

MARA CLAWSON

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GRANTS / AWARDS

- 2023 NEA Commission: *Connections*, Art Center of the Bluegrass, Danville KY
- 2021 2nd Place Award: *Works on Paper 2021*, a national juried exhibition, Long Beach Island Foundation, Long Beach Island NJ (Juror: Lanka Tattersall, Senior Curator of Drawings and Prints, MoMA, New York NY) (catalogue)
- 2020 Honorable Mention: *Sea of Change*, a Mid-Atlantic juried exhibition, Virginia Beach Art Center, Virginia Beach VA, (Juror: Gary Ryan, Executive Director of the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach VA)
- 2017-2020 Reach Independence through Self-Employment (RISE) program entrepreneurship grant: Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services, Baltimore MD
- 2016 Award of Excellence: *(Re)Invention*, a national juried competition and traveling exhibition, Emerging Young Artists with Disabilities program, Kennedy Center/VSA, Washington DC (catalogue)
- Dyer Arts Center / Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY
 - Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga TN
 - The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington DC
 - Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale AZ
 - Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC
 - Volkswagen Group of America Headquarters, Herndon VA
 - Dedalus Foundation, Brooklyn NY

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

Solo

- 2022 Silo6776, New Hope PA
- 2021 Main Street Gallery, Rockville MD
- 2020 Bodzin Art Gallery, Fairfax VA
- 2019 Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland OH, *Visiting Artist: Mara Clawson*
- 2017 McClintock Distilling, Frederick MD
- 2016 Goldman Art Gallery, Rockville MD
- 2005 Adat Shalom Synagogue, Bethesda MD

Juried / Invitational

- 2021 37th *Juried Open Exhibition*, Visual Arts Alliance, Houston TX (Juror: Harry Cooper, Senior Curator and Head of Modern Art, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC)
- 2021 30 Under 30: 2021, a juried competition and exhibition, Viridian Artists, New York NY
- 2020 *ReelArt*, The Center for Art and Photography at Celebration Company, Houston TX
- 2020 *Works on Paper 2020*, a national juried exhibition, Long Beach Island Foundation, Long Beach Island NJ (Juror: Sarah Suzuki, Curator of Drawings and Prints, MoMa, New York, NY) (catalogue)
- 2019 Allouche Gallery, New York NY
- 2017 Joan Hisoaka Healing Arts Gallery, Washington DC
- 2017 Sturt Haaga Gallery, La Canada CA
- 2016 *Alimento*, Shatto Chapel at First Congregational Church, Los Angeles CA
- 2007-2022 *Outsider Art Inside the Beltway/Outside Forces*, Art Enables, Washington DC

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Main subject in the documentary film *LIVING ART* directed by David Rochkind, Ground Media, 2018. (2019-2021 ReelAbilities Film Festivals: NYC, Toronto, Cleveland, Houston, Fairfax, Denver)
<https://vimeo.com/479811957>

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Stephanie Smith, "Interview with Artist Mara Clawson – Part 1 [and Part 2]," *Breck Smith: Interviews with other artists* (blog). April 23, 2021.

Kayley Whalen, "When Colors Get Along: Self-Direction Spotlight with Mara Clawson," *Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports: Self Direction Spotlight* (blog). July 25, 2020.

Derrick Shore, Interview, KPRC TV, Houston TX, February 13, 2020.

Heather Kansteiner, "Artist Mara Clawson spreads message of hope and courage through 'ReelArt' exhibit," *Click2Houston: Houston Life* (blog). February 13, 2020.

Andrea Kronzek, "Former Camp JCC Camper Comes Full-Circle with Her Art," *Bender JCC Center Scene*. November 2016.

Beth Panitz, "Mara Clawson-Her Pictures are Worth a Thousand Words," *BabagaNewz*. February 2006.

PUBLICATION AS AUTHOR

Adventures of Moses (1st ed.) Bethesda, MD: Author and Illustrator. 2016

WORKSHOPS / PRESENTATIONS

2021 iPad drawing workshop, Main Street, Rockville MD

2018 "Self-Employment: Business Owner Experiences," Maryland Employment First Summit, Columbia MD

2018 iPad drawing workshop, V-Linc Mary Salkever Camp, Baltimore MD

2017 iPad drawing workshop, Snyder Center for Aphasia Life Enhancement, Baltimore MD

COLLECTIONS

Cheryl Hazan, New York NY

Joan Agaginian Quinn, Beverly Hills CA

Chicago Sinai Congregation, Chicago IL

Sean Doolittle and Eireann Dolan, Washington DC

Jillian and Scott Copeland, Rockville, MD

EDUCATION / TRAINING / WORK EXPERIENCE

2015-present Owner and Artist, When Colors Get Along®, Bethesda MD

2013-present Resident Artist, Art Enables, Washington DC