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Nicola Parente creates expressive abstract paintings and photography from his studio in Houston, Texas. Born in Italy, he draws from his rich Italian heritage and a deep well of cross-cultural experiences to bring his art to life. Working in a variety of media, he engages the viewer in dialogues of human encounter within the urban environment. Inspired by changes in metropolitan communities, his art defines the intersections of daily urban life and timeless multi-cultural celebration. His paintings capture the fluidity and static elements of the urban matrix, referencing the architectonic images, reflections, and rhythms of its landscape. Mr. Parente completed his undergraduate studies at King's College and his masters from the University of St. Thomas. Currently, Art League Houston is featuring two collaborative site specific installation, *Natural Recyclers* and *Wasted Resolve*, by Parente and Divya Murthy. Earlier in 2009, Parente's work was exhibited in an exhibition entitled *Transparent/Translucent*, curated by Wade Wilson, at the Museum Gallery, University of Texas, in San Antonio. In 2008, Parente collaborated with Dominic Walsh Dance Theater in designing and creating the set for the World Premier Production of *Terminus*. Parente is represented in Houston by Gremillion & Co. Fine Art. His works can be seen in public and private collections in the US and abroad.

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Selected Solo Exhibitions:

- 2009 Natural Recyclers, outdoor installation at Art League Houston, Houston TX (two person exhibition)
Wasted Resolve, site specific gallery installation, Art League Houston, Houston TX (two person exhibition)
- 2008 Journey, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Houston TX
Terminus, E_Merging II, Dominic Walsh Dance Theater, Houston TX (featured artist, set & costume design)
Featured Artist, River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, Houston TX
- 2007 Art and Architecture, Shadehouse Development, Houston TX
Reflections, 1200 Post Oak Gallery, Houston TX
- 2006 The Edge of Urban Time, Thornwood Gallery Colquitt, Houston TX (two person exhibition)
Circles, Inner Connection, Thornwood Gallery Birdsall, Houston TX
- 2005 Inner Connections, Omni Houston Hotel Gallery, Houston TX
Sensations, Culture Club Gallery, Mola di Bari Italy
Movement Without Borders, Italy America Chamber of Commerce of Texas, Houston TX
Reaction, Morris Architects Lobby, Houston TX
- 2004 Mediterraneo, Morris Architects Lobby, Houston TX
Mind Matter, Omni Houston Hotel Gallery, Houston TX
- 2003 Art in Unsuspecting Places, Six Gee, Houston TX (two person exhibition)
Nuances of Emotions, Mind Puddles Gallery, Houston TX

Select Group Exhibitions:

- 2009 Water-Effects on Life in the Houston Area, Rice University Shell Center for Sustainability, Houston TX
Italian Style Expo, Featured Artist, Houston TX
Transparent/Translucent, University of Texas Art Gallery Museum, San Antonio TX (Wade Wilson, Curator)
Parallel Universes - The Art of Quantum Physics, Spacetaker, Houston TX
- 2008 Texas National 2008, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches TX (juried group exhibition,
Roger Shimomura, Juror)
Texas Art 2008, Assistance League, Williams Tower Gallery, Houston TX (juried group exhibition,
Dr. Kevin Salatino, Juror, Department Head and Curator of Prints and Drawings, Los Angeles County
Museum of Art)
Intersections, The Jung Center, Houston TX
Dia de los Muertos, Lawndale Art Center, Houston TX
- 2007 Art Crawl, M.A.N. Studios, Houston TX
Dia de los Muertos, Lawndale Art Center, Houston TX
ArtHouston, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Houston TX
In Focus, Visual Arts Alliance, Sugar Land Regional Airport, Houston TX
- 2006 Art Crawl, Mother Dog Studios, Houston TX
Fire & Water Invitational, Arnaudville LA (Curated by George Marx)
Gallery Artist, Ann Connely Fine Art, Baton Rouge, LA
Dia de los Muertos, Lawndale Art Center, Houston TX
Visual Arts Alliance, Continental Airlines Building Lobby, Houston TX
(juried group exhibition, Clint Willhour, Juror)
ArtHouston, Thornwood Gallery, Houston TX
- 2005 Year End Group Exhibition, Thornwood Gallery, Houston TX
Dia de los Muertos, Lawndale Art Center, Houston TX
Visual Arts Alliance, Bank of America Building, Houston TX (*Honorable Mention Award*,
juried group exhibition, Harvey Bott, Juror)
Face, Artcar Museum, Houston, TX
Summer Group Exhibition, Mind Puddles Gallery, Houston TX
- 2004 Dia de los Muertos, Lawndale Art Center, Houston TX
Art for Art's Sake, MFAH, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Cypress Creek, Houston TX
Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Art Car Museum, Houston TX (juried group exhibition,
Michael Ray Charles, Juror)

Select Public/Private Collections:

Kanaly Trust, Houston, TX
 Banco Santander, Spain
 Cedar Park Regional Medical Center, Austin, TX
 Bailey's American Grille, Seabrook, TX
 Boston Consulting Group, Houston, TX
 Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston TX
 Serenade Restaurant, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Neo's Architects, Houston TX
 Triad Resources, Houston TX
 Palantir Capital Management, Houston TX
 Vineyard on the Square, Sugarland TX

Press:

Metzger, Mona, "Will Work For Trash, Local Artists Bring Attention to Houston's Trashy Ways",
 HoustonGreenScene.org, December, 2009
 Hendley, Meghan, "Green", KUHF, National Public Radio, Front Row (audio interview), December 7, 2009
 Green, Yolanda, Going Green with Yolanda Green, "Natural Recyclers and Wasted Resolve Art Exhibitions",
 Channel 39, KIAH-TV, November 24, 2009
 Justa, Aditi, "Eco artists change Houston's poor recycling image with their creations", Green Diary, Nov. 20, 2009
 Wozny, Nancy, "Houston artists go green in a big way", Culturemap Houston, November 19, 2009
 Glentzer, Molly, "Natural Recyclers", Houston Chronicle, November 16, 2009
 Fenberg, Steven, "Arts", learn advance achieve enjoy, Houston Endowment 2008 Annual Report, 2009
 Sherer, Scott, "UTSA hosts Transparent/Translucent art exhibit", UTSA Today, June, 2009
 Editors, "Bayou City Art Festival Selected Jurors", February, 2009
 Walker, Margie, "Nicola Parente: Thinking Artist Creates Thoughtful Art", Master Artist of the Month, January, 2009
 Editors, Cover Contest Honorable Mention, 002houston, December, 2008
 Wolfe, Brandon, "Journey: The Art of Nicola Parente", OutSmart, September, 2008
 Hendley, Meghan, "Journey", KUHF, National Public Radio, Front Row (audio interview), August, 2008
 Bogan, Natalie, "Journey Man", Houston Modern Luxury, July, 2008
 Editors, "Fave Art". Fave, Summer 2008
 Dunn, Chris, "Spacetaker Artscene", 002houston, July, 2008
 Gajkowski-Hill, Sarah, "Nicola Parente: Journey", ArtsHouston, June, 2008
 Cody, Andrea, "Movers and Shakers, E_Merging II, Terminus", Dance Houston, April, 2008
 Wozny, Nancy, "E_Merging II, Terminus", Dance Source Houston, April 12, 2008
 Editors, E_Merging II, Houston Theater District, April 2009
 Dunn, Chris, "Champagne, Darke Chocolate, and 100 Paintings", 002 Spacetaker Artscene, February, 2008
 Editors, "Cover Contest Finalist", 002houston, December, 2007
 Holstein, Amara, "Off the Grid, Houston, We've Solved a Problem", Dwell, November, 2007
 Editors, Artist Voice, NY Arts Magazine, July/August, 2007
 Varricchio, Enzo, "Between the circles", Centro Studi di Diritto, delle Arti, del Turismo e del Paesaggio, July, 2006
 Johnson, Kyle, "Thornwood Gallery", 002houston, February, 2006
 Editors, "Diverse Works of Art", ASID Angle, July/August, 2005
 Adriani Annella, "Sensations", Lo Spiraglio, May, 2005
 Editors, Houston Chronicle - Preview - Feature Photo - April 7, 2005
 Editors, Romance Writers of America Report - Artwork Featured on Cover, February 2005
 Theiss, David, "The Town Downtown", Houston Chronicle, January 23, 2005
 Bob, Maurice, "The Parente Movement", 002 Magazine, January 2005
 Editors, Preview Six Degrees, Houston Chronicle, November 25, 2004
 Griffith, Lanny, "Live with Lanny Griffith", Fox 26 TV Houston, TX (interview), 2004
 Fox 26 TV Morning News - Featured artist of the week- 2003, 2004

Awards and Honors:

2009 Juror, Black & White, IIDA, Art & Artifacts Photography Competition
2009 Art for Arthritis '09 Featured Artist, Houston TX
2009 Houston Arts Alliance Peer Panel Review
2008/2009 Recipient of Artist Cohort, Professional Development Workshop,
DiverseWorks and Houston Arts Alliance, Houston TX
2008 Recipient of Creative Capital Professional Development Workshop,
DiverseWorks, Houston TX
2008/2009 Juror, Houston Art Colony Association for the annual Bayou City Arts Festival
2008 002houston - *Cover Contest Honorable Mention*
2007 Juror, Houston Art Colony Association for the annual Bayou City Arts Festival
2005 Visual Arts Alliance, Bank of America Building, Houston TX (*Honorable Mention*)

Teaching Experience:

2009 Menil Collection, WITS Residence Artist, Joaquin Torres-Garcia Project
2009 Houston Museum of Fine Arts, WITS, Art to Poetry to Art workshops
2009 Skeakeasy, Spacetaker (Artists Talk), Houston TX
2009 Writers in the Schools (WITS), Artist in Residence, Houston TX
2007 DeMedici Art Academy, Houston TX

Education:

M.B.A., 2004, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
B.A., 1988, Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, PA