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Artist Statement:

My intention is to bring a little joy and exuberance out of the spaces my work resides in whether temporary or permanent. Though I depict various subject matters, I generally like to use bright colors and play with textures to create visual interest in a more contemporary approach. I want my work to remind the viewer of the fun, visual excitement a child experiences when absorbing this world for the first time. Each brush stroke, or gesture is made with this passion for life that I want to share. Whether it is from an acrylic painting, print, collage, mural, photo, or origami... I want the viewer's eyes to widen, their mind to spark and their mouth left with a smile. I find art is more impactful when people feel part of it, that they can interact with it and contribute to it. The viewer becomes the driving force behind what makes each piece unique and special. Those attending are left with memories they will keep precious in their hearts for years to follow.

Experience

August 2021 - Potomac Riverkeeper Network TShirt Design Winner -

- Submitted winning vector art design that fulfilled conveyed the theme of "our watershed our home" as part of fundraising efforts

March 2021 - May 2021 - Art in Bloom Sculpture Design Winner - National Cherry Blossom Festival - Special Selection by the Embassy of Japan DC to be displayed at the Smithsonian Gardens

- Submitted winning design, spent over 60 hours hand folding, cutting and collaging completely a bloom shaped fiberglass sculpture with steel frame to be on display for 2.5 months for the public to enjoy as part of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, D.C.

November 2020 to Present - Wheaton Arts Parade Gallery Manager

- Help curate Visual Art exhibitions for the gallery
- Manage Installations and De-installations of each exhibit
- Manage daily operations and volunteer hours, trainings and more.

October 2020 -November 2020 - Promote the Vote - Winning Artists Design Mural Contest - Montgomery County MD Arts & Humanities Council

- Submitted winning design. It was turned into a vinyl banner that was installed on the new county building in Wheaton, Maryland near the Wheaton Metro Stop.

August to September 2020 - Public Art Sculpture “Path of Pyramids” Collaboration with One Montgomery Green and Wheaton Arts Parade - Wheaton, MD

- Designed Pyramid sculpture design and created design from #6 non-recyclable plastics adhered and fastened to the surface.
- Led online workshops with sponsors OMG & WAP through Zoom and FB live to engage with the community and have their art be included in the final public art piece.

May 2020 - 1st Place Winner - “Creative Expressions” Abstract Category - Awarded by Montgomery Art Association

- Award Judged by Lee Newman one of the founders of the Washington Studio School in DC. Newman is an established artist in our region who has artwork in the National Gallery of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He is a committed art educator as well as an award winning painter and printmaker.

2017 to Present - Wheaton Arts Parade & Festival – Wheaton, MD

- Participating Artist & Volunteer
- WAP Gallery Manager - Featured showing artists
- Outreach Committee
- Volunteer Instructor
- Parade Artists/Participant
- Social Media Manager
- Led Summer Parade Float making workshops
- Run pop up activities

July 20-22, 2018 - Artscape Baltimore - Charles Street & Mount Royal Ave - Baltimore, MD

- Kidscape \$2000.00 Grant Recipient - to run an interactive origami teaching and cumulative art installation over the course of the event weekend.

March 23 – May 18th, 2017: “Wings of Hope” Origami Project in collaboration with No Warrior Left Behind 501c3

- Voluntarily taught origami at events to accumulate origami pieces with notes inside to send to troops
- Taught at Artomatic 2017 for this cause
- Taught at the USPTO Community Day event

May 12th - June 10th, 2017 - Featured Gallery Artist for “Mother and Child” exhibit show; Artist Angle Gallery – Group Show – Frederick, MD

- Displayed and Sold hand drawn “boshitomo” – ink and market framed drawing WETA TV2

April 15 , 2017 - National Cherry Blossom Festival – Southwest Waterfront, DC : Art instruction

- Dressed up in Yukata Traditional Kimono
- Taught origami to families at the event

2009 - Present ArtOMatic DC – Artist Exhibition & Event Participating Artist & Volunteer

- Display and sell visual artwork
- Teach origami and use as part of interaction, and installation work.
- Volunteer to help run events as an event greeter and information desk hostess.
- Help with marketing and social media presence
- Volunteer performing an interactive origami installation piece for the show.

March to May 2017 - Artomatic DC, Crystal City VA: Visual Artist & Volunteer

- Teaching origami as part of my “Wings of Hope” Charity project in conjunction with the non-profit organization “no warrior left behind” to support military service and veterans. ✓
Showing 2D work and related origami wears.

November to December, 2016 - Artomatic MD – Park Potomac, MD

- Visual Artist & Volunteer
- Taught origami and showed visual 2d work as well as sculpture.

June to July 2012 Artomatic DC. Artomatic DC – Crystal City, VA

- Visual Artist & Volunteer
- Showing and selling artwork as a visual artist.
- Progressed the kokeshi style paintings into also incorporating the origami itself into collage and dolls in the paintings.
- Taught Origami cranes as part of the interaction portion of the project

September 2012 to 2019 - Leap Towards a Cure – Cancer Charity Art Event at Laurel Ice House, MD - Artists/Volunteer

- Showed artwork any sold pieces gave a percentage towards the charity event.
- Taught Children’s arts & crafts as part of the outreach for the event.

Sept. 2012 - Figment, DC – Interactive Art Installation/Performance “Origami Ornamentation”

- Instructor/Performer
- Dress in traditional yukata kimono and teach origami as part of an interactive art event and installation.

April 2012 - Village Illuminated – Community Mural Project, Rockville, MD - Juried Muralist

- Chosen mural design proposal accepted to be a participating muralist for a community outreach program in Rockville, MD where proposed theme was how arts impacts the community.
- Execute a live mural in one day as part of the event and won an “honourable mention” award for mural concept and execution by hand painting. (no stencils, spray paint etc.)

August 2011 - MD Renaissance Faire, House of Musical Traditions Mural Design/painting

- Design and paint updated murals for sections of the “house of musical traditions” booth located at the Maryland Renaissance Faire.
- Completed 6 murals depicted various musical instruments, musicians and gypsies all related to various themes and items in the booth.

August 2011 - Hope Garden Ballet, Poolesville, MD – Mural Commissioned

- Designed and executed a hand painted mural for inside the Hope Garden ballet academy for the students to enjoy in their restroom/changing area.

February 2010 - Artdromeda - Pigtown, Baltimore MD - Muralist and Featured Visual Artist

- Complete a live mural outside as part of the event.
- Show and sell visual art work. A continued showing of the “kokeshi doll” series painted in 2009.

June to July, 2009 - Artomatic DC, M & 1st Street, Navy Yard, DC:

- Visual Artist & Volunteer
- Show and sell visual art work.
- First time I showed my “Kokeshi doll” series
- Volunteer performing arts instructor
- Taught hip-hop dance classes to children as part of the outreach dance program through

April 2009 - Kingfarm Beer & Wine Shop, Rockville, MD - Commissioned Muralist

- Create and execute a 45 foot long by 9 feet tall window mural to wrap around the entire exterior of the wine shop as a plan to remarket the shop and revitalize it in the community.

Dianne Bugash, Studio Artist 2009 - 2010 Artist Assistant

- Managed home office, organized studio space, created social networking opportunities, organized and filed documents, assisted in art show application process and other administrative duties

Weitzman Studios, Inc., Creative Design Solutions, Inc., Creative Form Liners, Inc. 2005 - 2006

- Studio Assistant Assisted Artist with creating different public works projects using plaster, terrazzo, mosaic etc., cleaned and maintained the studio, finishing of materials, kept project deadlines, and assisted with paperwork.

Education

August, 2000 - May, 2006

University of Maryland, College Park - *Bachelors in Studio Art*

Awards and Grants

Aurora Highlands Civic Association (w/ support from Amazon, National Landing and Arlington Parks) - 2 outdoor art installations - 1; Plastic sakura petal origami on fencing, 2; large corrugated plastic board sakura flowers on steel T-posts (double sided all unique colors designs) - \$2,000.00
March 2021

National Cherry Blossom Festival - Art in Bloom sculpture design - awarded \$1,000.00 - March 2021

Promote The Vote - Montgomery County Arts & Humanities - Winning Design for 1 of limited vote mural banners - \$1,500.00 awarded - October 2020.

Montgomery County Art Association - 1st place award for Abstract category - \$100.00 - May 2020

Artscape - Kidscape origami installation and teaching grant - \$2,000.00 awarded - Spring 2018.