

Featured Artist

# Ric Castro



Dancing Shadows Painting by Ric Castro

Richard “Ric” Castro, a Chamoru artist born in 1961 to Juan and Magdalena LG Castro of Yigo, is a Professor of Art at the University of Guam, teaching at the Mangilao campus since the 1990s. Castro, the third youngest of nine children, was raised on his family beach, Jinapsan, in the north of Guam. He is known primarily for his paintings but also does printmaking and stone-carving. Castro comes from a family of professional artists.

Ric Castro received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds an Associate degree in Specialized Technology in Visual Communication from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, where, in his final year, he won “Best in Show.” Castro also has a Master of Fine Arts degree and four-year certificate in painting and printmaking from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia. While there he received a travel award to experience art in France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.

After college, Castro came back to Guam and began teaching. Although he considers himself primarily an abstract artist, the return to the lush jungles of the island provided inspiration for his works depicting local landscapes.

In the course of his career, Castro has been the recipient of other numerous awards and has exhibited his paintings and prints in the continental United States as well as in Japan, Tahiti, and the Philippines.