

Leslie Wagner is a graduate of Parsons School of Design in New York City, and studied at Parsons in Paris. Her creative process is informed by a near death experience at the age of twenty while traveling in Egypt; she then developed a practice of Zen meditation which she continues to reflect upon in her work. She is currently at Arteles Creative Center in Finland where she is participating in an artist residency, which is transdisciplinary and concerning consciousness and perception. She has been shown at various untraditional non-profit gallery spaces like Village Zendo in New York and San Francisco Zen Center in California. She has also supported non-profit organizations such as the Blue Ocean Institute by exhibiting at Solomon Projects in Atlanta, Georgia. Her work and has been seen in solo exhibitions including the Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery in Manchester, CT. Her research has led her to travel to many sacred spaces throughout the world, culminating in a residency at Great Vow Zen Monastery in Oregon. She is also the recipient of two Hemera Fellowship Tending Spaces for Artists awards, a fellowship to the Vermont Studio Center, and was awarded a scholarship to an artist residency in the Azores, Portugal. She is a native of New York City, where she lives and works.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2006 Still Mind Zendo, private showing, New York, NY
- 2002 Peng Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 McPherson & Clopsy, private showing, New York, NY
- 1997 Naked Angels, benefit, The American Standard Building, New York, NY

Group Exhibitions

- 2016 Interdependence Project, Benefit, New York, NY
- 2016 New York Insight, Dharma Art Salon, New York, NY
- 2016 Salomon Arts Gallery, Shantideva Center Benefit, New York, NY
- 2015 Interdependence Project, Benefit, New York, NY
- 2015 Dacia Gallery, "Ventus Calidus" New York, NY
- 2011 Interdependence Project, "Dharma Art" Benefit, New York, NY
- 2011 Lana Santorelli Gallery, "Distilled", Hoboken, NJ
- 2011 San Francisco Zen Center Gallery, "Sweetcake Enso", San Francisco, CA
- 2011 Village Zendo, "Sweetcake Enso", New York City, NY
- 2010 Empty Hand Zen Center , "Sweetcake Enso" , New Rochelle, NY

- 2007 Joseph Fischl Frame Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 DCTV Gallery, "Otherworldly", New York, NY
- 2005 Solomon Projects, Blue Ocean Institute Benefit, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2004 Newspace Gallery, The GOD Show, Manchester, CT
- 2003 Peng Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2001 Plus Ultra Gallery, The Exquisite Day Project, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY
- 1998 The Wein Center, private gallery, New York, NY
- 1996 WAH Center, Inaugural Fright Bank, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY
- 1993 CBGB's 313 Gallery, New York, NY
- 1993 Max Fish, New York, NY
- 1993 Share Our Strength, Benefit Mural, New York, NY
- 1992 Jimenez-Algus Gallery, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY
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Residencies

- 2026 Arteles Creative Center, Finland
- 2018 Hemera Tending Spaces for Artists, Spirit Rock Insight Meditation Center, CA. Fellowship awarded
- 2017 Hemera Tending Spaces for Artists, Wonderwell Mountain Refuge, VT. Fellowship awarded
- 2008 Vermont Studio Center, Fellowship awarded
- 2008 Great Vow Zen Monastery, Oregon
- 2006 Footpaths to Creativity, Azore Islands, Portugal, Scholarship awarded

Training

- BFA, Parsons School of Design/ New School for Social Research, NY
- Parsons School of Design, Paris, France