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### **EDUCATION**

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1988.

International Off-Campus Studies Program, Madrid, Spain, 1986-1987, assisted the Spanish sculptor Jose Cobo in the preparation and construction of a public monument for Santander, Spain.

John Chambers Studios, Burbank, California, 1982 Employed as a sculptor to assist make-up artist John Chambers. Mr. Chambers received the 1969 Academy Award for Best Make-up in "The Planet of the Apes." Chambers is the recipient of an "Emmy" for his work in "Primal Man" and in 1980 was honored with a star on Hollywood Boulevard.

### **HONORS AND AWARDED COMMISSIONS**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Washington, DC.** Awarded Honorable mention, in a field of a thousand competing for the National Monument on the Mall in Washington, DC.

**Montgomery County, "Veterans' Plaza" Silver Spring, Maryland.** Currently under design this memorial is 120 feet by 300 feet and is a design effort with Machado & Silveti Architects.

**Ernest Everett Just Foundation, Ernest Everett Just Middle School, Prince Georges County, Maryland.** The sculptor has been commissioned to design and sculpt a seven-foot sculpture of the noted African American Biologist who led the field in cell biology. The sculpture will be installed in front of the middle school that bears his name.

**ALSACE, Saint Jude Hospital and Medical Center, Monument to Danny Thomas, Memphis, Tennessee.** The sculptor is to create a sculpture in honor of Mr. Danny Thomas the founder of Saint Jude Children's Hospital. The eight-foot sculpture will include Danny Thomas and three children. To be dedicated in fall 2010.

**Boston Red Sox, The Teammates, for Fenway Park, Boston, Massachusetts.** The sculptor is currently in the design phase, creating a sculptural grouping of four baseball figures for Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

## **DEDICATED PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COMMISSIONS**

**Miami Dolphins, A Perfect Moment in Time, Monument to Coach Don Shula and the 1972 Dolphins 17-0, Miami Gardens, Florida.** Commissioned to create a ten-foot figural grouping of Coach Don Shula being raised upon the shoulders of two football players (Nick Buoniconti HOF and Al Jenkins) all three players in a seven- scale. The sculpture was installed at the executive office entry to Sun Life Stadium home of the Miami Dolphins. Dedicated prior to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl festivities January 2010.

**The Major Taylor Association Inc., 'Tribute to Marshall "Major" Taylor'.** The Major Taylor Association, Inc. in Worcester, Massachusetts awarded this commission. One over life-size bronze figure, two reliefs, one 7 ½ by 10 feet and one 4 by 8 feet in bronze. The other materials include granite and Bluestone. Dedicated May 2008.

**Calvert Marine Museum, "The Cradle of Invasion Monument, On Watch" Solomons Island, Maryland.** This monument includes an eight-foot figure in bronze of a sailor looking out over the water. Dedicated August 11, 2007

**H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse, DC Family Court, "Reach Just a Little Bit Higher", Judiciary Square, Washington DC.** A life-size bronze sculpture of a family of four (mother, father, a son and daughter) along with two glass panels etched with universal quotes about family. This sculpture was installed in the Family Court Lobby. Dedicated February 1, 2007.

**Wiley H. Bates Portrait Bust, ACDS Wiley H. Bates High School, Newly named Wiley H. Bates Heritage Park, Annapolis, Maryland.** An over life-size portrait bust. The subject opened the first black high school in Anne Arundel County. The portrait is installed in the courtyard of the old school which has been renovated for reuse as the new Boys and Girls club and the Retirement Home. Dedicated September 2006.

**Thurgood Marshall Portrait Bust, BWI Thurgood Marshall International Airport, Baltimore, Maryland.** An over life-size portrait bust commissioned by the Airport, through the State of Maryland, to be a part of a permanent exhibit in the newly named airport. Dedicated June 6 2006.

**University of Maryland Baltimore County, "A Tribute to Walter Sondheim", Baltimore Maryland.** A life-size figure of Walter Sondheim, Sondheim was the president of the Baltimore School Board in 1954 and immediately moved to desegregate the Baltimore Schools by the fall term. He has served as a civic leader for over 50 years in Baltimore and was instrumental in the redevelopment and revitalization of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Collaborating with Miles Barnard ASLA. Dedicated in the Spring of 2005.

**Vandenberg Memorial Committee, "The Senator Arthur Vandenberg Memorial", Grand Rapids, Michigan.** This plaza features a nine-foot figure of the late Senator and incorporates his words and lists his achievements and contributions to our nation and the world. Senator Vandenberg had an active role in the founding of NATO, the United Nations and played a Leadership role in the approval of the Marshall Plan. Dedicated Spring of 2005.

**Norfolk Collegiate Lower School, "A Boy and His Book", Norfolk, Virginia.** A life-size sculpture of an eight-year-old boy reading a book. The figure is seated on a brick bench and graces the entry to the school. Dedicated 2004.

**Nolan Ryan Museum, "Nolan Ryan", Alvin, Texas.** A Seven and a half foot figure of the Legendary Baseball Pitcher stands in front of the museum in Alvin. At the request of Mr. Ryan, Mendez created a smaller version of the sculpture that he did for the Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. 2003.

**City of Alexandria, "Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans Memorial", Alexandria, Virginia.** Three life-size bronze figures with a plaza 66 feet in diameter surrounded by a limestone exedra bench. This plaza and sculpture was dedicated in July 2002.

**United States Navy Memorial Foundation, United States Navy Memorial, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.** Engineer Duty Officers bronze relief 35" x 37". Installed 2001

**Canal Place, C&O Canal Commemorative Monument. Cumberland, Maryland.** Life-size bronze mule and boy with a granite fountain. Installed 2000

**Shanti Fund "The Mohandas K. Gandhi Memorial" H. Lee Dennison County Office Building Suffolk County Long Island, New York.** Over Life-size bronze figure placed in the center of a square plaza. The figure is complete the plaza is under construction.

**Warwick Public Library, "The Warwick Quahogger, A Days Catch" Warwick, Rhode Island.** A life-size bronze figure with his tools of trade and a Labrador retriever. The design includes a granite fountain twenty-four feet wide by sixteen feet front to back. Dedicated 1998.

**American Business Women's Association, Portrait of Hilary F. Bufton National Headquarters, Kansas City, Missouri.** Bronze portrait bust. Dedicated 1998.

**Norfolk Collegiate High School "Going to School" Norfolk, Virginia.** Life-size bronze figure of an adolescent with a book bag. Dedicated 1998.

**The Texas Rangers Baseball Club "Monuments to Nolan Ryan and Mayor Tom Vandergriff" The Ball Park, Arlington, Texas.** Nolan Ryan's bronze figure is 8 feet tall Mayor Vandergriff is 7'3" tall. Dedicated 1997.

**The State of Maryland Governor's Commission, Thurgood Marshall Memorial "Equal Justice Under Law" State House Grounds, Annapolis, Maryland.** A heroic figure of the Supreme Court Justice on a pedestal and three life-size bronze figures seated on granite benches. In collaboration with James Urban, ASLA the sculptor designed the 50' x 60' plaza with the limestone colonnade. Dedicated 1996.

**Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, "You Can Fly" Norfolk, Virginia** Five life-size bronze children surrounded by a circular brick path inscribed with a quote from Peter Pan. Dedicated 1995.

**Friends of Anmarie Gardens "A Tribute to the Oyster Tonger" Calvert County, Maryland**

A seven and a half-foot bronze figure stands on the bow of a twenty-foot granite boat. The figure and boat are in the center of a 50-foot diameter cobblestone lined basin. Dedicated 1994.

**Advocates for Homeless Families, Inc. "The Embrace" Frederick, Maryland** Cast stone bas-relief sculpture 18" x 24". The relief is presented annually to a generous group, supporting the mission of Advocates. 1991

**Mable R. Walter Arboretum Endowment Campaign "Student Reading" Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, Maryland.** Half life-size figure on a limestone pedestal. 1993.

**Department of the Interior, National Parks Service, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Memorial Visitors Center, "Isle of Oahu" Oahu, Hawaii** A bronze topography map of the isle of Oahu (four by five feet). Used by Pearl Harbor survivors to describe the attack on Pearl Harbor. Dedicated 1992.

**Mercersburg Academy "The Erin Carey Memorial Garden", Mercersburg, Pennsylvania**

A half life-size figure on a limestone pedestal in the center of a twenty-foot diameter Bluestone plaza. Dedicated 1992.

**The United States Navy Memorial Foundation "Medical Corps & Navy Exploration, the Wilke's Expedition" United States Navy Memorial, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.** Two bronze reliefs each 35 by 37 inches. Dedicated 1992.

**United States Mint, United States Treasury Department, Washington D.C** The Treasury Department commissioned eight designs for coins commemorating Mount Rushmore and the U.S.O.

**National Multiple Sclerosis: Chicago/Northern Illinois Chapter "Bronze Sculpture Awards" & "Honorary Presentation" Chicago, Illinois.** Designed two variations on the award and cast and presented eight to the client. Dedicated 1988.

**James S. Savage Bronze Relief Memorial**  
**Commissioned by the Valparaiso University - School of Law**  
**Valparaiso, Indiana**

The Law School commissioned this bronze bas-relief portrait of Professor James Savage. Installed in 1986.

**TEACHING AND LECTURING EXPERIENCE**

- 2008- Fall Part time, Sculpture Instructor at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland. Teaching Figurative Sculpture in the graduate department.
- 1991-92 Part time, Sculpture Instructor at Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland. Teaching traditional portrait sculpture.
- 1989 Rodin Museum Lecture, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A two and a half-hour lecture on Rodin discussing historical developments during the artist's life, his contributions to Modernism, and the techniques he used in creating his works.
- 1989 Guest lecturer, Hagerstown Leadership Council. Artists talk.
- 1989 Gallery Talk, Mary Condon Hodges Gallery, Frederick Community College, Frederick, Maryland
- 1989 Part time teacher for the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, Maryland.

**POSITIONS HELD**

- 1997-Present  
The State of Maryland Governor's Commission on Artistic Properties. Appointed by Governor Parris Glendening as a Commission Member overseeing the State of Maryland's Art Collection.
- 1989-1993 Director of Visual Arts/Board of Directors, Frederick Arts Council
- 1989-1992 Chair Silent Auction, Frederick Arts Council annual fund-raiser

**MEMBERSHIP PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2007 Elected as a Professional Sculptor Member of the National Sculpture Society (NSS)
- Member of International Sculpture Center

**SHOWS**

- 1985-2007 Spring and Fall shows at Pleasant Valley Studios, Knoxville, Maryland
- 1998 One-man Show, Hood College Art Gallery, Frederick, Maryland. A seven years retrospective of work
- 1998 Antonio Tobias Mendez & Antonio Joseph Mendez Recent Works, Frederick Community College
- 1994 Two-man Show, Mickelson Gallery, Washington, D.C.

- 1987-1993 "Cumberland Valley Regional Artists Show," Hagerstown, Maryland. Washington County Museum of Fine Arts awarded the "Maryland Metals, Inc. Award" for outstanding entry in metal for all 7 years
- 1993 Mickelson Gallery 30th Anniversary Show, Washington, D.C.
- 1991-1993 Mickelson Gallery Annual Group Show, Washington, D.C.
- 1992 "More Mendez: Insights and Reflections," featuring the paintings of Antonio J. Mendez and the sculptures of Antonio T. Mendez. Mary Condon Hodgson Art Gallery, FCC, Frederick, Maryland
- 1992 Frederick County Arts Council Beaux-Arts Ball Auction, Weinberg Center, Frederick, Maryland
- 1992 Washington Area Figurative Sculptors Show, American University, Washington, D.C.
- 1991 Knickerbocker Artists, Salmagundi Club, New York, New York A National Juried Exhibition
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- 1990 Delaplaine Visual Arts Center Annual Membership Show, Frederick, Maryland
- 1990 Gallery on 2nd First Birthday Show, Frederick, Maryland
- 1989 "Mysterious Images" Juried Show, Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland
- 1989 Frederick's Festival of the Arts Sculpture Garden - City Hall, Frederick, Maryland
- 1989 "Art of the Figure" Juried Show, Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland
- 1989 "Inaugural Show for the Frederick Community College, Art Center," featuring the paintings of Antonio J. Mendez and the sculptures of Antonio T. Mendez. Frederick, Maryland
- 1989 "Lasting Impressions," School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, Juried Alumnae Show of Lithography
- 1989 "Mendez, Paintings and Sculptures," Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, Maryland