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Exhibitions

- 2021 **The Places We Forgot**, solo exhibition featuring more than 30 pieces of encaustic artwork and sculpture, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, VA.
- 2020 **Artist's Choice**, national online juried exhibition, Foundry Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- Baltimore Artscape**, juried online artists' market, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts
- 2018 **METROPOLIS**, site-specific suspended installation using old battered street signs, Takoma Park Community Center
- Fluid Dynamics**, mixed-media artwork from three series in curated group exhibition, Takoma Park Community Center
- 2017 **Selfie: Me, Myself, and Us**, juried group exhibition by the Sparkplug Collective exploring themes about technology, identity, and digital deception, Flashpoint Gallery
- Smithsonian American Art Museum**, artist talk by the Sparkplug Collective in the Luce Foundation Center for American Art about the *Selfie: Me, Myself, and Us* exhibition
- 2016 **Power (I Know It When...)**, site-specific installation about gun violence, curated exhibition by the Sparkplug Collective, D.C. Arts Center
- 2015 **Art All Night**, grant-supported multi-media installation in historic Carnegie Library featuring melted vinyl artwork, interactive sound-activated video projection, and DJ beats
- G40 Art Summit**, featured artist showing *Ghosts in the Machine* series, curated group exhibition of outsider artists, Art Whino Gallery annex, 700 H Street NE
- Dis/Satisfaction**, curated group exhibition by the Sparkplug Collective, D.C. Arts Center
- Laser Cat**, artwork included in performance art party by the Barcelona-based Hungry Castle collective that did indeed feature a giant inflatable cat with laser-shooting eyes, The Yards Park
- Cherry Blast**, group exhibition curated by Art Whino Gallery in official event of the National Cherry Blossom Festival
- Art Night**, juried fundraiser for Washington Project for the Arts, Hickok Cole, Georgetown
- Lost & Found**, juried group exhibition featuring found objects, Off Rhode Gallery
- (Re)Creation: An Artist's Exploration**, curated group exhibition, ReCreative Spaces Gallery
- #WeTweetArt**, group exhibition featuring interactive social media, artDC, Lustine Center, Hyattsville, Md.
- 2014 **Ghosts in the Machine**, solo exhibition of mixed-media artwork, American Visionary Art Museum restaurant, Baltimore, Md.

- Mayhem**, national juried group exhibition, Gallery Underground, Crystal City, Va.
- 2012 **Artomatic**, volunteer gallery manager and featured artist, Crystal City
1460 Wall Mountables, group exhibition, D.C. Arts Center
- 2011 **Dia de Los Muertos: The Art of Remembrance**, juried group exhibition, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, Va.
Art on Belmont, juried art fair during Adams Morgan Day
Marcatus, art fair juried by Art Whino Gallery, The Yards Park
- 2010 **First on First Art Walk**, featured artist, First Street NW
Curves, juried exhibition exploring human body, Art League, Alexandria
Found, juried group exhibition featuring found objects, Art League
- 2009 **My Space on 7th**, group exhibition, Touchstone Gallery
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- 2007 **Art on the Small Side**, juried group exhibition, Touchstone Gallery
1460 Wall Mountables, group exhibition, D.C. Arts Center
National Arts Program, group exhibition, National Press Club
- 2004 **Recycle Santa Fe**, group exhibition of recycled art, Sweeney Convention Center, Santa Fe, NM
sELECTIONs, social protest art exhibition, Santa Fe Art Institute
- 2003 **Read Street Fine Art**, founding member of co-op gallery in downtown Santa Fe
Peace Show, political art exhibition, Artists Resistance Movement
- 2002 **Merging Worlds**, solo exhibition of mixed-media artwork and sculpture, Back Street Bistro
Arte de Descartes III, juried group exhibition of recycled art, Stables Art Center, Taos
ALPHA Fine Arts, curated group exhibition in Santa Fe gallery

Education

University of North Carolina, B.A. with honors in journalism, Phi Beta Kappa member, merit scholarship recipient, and student member of the journalism school's Board of Visitors

Manchester University, England, studied art history and English literature, traveled to art museums across Europe by bus, train, and right thumb

Awards and Grants

- 2020 **First Place**, Commentary and Criticism for arts writing, Dateline Awards, Society for Professional Journalists, D.C. chapter
- 2019 **First Place**, Commentary and Criticism, Dateline Awards, Society for Professional Journalists, D.C. chapter
- 2018 **Artist Fellowship Program**, juried grant from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities in recognition of artistic merit and contributions to the local arts community
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- 2015 **Art All Night**, grant for site-specific installation in the historic Carnegie Library awarded by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities

Work Experience

Arts and Humanities Coordinator, City of Takoma Park, 2017-present, curate, promote, and stage wide range of arts and culture events, including art exhibitions, public art installations, concerts, theater and dance performances, film screenings, lectures, and poetry readings

Videoconference Presenter, 2016-2020, Artful Connections, Smithsonian American Art Museum, volunteer instructor of interactive arts videoconferences with schools and senior groups across the United States

Arts Writer, author of art reviews, artist profiles, and features for several publications, including Hyperallergic, Bmoreart, Smithsonian Torch, and the Washington Diplomat

Art Instructor, Project Create, helped teach art classes for elementary, middle, and high-school students from underserved areas of D.C. in schools and public housing complexes

Art Instructor, Lee Montessori Elementary School, organized and taught mixed-media art club using found objects and various art techniques

Affiliations

Washington Sculptors Group, member since 2016

Washington Project for the Arts, member since 2012

D.C. Arts Center, member since 2007

Media Coverage

East City Art, review of *Fluid Dynamics* exhibition at the Takoma Park Community Center

Washington Post and *Washington Post Express*, previews of *Selfie: Me, Myself, and Us* exhibition at the Flashpoint Gallery

On Tap magazine, review of *Selfie: Me, Myself, and Us* exhibition at the Flashpoint Gallery

Washington Post, review of *Power (I Know It When...)* exhibition at D.C. Arts Center

Washington Post, review of *Dis/Satisfaction* exhibition at D.C. Arts Center

Washington Post Express, preview of Laser Cat performance art installation at The Yards Park

Washington Post, review of *Wall Mountables* exhibition at D.C. Arts Center

Washington City Paper, artwork featured in Found Art section

Santa Fe New Mexican, preview of solo exhibition at Back Street Bistro