

# CHYNA MAE (FRIES)

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A great team member as well as an individual worker with proven computer competency, strong communication skills, with the ability to organize and plan successfully. Accustomed to, and prefers a fast-paced work environment and dealing with a variety of tasks and responsibilities in an efficient and accurate way. Strong track record, development portfolio and project management of for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations.

## CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Able to effectively manage my time through careful planning and organization of work activities
- An aptitude for identifying and resolving problems efficiently
- Excellent communication skills that result in positive interpersonal relationships
- A track record of reliability by meeting deadlines and producing accurate work of a high standard
- The capacity to learn and apply new information quickly and accurately
- Strong computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Quickbooks and more

## CERTIFICATIONS

Trauma-Informed Learning Certificate (2023)  
Gale Courses: Start a Consulting Business, Get Grants!, Introduction to Nonprofit Management, Introduction to Interior Design (2021)  
The Cycle: Management of Successful Arts and Culture Management with University of Maryland (2020)  
Maryland Micro-Credentials for Creative Classrooms (2020)  
Nonprofit Essentials Certification - Nonprofitready.org (2020)  
Event Sponsorship Certification with Eventbrite (2019)  
First Aid and CPR Certification (2011- 2021)  
Quickbooks and Microsoft Certification (2016)  
Customer Service Certification (2013)  
Professional House Cleaner Certification (2011)  
Childcare and Child Development Certification (2011)  
Food Handling Servsafe Certification (2011)  
Serving and Alcohol Awareness Certification (2009)

## EDUCATION

**2012- 2016 THE ART INSTITUTE OF PITTSBURGH ONLINE DIVISION IN GRAPHIC DESIGN**  
**2011 HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN BUSINESS TRAINING IN CHILDCARE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**  
**2006-2010 GLENELG HIGH SCHOOL**

## WORK HISTORY

1/30/2023 - Present	<b>Apprentice - Dez Customz @dezcustomz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Supporting business operations</li><li>- Learning custom airbrushing, automotive paint and mural techniques</li></ul>
2/23/2022 -Present	<b>Teaching Artist - Arts for Learning Maryland</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Integrate the arts to teach math and English to kids from pre-k to 8th grade</li><li>- Collaborate with instructor to make a custom curriculum for their Summer Arts for Learning Academy / After School Program</li></ul>
2/1/2021 - Present	<b>Consultant &amp; Creative Director - Your Destiny's Dream LLC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Business consulting and marketing management of local businesses and nonprofit</li><li>- Assistance with business planning, grants, alternative financing and access to capital</li><li>- Research and analysis of organizations to facilitate the successful operation of businesses by providing data or strategies for revenue maximization</li><li>- Oversea portfolio of clients and delegate needs accordingly.</li></ul>
4/2/2020 - Present	<b>President - Creative Director, Operation ARTS Foundation inc.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Managed and supervised all operations and financial activities of the organization.</li></ul>

- Mentored, motivated, and provided leadership to members, interns and volunteers.
- Oversaw and maintain coordination of workflow between different offices of the organization.
- Contacted and collaborated with all appropriate companies, and other NGOs, to build relationships
- Establish programming, strategies, projects and other plans for organization.

12/1/2019 - Present

**Secretary/ Development Director, Beats for a Better Tomorrow Charitable Foundation inc.**

- Served on the board of directors, and take meeting minute notes
- Identify, solicit, and manage public/private foundation, and state and federal grants
- Assist on all marketing materials and message development
- Professional development education for nonprofit organization, volunteers and college accredited interns

12/1/2019 - Present

**Manager/ Marketing/ Designer, Collins and Sons LLC**

- Manage budgets, bookkeeping, market analysis and operations
- Design and write advertisements to boost sales. Create organic SEO, websites and increase online presence.
- Consulting for business development.

1/1/2019 - 3/30/2020

**Co-Founder - Creative Director, Operation A.R.T.S. LLC**

- Create plans to increase brand recognition, contracts, sales and exposure for the artist community.
- Develop, organize and execute innovative community engagement, event plans, and project budgets
- Professional development education for artists, volunteers and college accredited interns
- Sell local artwork in our 2 galleries: Launch Workplaces located at 9841 Washingtonian Blvd Ste 200, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 and Mount Vernon Marketplaces located at 520 Park Ave, Baltimore, MD 21201

3/2015 - Present

**Artist / Designer, Chyna Mae Fries (Sole Proprietorship)**

- Created sales collateral, marketing literature, digital and print advertisements for small businesses
- Create custom tailored art based on the clients desires and needs
- This is the brand / business I created for my art and design work

11/2016 – 12/2018

**Manager/ Marketing/ Designer, Eric's Electric Service Pros**

- Manage employee, pay invoices, collect payment, bookkeeping, advertisements, branding and operations
- Providing excellent customer service by answering questions and assisting in recommendations

9/2016 – 12/2018

**VP / Co Founder, Artists Compound**

- Demonstrated attention to detail, organizational strengths and advanced skills in negotiations and cost-cutting strategies to deliver events that consistently exceeded client expectations.
- Lead in the design, development and implementation of the graphic, layout, and production communication materials
- Professional development education for artists, volunteers and college accredited interns

6/ 2016 -12/2016

**Graphic Designer/ Marketing, Depth Perception**

- Handled the tasks of designing graphic art, desktop publishing and photography
- Designed custom print media publications such as advertisements, event flyers, logos and album covers

9/2015 – 12/2017

**Graphic Designer/ Marketing/ Event Coordinator, Wisdom Court Entertainment**

- Arrange media appearances, promote events and manage social media campaigns
- Custom create advertising and promotions. Document events with photography and film production

## **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

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**2022:** Community Service Award from the Town of Edmonston

**2021:** Maryland States Arts Council Emergency Grant for Independent Artists

**2020:** Artist + Activist Relief Fund Grant with The Soze Foundation and TaskForce

**2020:** Emergency Relief Fund with PGAHC - The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

**2018:** Grant awarded for Gallery Artist Network participation during Baltimore's Art Festival: Artscape

**2012-2015:** Academic Achievement Award and Grant from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

**2009 and 2010:** Maryland Distinguished Scholar Talent in The Art Program Certificate of Award for Honorable Mention for Visual Arts from MHEC (Maryland Higher Education Commission)

**2009:** Recognition from Governor Martin O'Malley for Academic Achievements

**2009:** Theresa Lynch Bedoya, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid of MICA, declared portfolio top 25% of admissions

**2008, 2009 and 2010:** Howard County Public School System Certificate of Recognition - Awarded for Portfolio Development

## **MY ART PRODUCTION:**

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## PUBLIC ART:

**Coming Soon:** 1 mural in Westminster

**10/2022:** Art Magnet Takoma Park: Free Little Art Gallery located at 7667 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912

**9/24/22 - Unity Rally** - Art Installation for Affirmation Tree and Vendor with Renee Taylor

**8/26/22 - Strong Friend Meetup** - Art Installation for Affirmation Tree and Vendor with Renee Taylor

**6/22/2022 - 8/1/2022:** 3 Little Free Libraries in Edmonston at Veterans Park, Eco City Farms, Edmonston Town Hall

**12/5/2021:** Edmonston's Food Pantry: located Veterans Park: Intersection of Decatur Street And Taylor Road, Edmonston, MD, 20781

**10/9/2021:** Art Magnet Edmonston: Free Little Art Gallery located at Veterans Park: Intersection of Decatur Street And Taylor Road, Edmonston, MD, 20781

**10/7/2021:** Art Magnet Brentwood: Free Little Art Gallery located at Gateway Arts Center: 3901 Rhode Island Ave, Brentwood, MD 20722

**2/12/2020 - Current:** LED Sound Reactive Cloud sculptures called "Rainbow Nimbus" - at John Hopkins University in the Brody Learning Commons / Milton Eisenhower Library for the launch of Silvercloud App a Cognitive Behavior App.

**10/27/2019 - 1/13/2020:** LED Sound Reactive Cloud sculptures called "Chameleon Clouds" for Light City at Mount Vernon Marketplace

**3/25/2018 - 6/7/2018 :** LED Sound Reactive Cloud sculptures called "SpaceyCloud" at SpaceyCloud Lounge in DC

## CHYNA'S PAST EVENTS AND FESTIVALS:

**9/1/2019:** Collective Minds Festival at Baltimore Poly Tech High School

**4/20/2019:** High on Health at dispensary Chesacanna 4/20 Party

**6/7 - 6/8/2019:** MD Arts Summit with Maryland Citizens for the Arts, in conjunction with the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland State Department of Education, and AEMS: Arts Education in Maryland Schools at UMBC

**2/7/2019:** Reefer Madness at Creative Labs

**10/6/2018:** People's Unity Fest Presents Fall Fest 2018 at Braglio Farms in Woodstock MD

**11/16/2017:** Raw Artists Showcase: Savor - Howard Theatre, DC

**1/11/2017:** Creative Labs Grand Opening

**9/ 22/2016:** Raw Artists Showcase: Verve - Angel's Rock Bar

**6/ 23/2016:** Raw Artists Showcase: Trend - PBR

**5/29/2016:** Sowebo Art Festival

## CHYNA'S EXHIBITIONS:

**Urban Sustainables:** Solo Exhibition 6/15/2019 - 2/29/2020

**Bmore Lit Book City Fest:** with artists: Gina DeLuca, Nerra Muhammad, Renee Taylor and Chyna Mae featuring collaborations with Nicole Johnson and TranceVisions at Mount Vernon Marketplace Reception: 11/7/2019 Exhibition: 10/25/19-2/22/2020

**Fright Lights:** Solo Exhibition for Light City at O'lynn's - Crab and Cask House 3/31/2018

**Mad Art Party:** with Lorraine Imwold, Heather Feather Rakas, Sylvie Langsdorf-Willoughby, Zoey Newell, Naomi Christianson, Chyna Mae and Irena Koren at Spacey Cloud Lounge DC Reception: 4/22/2018 Exhibition: 3/18/2018 - 6/7/2018

**Aurora: Celebration of Female Divineness** with Soliana by Di, Jenae Harrison and Chyna Mae at XS Baltimore Reception: 4/5/2017 Exhibition 3/29-7/5/ 2017

**My Destiny's Dream:** Solo Exhibition by Chyna Mae at Warehouse 518

Reception:12/15/2016 Exhibition:12/ 4/2016 to 3/27/2017

**Cooperative Creativity:** with Gregory Trenchard, Laura Palmer, Wendell Supreme, Chyna Mae and Renee Pierre at Launch Workplaces in Rockville Reception: 10/20/2016 Exhibition: 10/3/2016-1/20-2017

## CURATOR AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL VISUAL ARTISTS:

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### 2022:

- Judge - For Brentwood's second Free Little Art Gallery in Bartlett Park

- Judge - For Public Arts Across Maryland Edmonston's Augmented Reality Mural

### 2020-2021:

- Mount Vernon Marketplace -

**Power, Pride, and Principles** - with Taurean Washington, John McGrath, Francesca Downs, and Jon Brick

Reception Date: 3/6 Exhibition: 2/22/2020 - 6/13/2020

**Art "Anti" Social** with Michael Colonello, Lauren Silex, Qrcky, and Lydia Russell

Reception Date: 10/30 Exhibition: 10/17/2020 - 2/09/2021

### 2019:

- Launch Workplaces (Gaithersburg) -

**Creative Coalesce: Freeing Our Creativity** - with Daniel Prosser, Heidi Neff, Alexey Zoob and DRD Creative

Reception: 1/10/2019 Exhibition: 12/18/2018 - 3/17/2019

**Blooming Visionaries Manifesting Prosperity** - with Alex Kasten, Heather Joi, Mike Hyman and A.N.T Hill Arts

Reception Date:4/24/2019 Exhibition: 3/17/2019 - 6/16/2019

**Artful Destinations** - with Chris Wamsley, Deborah Walmer, Dawda Oliver and Ashley Willey.

Reception Date: 7/17 Exhibition: 6/16/2019- 9/8/2019

**Launch Holiday Artisan Marketplace** - with Maira Lanias, Elizabeth Steel, Sazafass and Louann Collins

Reception Date: 12/3/2019 Exhibition: 11/24/2019 - 3/21/2020

- Mount Vernon Marketplace -

**Pouralicious** - with solo exhibition with Gina DeLuca Reception Date: 3/7 Exhibition: 2/4/2019 - 4/28/2019

**Bmore Lit Book City Fest:** with artists Gina DeLuca, Nerra Muhammad, Renee Taylor and Chyna Mae featuring collaborations with Nicole Johnson and TranceVizions. Reception: 11/7/2019 Exhibition: 10/25/19-2/22/2020

**2018:**

- Launch Workplaces (Gaithersburg) -

**Unwind to Art Pours, Pitchers and Pointers** - with Gina DeLuca, Kaitlyn Taylor, Crystal Dunn, Edelweiss Calcagno, and Ania Milo.

Reception Date: 4/3 Exhibition: 3/4 - 8/26/2018

**Contrast Effect** with Sierra Ridley, Adrian Chrissos, Rachel McDougald, Rajamonbey

Reception Date: 8/28/2018 Exhibition: 8/26 - 12/18/2018

- Mount Vernon Marketplace -

**Edible Interpretation: A Feast for the Eyes** with Alan Parker, Treehouse Dev, and Elizabeth Miller

Reception Date: 2/22/2018 Exhibition: 2/18- 5/20/2018

**Detour to...** (Part 1- series exhibition "Detour to Discover Artland") with Jean E. Razulis, Kim Bradley and Valerie Smith

Reception Date: 6/7 Exhibition: 5/20-8/19/2018

**Artland** (Part 3 - series exhibition "Detour to Discover Artland") with Patricia Stockman, Gabriel Amadi-Emina and Heidi Neff

Reception Date: 8/23 Exhibition: 8/19-11/4/2018

**O' Comedian** - A Feast for the Eyes with Alan Parker, Treehouse Dev, and Elizabeth Miller

Reception Date: 12/6/2018 Exhibition: 11/4/2018 - 2/4/2019

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**ARTiculate** : *Where Words Fail, Music and Art* with Aldo Scattolon, Clifford Spicer, Sara Smigle, Tracy Stevens, KAitlyn Taylor and Awura-Adzua.

Reception Date: 3/22 Exhibition: 3/11- 6/10/2018

**Discover** (Part 2 - series exhibition "Detour to Discover Artland") with Greg McLemore, Ashley Huff, Taurean Washington, Jeanne Keck,

Elizabeth Stewart and Julie Maynor Reception Date: 6/21 Exhibition: 6/10-9/9/2018

- NinjaBe -

**Metamorphosis** with artists Trancevizion Simon Agousseoye and Nicole Johnson Reception Date: 3/7 Exhibition: 2/- 7/14/2018

**2017:**

- Launch Workplaces (Rockville) -

**Inspiration: Bringing Art to Life** with artists Lorraine Imwold, Benjamin Jancewicz and Jerome Chester

Reception Date: 1/27 Exhibition: 12/26/2016- 6/21/2017

**Kaleidoscope:** Reflection of Color with Alan Parker Trance Vizon and Nicky Williams

Reception Date: 6/21 Exhibition: 6/21-9/21/2017

**Enchanted** - with Laura Benson, Rene Piere, Karen Ruberry and Kristen Lapoint

Reception Date: 10/26/2017 Exhibition: 9/21/2017- 3/4/2018

- Mount Vernon Marketplace -

**Sweet Sensations** with artists Jennifer Hudson, Nicole Johnson, Rene Pierre and Laura Benson

Reception Date: 8/16 Exhibition: 8/2/2017 -10/16/2017

**Ignite Creativity** with artists Susan Ren, Simone Agousseoye, Lorraine Imwold, Kristen Lapoint and Anthony Saint

Reception Date: 10/18 Exhibition: 10/16-12/10/2017

**Tree-Mendous** Creativity and Charity with artists Brian Seymore, Troksart, The Glassy Knoll, Kmonay Creations and Ladyvile

Reception Date: 12/13/2017 Exhibition: 12/10/2017-2/18/2018

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**Aurora: Celebration of Female Divineness** with Soliana by Di, Jenee Harrison and Chyna Mae

Reception: 4/5/2017 Exhibition 3/29-7/5/ 2017

**Expressive** with artists Peter Smith, Lorraine Imwold, Kmonay Creations, Solely Supreme, Katia Baskina,

Reception: 8/31 Exhibition 7/5/2017-11/27/2017

**Thankful HeART** with RAPierre, Majick Misfit Art, Trancevizion, Lala Roseboro, Nerra Matthews Muhammad, and Ania Milo Swann

Reception Date: 11/29 Exhibition: 11/27/2017-3/11/2018

**TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS:**

- Mayuree Thai Tavern -

**Fusion** with artists Jerome Chester, Naomi Hanna, Vee Johnson, Lorraine Imwold and Shawna Cheatham

Reception Date: 4/13 Exhibition: 4/10-9/10/2017

**Art Out Loud** with artists Bryan Robinson and Alan Parker

Reception Date: 9/13/2017 Exhibition: 9/10-4/13

- Warehouse 518 -

**My Destiny's Dream:** Solo Exhibition by Chyna Mae

Reception: 12/15/2016 Exhibition: 12/ 4/2016 to 3/27/2017

**Big Words** "When you read you begin with ABC" with Lorraine Imwold

Reception Date: 3/30 Exhibition: 3/27-5/20/2017

-Hotel RL (Baltimore) -

**Create Connect Conquer** - A Night of Creative Exploration and Revelry with artists Shawn Theron, Maddy Loucas, Solely Supreme, Renee Pierre and Nicole Johnson with performance artists through Present 10 and Artists Compound

Reception Date: 3/15 Exhibition: 3/15-5/15/2017

- Song Builders Studios -

**Harmony** - *Open Jam and Art Reception* with Treehouse Dev, Anthony Saint, Don Leimur, Heart2rt

Reception Date: 10/6 Exhibition: 10/6/2017-2/3/2018

**MARKETING AND EVENT COORDINATION:**

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**Nonprofit Event Coordination:**

**10/30/22 -Ghostly Gatherings:** The celebration of Art M.A.G.N.E.T. our free little art gallery installation

**10/28/22 -Brentwood Exquisite Arts:** The celebration of Art M.A.G.N.E.T. our free little art gallery installation

**7/2/22 - Edmonston Fourth of July** - Face painting and art making activities.

**6/18/22 - Cultivating Community** - A gardening event for sharing knowledge on different plants, and a launch for new Free Little Libraries

**4/9/22 - Spring Festival** - A celebration of community, creativity, and the season. With a focus on environmental initiatives. Free trees were distributed to be planted within the community.

**4/24/22 - Popotillo** - **"Popotillo"** is a nearly-lost Mesoamerican artform of fiber-wax mosaic. It consists of creating colorful images by using wild grass or natural fibers of "Mijo" over any design.

**10/7/21 -Art It Out:** The celebration of Art M.A.G.N.E.T. our free little art gallery installation

**10/9/21 - Art in The Park** - The celebration of Art M.A.G.N.E.T. our free little art gallery installation

**Videography, Graphic Design and Event Coordination:**

11/16/2020-11/21/2020 Global Entrepreneurship Week (virtual) with University of Maryland at Startup UMD and WeWork

11/19 and 11/21/ 2019 - Global Entrepreneurship Week with University of Maryland at Startup UMD and WeWork

6/24/2019 - The Monday Jive at the 8x10

11/28/2016 - Ignite Creativity at The Rockwell

**Entertainment Bookings:**

2015, 2016, 2017 - Frozen Harbor Festival with One Koast Entertainment

2015, 2016, 2017 : Assisted in booking opening acts for: Ghost Face Killah, Onyx, Redman, Methodman, Rakim, Raekwon, Ruggman, Cappadonna at Soundstage. Dru Hill and Ballyhoo at Rams Head Live. King Los and AZ at Malibu Beach Bar.

10/14/2016 - Hoodiefest with Wisdom Court Entertainment at Charm City Skatepark

7/23/2016 - Run The Spectrum- Multi-genre Festival

12/5/2016 - Freemindz Fest: Hip-hop festival with Wisdom Court Entertainment at Charm City Skatepark

**Graphic Design and Event Coordination:**

7/14/2018 Wisdom Court at Charm Night Club

12/31/2017 - Funky Fresh Farewell Party at Malibu Beach Bar

12/18/2017 - We Invade at Malibu Beach Bar with Wisdom Court

8/15/2017 Your Network is your Net Worth at the Downtown Culture and Art Center

9/19/2017 Creative V.I.B.E - (Visual Interaction for Business and Entertainment) at the Downtown Culture and Art Center

2016-2017 Gathering Food Truck Festivals - including Taste of Three Cities with 10,000 attendees

7/15/ 2017 Bars On The Bay - Baltimore's First Hip Hop Festival at Malibu Beach Bar

5/10/2017 Mashup at Windup Space

2017 Soundscape at the Crown and Cityscape at Ynot Lot

12/10/2016 Designers Makers Market at the Downtown Culture and Art Center

11/28/2016 Ignite at Rockwell - Residency highlighting a different medium of the arts for 3 years with Artists Compound

**Sponsorship Acquisition:**

11/19 and 11/21/ 2019 Global Entrepreneurship Week with University of Maryland at Startup UMD and WeWork

6/24/2019 The Monday Jive at The 8x10

9/14/2017 Beat Club - Third Year Anniversary Event Sponsorship

7/15/2017 Bars on The Bay Festival

11/12/2016 Risi World Foundation Nonprofit

**WEBSITES:**

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**YOUR DESTINY'S DREAM LLC**

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#### **OPERATION ARTS FOUNDATION (Nonprofit)**

Website: [www.operationarts.com](http://www.operationarts.com)  
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Twitter: [https://twitter.com/operation\\_arts](https://twitter.com/operation_arts)  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/operationarts/>  
Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0IrnXgBu8vKbyvhkrzJ1RO>  
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