public programs, Steven creates spaces where community memory, lived experience, and collective authorship become visible. His practice has expanded to include curatorial and public programming roles, producing exhibitions and events that integrate visual art, live performance, and sound as tools for gathering and dialogue.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Board of Directors Member

Works/San José Community Art and Performance Center, San José, CA

2022 – Present

Leadership Team Member

genARTS Silicon Valley, San José, CA

2022

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2025

San José's Creative Ambassador, City of San José

2024

San José Climate Art Program — Resilient Artist Cohort

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

2025

Creative Stories: As Told by the People of San José
Curator, The Citadel Art Gallery, San José, CA

- Group exhibition featuring all 2025 San José Creative Ambassadors
- Included multidisciplinary opening reception with live band and DJ programming

PANELS, TALKS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2026

San José Climate Art International Artists Exchange — Panelist

2025

San José State University, Digital Media Art & Spatial Art — Guest Speaker

2024

Climate Art Symposium — Panelist

INTERVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS & WRITING

SJ Economy — *Studio Visit & Interview* (2025)

Content Magazine — *17.3 Perform* (71st Issue) (2025)

Canvas Rebel — Interview (2024)

Love Letters 2 SJ — Love Letter #3

Poem (Print Publication & Live Reading), San José, CA (2023)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Echoes and Evolutions — Station X, Campbell, CA (2025)

Deconstruct / Reconstruct — Know Future Gallery, San José, CA (2023)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Fundraising auctions indicate donated artwork

Super Hunger Anti-Valentine Bowl Games LX — Works/San José (2026)
International Art of Zines — Anno Domini, San José, CA (2025)
Catharsis — School of Arts & Culture, San José, CA (2025)
Second Life: The Art of Reuse — Visual Philosophy Studio, San José, CA (2025)
Vote! — Works/San José (2024)
No Squares — Helvella.art, Oakland, CA (2024)
Afterlife: Celebrating Life and Remembrance — School of Arts & Culture (2022–2023)
100 Under 100 — Fleetwood, San Francisco, CA (2021)

ART INSTALLATIONS

This Is Not Art — Visual Philosophy Studio, San José, CA (2023)
Planter Box Artists — Works/San José, San José, CA (2022 – Present)

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED & COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

SJ Bike X Culture — City of San José (2026)
Healthcare Heroes Night — San José Sharks (2025)
SubZERO Festival — Collaborative Community Sculpture (2024–2025)
Viva CalleSJ — Collaborative Community Sculpture (2025)
San José Museum of Art — CityDance San José (2025)
San José Day — Collaborative Community Sculpture (2025)
Lunar New Year San Jose: Bridging Generations — VAR / UVSA (2024)

(All exhibitions and community projects retained and formatted consistently; available on request or in Extended CV [here](#).)