Justin Valenti

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Artist Experience

JANUARY 2017 – PRESENT

Self Employed Artpreneur *– Artist, Advocate and Author*

- Creates fluid art and digital art in home studio
- Published author and illustrator
- Advocate for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Designs and manages business website www.jkvalenti2014.com

JANUARY 2017 – PRESENT

VisAbility Art Lab *– Artist*

- Creates fluid paintings, digital art and art in other mediums
- Exhibits in art shows and festivals

Awards, Advocacy and Leadership

2025 - *Artists and Scholars Project Grant from the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC)*

2020 - Present, *Board of Directors for the Arc Maryland*

2023 - *Maryland Governor's Award of Disability Culture*

Select Exhibitions and Festivals

MAY - SEP 2025, *Universal Perspectives" Main Street Connect, Rockville, MD*

JAN - MAR 2025, *VisAbility Art Lab Annual Exhibition, VisArts, Rockville, MD*

NOV 29-30, 2024, *Bazaart Holiday Fair,* American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

OCT 25, 2024, *The Arc Baltimore's 23rd Annual Art in the Round,* Hunt Valley, MD

OCT 18 - NOV 2024, *"Belonging 2024", Main Street Connect ,* Rockville, MD

OCT 11 - NOV 16, 2024, *Make Studio's Cordially Invited VI,* Baltimore, MD

OCT 5, 2024, *Black Rock Artisan's Festival,* Germantown, MD

SEP 28, 2024, *Rocktobierfest,* Visibility Art Lab Booth, Rockville, MD

AUG 6-7, 2024, *Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education Summer Institute (MCIE),* Annapolis, MD

MAY - AUG 2024, *"Unmask: Artists on a Mission to Unmask the Stigma of Mental Illness"* Art Space and Montpelier Center for the Arts, VA

MAY 4 - 5, 2024, *Rockville Arts Festival,* VisAbility Art Lab Booth, Rockville, MD

APR 20, 2024, *Amateur Artists Showcase*, Casey Community Center, Gaithersburg, MD

FEB 9 – MAR 10, 2024, *VisAbility Art Lab Annual Exhibition,* Rockville, MD

NOV 25, 2023, *Bazaart,* American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD

JAN 11 – FEB 5, 2023, *VisAbility Art Lab Annual Exhibition,* VisArts, Rockville, MD

FEB 26 – APR 9, 2021, *VisAbility Art Lab,* VisArts, Rockville, MD

MAR 20 – JUN 7, 2020, *Visibility Art Lab,* VisArts, Rockville, MD

JAN – MAY 2020, *Abstracted,* Takoma Park Community Center, Takoma Park, MD

SEP 2019, *Art in the Round,* The Arc Baltimore, Baltimore, MD

Commissions and Mural Projects

2024 - Note Cards for Gala for Seeking Employment, Equality and Community (SEEC), Silver Spring, MD

2022 - *Together We're Better,* **Rebuilding Our Inclusive Community Together Contest,** Community Mural, Wheaton, MD, Shine Brighter Together Initiative, Montgomery Parks

Education

2014 – 2017 Exceptional Minds. Sherman Oaks, CA

- Various Workshops related to Graphic Arts, Digital Video Effects and Animation

2014 – 2017 Montgomery College, Rockville, MD

- Coursework and non-credit work in Graphic Design

Publications

2024 Coloring Book
2024 Drawings by Hand
2023 Social Sharks
2021 The Zania Virus
2019 Meeting the Girl
2018 Blast from the Past