Maria Cristina “Cris” Dominguez

VISUAL ARTIST · ENGLISH / ESPAÑOL

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Visual artist working in oil, graphite, ink, photography, collage, ceramics and installation. Her work explores interconnectedness, play and the value of mistakes, and often borrows ideas from mathematics and science.

EDUCATION

2024 – 2027 — **Crimson Global Academy**
U.S. & WASC accredited, live online classes
- Grades 10–12; expected graduation May 2027
- Advanced Placement coursework; National Honor Society

2016 – 2024 — **American School Foundation of Guadalajara**
U.S. accredited · Guadalajara, Mexico
- Grades 1–9

ART TRAINING

Jun – Jul 2025 — **Early College Program Summer Institute, School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
Chicago, IL · merit scholarship
- Three-week studio intensive, 35–40 hours per week
- Created 20+ works in painting, drawing, sculpture and photography
- Ten critiques and workshops with instructors and peers

Jul – Aug 2026 — **Improv Theater**
Alameda, CA
- Live scene work: taking creative risks and turning mistakes into collaboration

2021 – present — **Voice and Guitar**
Andalucia School of Music
- Weekly practice in tone, versatility and songwriting

EXHIBITIONS

Jul 2025 — **Early College Program Summer Institute Student Exhibition (group)**
School of the Art Institute of Chicago · Chicago, IL
- Presented *The Vision Collection*, an installation of five radiating ink drawings with wood, clay and found-material sculptures about unity and interconnectedness

SELECTED WORKS

2025 — *The Vision Collection*
Installation · ink drawings, wood, clay and found materials

2025 — *Fountain of Love*
Photographic series · four night photographs, Millennium Park, Chicago

2025 — *Parallel*, *Immersion · $E=mc^2$*, *Interconnectedness*
Oil paintings · photographic collage

HONORS & AWARDS

May 2026 — **CGA Press Creative Writing Prize**
- Awarded to one student across all age levels at Crimson Global Academy

2025 — **SAIC Merit Award**
- 40% merit scholarship for artistic skill, creativity and portfolio excellence

2025 – present — **CGA Student Ambassador**
- Leads peer meetings; created seven videos to motivate and support students

2024 – present — **National Honor Society**
- Selected for scholarship, leadership and service; leads volunteer events and the honor code

2023 – present

Academic Merit Scholarship
- 40% tuition scholarship for academic achievement, leadership and service

TEACHING & COMMUNITY ARTS

Oct 2024 – present

Founder and Art Teacher, After-School Art Program
Montessori school "El Jardín" · Nayarit, Mexico
- Founded a free program for 10 students ages 5–12 at a nonprofit school; four hours of instruction each week
- Plans lessons in drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media tailored to each age and skill level
- Builds a classroom that encourages experimentation, self-expression and confidence

Aug 2023 – Jun 2024

Design and Marketing
Helping Hearts · Guadalajara, Mexico
- Designed social media posts and visual campaigns for mental-wellness events
- Created accessible, stigma-reducing visuals that encouraged student participation

Jul – Aug 2025

Teacher Assistant
Escuela Bilingüe Internacional · Oakland, CA
- Play-based, personalized learning for 10 children ages 4–8

Jul – Aug 2022

Teacher Assistant
Children's Camp: World Exploration · Guadalajara, Mexico
- Guided groups of 10–15 campers through imaginative, team-based activities

FILM, MEDIA & WRITING

Sep 2025 – present

Co-founder and Host, *The Muses of Apollo*
Art podcast · Spotify
- Co-founded with a classmate; explores how art connects to music, drama, literature, mathematics and science
- Two episodes released, four in production; manages topics, recording and editing; collaborations with peers in Japan

Jun – Jul 2024

Documentary and travel writing, Putney Student Travel
Service-learning program · Costa Rica
- Produced a 30-minute documentary with interviews, filming and editing
- Published "Service, Hot Chocolate and Community" on the program blog
- Contributed 40+ hours a week to community service; translated between Spanish and English

SERVICE

Oct 2025 – Jan 2026

Early Childhood Screening Volunteer
With Johns Hopkins researchers and local physicians · Nayarit, Mexico
- 32 hours across 10 screening sessions supporting about 78 children

Feb 2024

Student Volunteer, TECHO
Guadalajara, Mexico
- Two-week home-building project for low-income families

2022 – 2024

Volunteer
School for the Blind and Lucky Dog shelter · Chapala, Mexico

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Languages	English (native) · Spanish (native)
Media	Oil · graphite · ink · photography · photo collage · ceramics · installation · documentary film
Software	Adobe Photoshop · Canva · Google Workspace · Microsoft Office · video editing
Also	Open-water swimming · enduro mountain biking · PADI-certified scuba diver