

PAUL DOWNIE

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PROFILE

I am a multi-faceted artist and educator with extensive experience in public and community based projects. I am both a strong leader and a team player. I always seek to be innovative, finding new ways to approach projects and expand the boundaries of art disciplines. I am a skilled facilitator of collaborative arts experiences, adept at bringing groups of individuals with diverse backgrounds into community with one another through the telling of stories and the creation of art.

EDUCATION

Tyler School of Art

Master of Education, with a Major in Art. 2010.

Community art studies with Pepon Osorio and Billy Yalowitz.

Painting studies with Keith Morrison.

Philadelphia Mural Arts Program

Mural Arts Training Program. 2005.

Community mural studies with David McShane.

Temple University

Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Urban Studies. 2004. summa cum laude.

EXPERIENCE

Chester Mural Program

Program Director / Principal Artist. October 2004 through present.

- Supervised the initiation and maintenance of a working partnership between multiple communities, community based organizations, governmental organizations, funders and artists.
- Designed and implemented a community mural curriculum for high school students.
- Facilitated the design and execution of 8 mural projects, both indoor and outdoor.
- Supervised artists working for the program at other sites.
- Program received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the Sheila Fortune Foundation.

Philadelphia Mural Arts Program

Consultant and Instructor. Youth Action and Art. September through December 2008.

- Played a lead role in class development and curriculum design.
- Served as instructor for initial session of new initiative.

Lead Artist.. Community Murals Program. June 2005 through present.

- Designed and executed large scale community murals.

*Lead Instructor. **Big Picture Program.** October 2004 through August 2006.*

- Facilitated after school programming in the visual arts with a focus on community involvement and mural making at multiple sites.
- Contributed to curriculum development.

William Penn Charter School

Art Teacher. September 2005 through June 2006.

- Taught Middle School Art.
- Substitute taught various subjects.

Temple University

*Instructor. **Temple Youth Voices Project.** January 2003 through May 2004*

- Facilitated group projects designed and executed by high school students.
- Designed and implemented geography-based civic engagement curriculum.
- Served as liaison with other programs including Changing Tracks and Hope 6.

St. Joseph's University/ELS Language Services

International Resident Advisor. 1999 -2001.

- Planned, organized and executed programs and events addressing issues of residence life.
- Developed a protocol for dealing with disciplinary infractions and emergency situations in the residence hall.

Self-Employment

Visual Artist. 1997 through present

- Executed commissioned paintings and murals for individual clients.
- Completed design and consulting projects for clients including the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Cabrini College, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Widener University and Loyola Press.

Musician and Storyteller. 1996 through present.

- Managed and performed in projects including blues, reggae, zydeco and R&B.
- Performed as a solo storyteller, telling stories from many traditions.

SELECTED PUBLIC MURAL PROJECTS

2009

Walking Together, Neighborhood Interfaith Movement, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, PA.

Spring Forth, Bernardine Center, Chester, PA.

Carry The Light, Calvary Baptist Church, Chester, PA.

Pass It On, Chester Housing Authority Community Center, Chester, PA.

2008

Eagles Youth Partnership Playground Build Murals, Bryant School, Philadelphia, PA.

The Environment, Swarthmore Rutledge School, Swarthmore, PA.

The Piano Lesson, Chester High School, Chester, PA.

2007

Eagles Youth Partnership Playground Build Murals, Dick School, Philadelphia, PA.

The Experience of Reading, J. Lewis Crozer Public Library, Chester, PA.

Where We Play Together, J. Finnegan Playground, Philadelphia, PA.

2006

Chester Voices, Chester High School, Chester, PA.

Role Models, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Philadelphia, PA.

2005

White T, Chester High School, Philadelphia, PA.

Our Community, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Philadelphia, PA.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**2009**

In Person. Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA. Juror: Bo Bartlett.

Artists As Educators. Stella Elkins Gallery, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA.

Faculty Exhibit. Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA.

The Elevator. Gallery Isada, Philadelphia, PA.

2008

Artists as Educators. Stella Elkins Gallery, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA.

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Adept at leading partnerships between diverse stakeholders and facilitating group interactions.
- Familiar with industry standard design and office software.
- Familiar with Audio Visual equipment for sound, lighting, and electronic presentation.
- Familiar with the developmental issues of youth ranging from pre-kindergarten through college.