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Residencies, Grants & Awards:

- 2023** Tanne Foundation Award
- 2023** Cascade AIDS Project Art Auction, Curator's special selection, Portland, OR.
- 2023** Arts3c Grant, Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC), Portland region, OR.
- 2022** Caldera artist in residence, Sisters, OR.
- 2022** MakeLearn|Grow Grant, RACC, Portland region, OR.

Upcoming:

- 2024** Super Fund Cruising Site, Oregon Contemporary Artist Biennial, Portland, OR
- 2024** Instant Gratification, solo show, Strut Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 2024** Tom of Finland Foundation artist in residence, Los Angeles, CA

Recent Exhibitions:

- 2024** Blue Sky PNW Drawers, photography exhibition, Portland, OR.
- 2024** Queer Love, group show, Salem Art Association, Salem, OR.
- 2023** Going Steady, group show, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR
- 2023** A Very Queer Thing, group show curated by Jessi DiTillio, Well Well Projects, Portland, OR
- 2023** Other/Self, with Allan Pichardo at Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR.
- 2023** The Queer Conscience, juried photography show at The Image Flow, San Anselmo, CA.
- 2023** It's a Pleasure, Group Show, AFRU Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2023** Friends of Dorothy, Group Show, Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, Beaverton, OR.
- 2023** Breaking More Boundaries, juried photography show at Culture Lab LIC, Long Island City, NY.
- 2023** A Joyous Grief: Molly Alloy & Michael Espinoza. Paragon Arts Gallery, Portland Community College, Cascades Campus, Portland, OR.

Collections:

- Multnomah County, OR Behavioral Health Resource Center
- Multnomah County, OR Main Collection
- City of Portland, OR, Small Works Collection

Press:

2023 Surface Design Journal, interview with Kyle Herrington

2023 Variable West, interview with Adie Steckel

2023 The Gay Guru, interview with Brian Madigan.

2022 Queer Trans & Gender Variant Project, interview with Edgar Fabián Frías

2020 The Queer Spirit Podcast, interview with Nick Venegoni.

Education:

2008 BA Gender Studies, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.

Bio:

Michael Espinoza (b. 1984, Colorado Springs, CO) is a non-binary, multi-racial, multi-disciplinary artist whose work embodies and embraces the undone artistic practices of Queer Ancestors lost to persecution, disease, fatal sadness, and closets. Their current practice utilizes embroidery, quilting, digital media, sculpture, and photography to explore sex and sexuality, intersectional identities, intimacy, the body, and contact with the dead. They have previously exhibited live performance, site-specific installation, and video. Their work can be found in public art collections, digital spaces, domestic and international group shows, and spaces intended for queer joy.