

# DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

**Title:** Dr. Jose P. Rizal

**Artist:** Lorena Toritch

**Date:** 2006

**Type:** Sculpture

**Medium:** Bronze (sculpture), Granite (pedestal)

**Location:** Hermann Park

The bronze bust of Dr. Jose P. Rizal has been part of the City of Houston art collection since 2006. It is the work of Lorena Toritch. She is a master sculptor at the Young Fine Art Studio in Salt Lake City, UT.

The bust celebrates one of the foremost historical heroes of the Philippines. A doctor trained in Madrid, Paris, and Heidelberg, Rizal was a poet, essayist, and novelist. He was a proponent of national independence through peaceful reform. His execution in 1896 is considered the spark that ignited the Filipino fight for independence, and its anniversary is a national holiday.

