
Angela Lopez

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Biography:

Angela Lopez is a visual artist whose paintings and sculptures are inspired by imagining places that exist in in-between states of decay and new life. From a young age, Lopez witnessed chronic illness in her family and experienced loss. She has an intimate understanding of the body as both fragile and impermanent. As a mother she also recognizes the body's power to heal, and grow life. These experiences inform her work as she grapples with these split states, simultaneously addressing healing, loss and growth.

She has exhibited her work nationally in solo and group exhibitions, including at 6018 North in Chicago IL, Napoleon Gallery in Philadelphia, PA and Hyde Park Art Center in Chicago IL. She has been the recipient of several honors, including an IAP cultural grant, an artist residency at Wedge Projects in Chicago, and the Center Program Scholarship at Hyde Park Art Center. In addition to her art practice, Angela is the co-creator of [Extended Practice](#), an artist-run initiative created to support the work and needs of artists who are mothers.

Through Extended Practice, Lopez had the opportunity to hear personal stories and challenges that new mothers face. EP had a major influence in her choice to get a degree in counseling and art therapy.

Angela, a Chicago native and enthusiast, lives and works in Chicago. She holds a BFA from Kansas City Art Institute, and an MFA in art from Northwestern University and a MA in Counseling and Art Therapy from Adler University. When she is not working as a therapist, she is likely drinking coffee, riding her bike, reading or hanging out at a park with her son.

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Resume:

Solo Exhibitions:

2022	Small Void	Lula Cafe	Chicago, IL
2019	<i>Live Again</i>	Wedge Projects	Chicago, IL
2018	<i>Bodies of Water</i>	Roman Susan Flag Project	Chicago, IL
2017	<i>Magic, like Death</i>	Indiana University Northwest	Gary, IN
2016	<i>Tie Them Up</i>	Demo Projects	Springfield, IL
2014	<i>Mythical States</i>	Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts	Indianapolis, IN
2009	<i>On the Upside</i>	Charlotte Street Foundation	Kansas City, MO

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2025	Not a Soft Thing	Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago, IL
2025	Intertwined	North Park Nature Center	Chicago, IL
2025	Let's Be Real	Heaven Gallery	Chicago, IL
2023	Maternal Perspectives	Sonnenschein Gallery	Lake Forest, IL
2022	Creating Space	Lillstreet Art Center	Chicago, IL
2021	National Public Art Exhibition	Terrain Biennial	Chicago, IL
2021	Bounce Back	Heaven Gallery	Chicago, IL
2020	Windows to the World	6018 North	Chicago, IL
2020	Art-In-Place	Terrain Biennial CNL Projects	Chicago, IL
2019	National Public Art Exhibition	Terrain Biennial	Chicago, IL
2018	Soft Synth + Bight Bound	Napoleon	Philadelphia, PA
2018	We Need to Hide What We're Doing	Nightingale Cinema	Chicago, IL
2018	Moving Image 00:03	Lithium Gallery	Chicago, IL
2017	Front and Center	Hyde Park Art Center	Chicago, IL
2017	Drawing	Randy Alexander Gallery	Chicago, IL
2016	Ground Floor Exhibit	Hyde Park Art Center	Chicago, IL
2016	Eschatolotheca	Northwestern University	Evanston IL
2016	Media Wall	University of Mary	Fredericksburg, VA
2016	<i>In the Rifts of Winter</i>	SAIC LeRoy Neiman Center	Chicago, IL
2015	Streetlight series	Roman Susan	Chicago, IL
2015	<i>Spiderbug Call of the Jabberwocky</i>	DFBRL8R	Chicago, IL
2015	<i>Age of Consent</i> Mary & Leigh	Block Museum of Art	Evanston, IL
2012	Floor Length and Tux	<i>Flat 12</i>	Chicago, IL
2010	<i>Art Loop Open</i>	Block 37	Chicago, IL
2008	public artwork 16th and Central	Avenue of the Arts	Kansas City, MO
2008	<i>Rising Stars</i>	Red Star Ceramic Studio	Kansas City, MO
2008	<i>Flat File Show</i>	H&R Block Art Space	Kansas City, MO
2008	<i>Moving Targets</i>	Proyecto' ace Studios	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2008	<i>Moving Targets</i>	Centro de Produccion y Edicion Grafica	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2008	Group Exhibition	The Dolphin Gallery	Kansas City, MO
2007	<i>UMKC National Print Exhibition</i>	UMKC Gallery	Kansas City, MO

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2007	<i>Print Exhibition</i>	Chameleon Gallery	Kansas City, MO
2006	<i>20+1 Invitational Exhibition</i>	Beasley Gallery	Flagstaff, AZ
2006	<i>Wallpaper Window Installation</i>	Dolphin Gallery	Kansas City, MO
2006	<i>Ferguson, Wickerson, Schmidt, Lopez</i>	Beth Allison Leedy-Voukos Art Center	Kansas City, MO

Awards and Grants:

2018	Alumni Grant	Chicago Academy for the Arts	Chicago, IL
2017	Cultural Grant	Individual Artist Program	Chicago, IL
2016	Tuition Scholarship	Center Program Hyde Park Art Center	Chicago, IL
2008	Public art grant	Avenue of The Arts	Kansas City, MO

Residencies and honors:

2019	Thinking Doing Residency	Wedge Projects	Chicago IL
2019	Love Road Artist Residency	Emily Lindskoog NorthPark U.	Chicago IL
2016	Accepted to Bolt Residency	Chicago Artist Coalition (Declined offer)	Chicago IL
2015	Northwestern University Post Graduate Travel to the 14 th Istanbul Biennial		Istanbul Turkey
2009	Permanent collection	Leedy-Voukos Art Center	Kansas City, MO

Visiting Artist:

2018	Research Studio Class	Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2018	Workshop Leader Creative Guild	North Park University	Chicago, IL
2017	Creative Guild Class	North Park University	Chicago, IL

Panel Speaker:

2016	<i>Representation vs. Exploitation</i>	Hyde Park Art Center	Chicago, IL
2016	Excavating Heritage and Expanding Geographies Latino Art Now Conference		Chicago IL
2016	<i>In the Rifts of Winter</i>	SAIC LeRoy Neiman Center	Chicago IL
2009	Slide show guest	Kemper Museum of Art	Kansas City, MO

Education:

2025	M.A. Counseling: Art Therapy	Adler University	Chicago IL
2015	Master Fine Art	Northwestern University	Evanston IL
2004	Bachelor of Fine Arts	The Kansas City Art Institute	Kansas City, MO
2020	Conversations in Practice participant	Ox-Bow	Virtual
2017	Center Program Artist	Hyde Park Art Center	Chicago IL
2008	Creative Capital	Professional Development Program	Kansas City, MO

Curatorial Projects:

2016 - Current <i>Extended Practice</i> , artist-led collaborative event series created to support and make visible the work and needs of artist mothers, Chicago IL – ExtendedPractice.com			
2010	<i>Community + Loneliness</i>	Paragraph Gallery with Urban Culture Project	Kansas City, MO
2009	<i>Together We Can Try</i>	Base Gallery Leedy-Voukos Art Center	Kansas City MO

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Press and Publications:

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| 2020 | Four fantastic art shows to catch before they're gone | Chicago Tribune | by Lori Waxman |
| | https://extendedpractice.com/news.html | | |
| 2017 | <i>Other Peoples Pixels Interviews Extended Practice</i> | Other Peoples Pixels | by Stacia Yeapanis |
| | http://blog.otherpeoplespixels.com/otherpeoplespixels-interviews-extended-practice | | |
| 2015 | <i>Next Gen Talent</i> | New City | by Elizabeth Lalley |
| | http://art.newcity.com/2016/10/03/biennial-celebrates-next-gen-talent/ | | |
| 2016 | IT Picks | Illinois Times | |
| | http://illinoistimes.com/mobile/articles/articleView/id:17898 | | |
| 2016 | Top Weekend Pick for Eschatolotheca | Bad at Sports | by Visualist |
| | http://badatsports.com/2016/top-v-weekend-picks-1013-1019/ | | |
| 2016 | Ground Floor A Biennial Exhibition of New Art From Chicago
Tempestt Hazel with intro by Allison Peters Quinn and Dawoud Bey | Exhibition Catalog | |
| 2015 | <i>Ground Floor at Hyde Park Art Center</i> | Chicago Gallery News | by Alison Reilly |
| | http://www.chicagogallerynews.com/news/2016/9/ground-floor-at-the-hyde-park-art-center | | |
| 2016 | Top 10 art shows for the fall | Chicago Tribune | by Lori Waxman |
| | http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/ct-ae-0918-fall-preview-art-top-10-20160907-column.html | | |
| 2015 | <i>Age of Consent</i>
designed by Marinus Schepen | MFA Thesis Publication | |
| | http://lopezangela.com/artwork/4130166-MFA-Thesis.html | | |