

Basic Detail Report



Corona Virus Piñata

Date

2020

Primary Maker

Francisco Rodriguez

Medium

Paper maché, glue, wire

Description

Green and red Piñata with face representing the corona virus or covid-19 and blue spots. Overall irregular ball shape with protruding pieces. Originally from Ciudad

Juarez, where he learned his craft, and longtime resident of Albuquerque, Francisco Rodríguez has been making piñatas for close to 30 years. His Albuquerque store, Casa de Piñatas, is an institution. During the pandemic, sales plummeted and stay-at-home orders caused temporary shutdowns. The artist began making his COVID-19 piñata as a response to the pandemic. Although playful, the piece also speaks to the severity of the problems facing many artists and small business owners. The popularity of the COVID-19 piñata grew astronomically and has helped Mr. Rodríguez stay in business (from exhibition label text).

Dimensions

16.5 x 17.5 x 19.5 in (irregular)