

# Dana Sikkila

## *Creative Administrator, Educator, Visual Artist, and Public Speaker*

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### **Education:**

- 2018 Train-the-Trainer Intensive for Community Development, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN
- 2014 - 2015 Non-profit Leadership Certificate Program, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2010 - 2012 Master of Arts -Printmaking, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2004 - 2009 Bachelors of Fine Art – Printmaking, Minnesota State University, Mankato MN

### **University Instructor Experience:**

- 2018 - 2023. Adjunct, Arts Education Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2019 - 2022. Adjunct, Studio Art Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- 2018 - 2019 Adjunct, Arts Administration Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- 2014 – 2018 Adjunct, Studio Art Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

### **Arts Administration:**

- 2022 – Current Art Under Confinement Program (Incarcerated Artists Program),  
Creator and Artistic Director, Mankato, MN
- 2021 - Current Work of Art, Workshop Facilitator, Springboard for the Arts
- 2020 Project Bike MSP Retrospective, Project Leader and Curator, Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport
- 2018 – Current Artist Career Consultant, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN
- 2016 - Current Minnesota Citizen's for the Arts, Board Member, St. Paul, MN
- 2016 – 2019 Minnesota State Arts Board, Artistic Evaluator, St. Paul, MN
- 2016 – 2019 Minnesota State Arts Board, Grant Review Panelist, St. Paul, MN
- 2015 – Current Creator and Artistic Director, Project Bike, Mankato, MN
- 2014 – 2023 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Board Member
- 2012 - Current Executive Director, 410 Project, Mankato, MN
- 2019 Lanesboro Arts, Arts Administration Residency, Lanesboro, MN

### **Teaching Artist/Project Lead Experience:**

- 2023 Art Studio Leader, The Reach (Homeless Youth Art Program), Mankato, MN
- 2023 Vine Faith and Action Mural, Project Lead, Mankato, MN
- 2021 City of North Mankato, Mural, Project Leader, North Mankato, MN
- 2020 Fallenstein Playground Youth Mural, Project Lead, North Mankato, MN
- 2020 Experimental Arts Education Presenter, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN
- 2016 - 2023 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Arts Administration, Workshop Presenter/Developer
- 2016 - 2023 410 Project, Youth Artistic Mentor
- 2019 Dakota Meadows Middle School, Art Club Advisor, North Mankato, MN
- 2019 South Central Minnesota Pride Mural, Project Leader, Mankato, MN
- 2019 Fallenstein Playground Youth Mural, Project Leader, North Mankato, MN
- 2019 Mankato Public Schools, Aces Visiting Artist, Mankato, MN
- 2019 Visiting Artist and Presenter, Dakota State University, Madison, SD

### **Selected Exhibitions:**

- 2023 *The Moving Light*, 410 Project, Mankato, MN
- Poets and Artist Collaboration* Exhibit, Red Wing Arts, Red Wing, MN
- Transition*, Two Harbors Library, Two Harbors, MN
- Always in Progress Part Two*, River Rock Coffee, St. Peter, MN
- Always in Progress*, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2021 *Untitled*, The AZ Gallery, St. Paul, MN
- 2020 *Companionship*, Art Connects Us All Billboard Project, Hennepin Theatre Trust, MN
- Who Am I*, Northeast Sculpture Factory Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *Eyes on You*, Minneapolis Art-A-Whirl, Acadia Lodge, Minneapolis, MN
- Bloom*, Art in Bloom, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
- Popsicle*, Dakota State University, Madison, SD
- Legacy Amendment 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Minnesota State Arts Board, St. Paul, MN
- Prairie Lakes Regional Grantee Exhibition*, Waseca Art Center, Waseca, MN
- 2018 *Sunrise Drive*, Ridgewater College, Hutchinson, MN
- Run By Art*, Arcana Lodge, Minneapolis, MN
- Celebrating Life Essence through Art*, Twin Rivers Arts Council, Mankato, MN
- Worship*, Public Functionality, Minneapolis, MN

- 2017 *Murphy Mark*, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN  
*Colette*, Waseca Art Center, Waseca, MN  
*Sprouts*, Minnesota Children's Museum, St. Paul, MN  
*Andrew Brother*, Ridgewater College, Willmar, MN  
*Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Exhibition*, St. Peter Art Center, St. Peter, MN
- 2016 *Save the Bees*, Minneapolis Center for Digital Art, Minneapolis, MN  
*MADDE Garden*, Children's Museum of Southern MN, Mankato, MN  
*Bee's Installation*, Form and Content, Minneapolis, MN  
*Me Diet of Donuts and Dogs*, South Central College, North Mankato MN  
*Tent Me Happy*, Macy's Department Store, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *Boston Bee's*, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN  
*Murphy Migrations*, Made Here, Minneapolis, MN  
*Murphy Midnight*, Phipps Arts Center, Hudson, MN  
*Pastel Prairie*, Hinge Artist Residency, Fergus Falls, MN  
*SAMME*, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN  
*Macy's Flower Show*, Macy's Department Store, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Stitches*, Franklin Center for the Arts, Brainerd, MN  
*Teddy Bears and Teeth*, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Mankato, MN  
*My Honey Home*, Emerging Artists Grant Award Exhibition, 410 Project, Mankato, MN  
*Adjunct Professors Exhibition*, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University,  
Mankato, MN
- 2013 *D.I.Y Printing*, Minnesota Museum of American Art Project Space, St. Paul, MN  
*Sewing Socks* (Public Installation), Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN
- 2012 *Open Door 8, Juried Exhibition*, Rosalux Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Artists Collecting Artists*, Group Exhibition, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN  
*Dislocated, Juried Exhibition*, Barfly, Minneapolis, MN  
*Baking Breeds, A Girl's Best Friend*, MacRostie Arts Center, Grand Rapids, MN  
*Can't Get a Date, Date a Dog*, Thesis Exhibition, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University,

### **Residencies:**

- 2019 Artist in Residency, Rosa Park Elementary, Mankato, MN
- 2018 Hinge Artist Residency, Alumni Program, Fergus Falls, MN,
- 2017 Teaching Artist in Residency, Minnesota Children's Museum, St. Paul, MN,
- 2016 MADE Garden, Youth Artistic Residency, Children's Museum of Southern MN,
- 2015 Mankato West High School, Teaching Printmaking, Installation, and Design
- 2015 Hinge Artist Residency (Four Weeks), Fergus Falls, MN

### **Grants:**

- 2020 Small Arts Organization Grant (410 Project), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2020 Artist Support Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2019 Small Arts Organization Grant (Project Bike), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2018 Small Arts Organization Grant (Project Bike), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2017 Small Arts Organization Grant (KTV), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2017 Small Arts Organization Grant (Project Bike), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2016 Mid-Career Artist Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2016 Small Arts Organization Grant (410 Project), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2015 Small Arts Organization Grant (410 Project), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2014 Emerging Artist Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2013 Small Arts Organization Grant (410 Project), Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

### **Awards and Certificates:**

- 2018 Springboard for the Arts, (St. Paul, MN) Artists Working in Community Training Scholarship
- 2017 YWCA Distinctive Difference Award for 410 Project
- 2017 Minnesota State University, Mankato's Woman of Courage and Vision Keynote Speaker
- 2016 YWCA Mankato Elizabeth Kearney Scholarship
- 2016 YWCA Mankato Elizabeth Kearney Program Graduate (Gender specific, strengths-based leadership program)
- 2016 Art Educators of Minnesota "Distinguished Service Outside the Field" Recognition
- 2016 Mankato Free Press "Distinguish Women in Business"
- 2015 Joan Mitchell Foundation, Emerging Artist Grant Nominee
- 2015 Pioneer's PBS Arts TV Program, Post Card, Selected Artist
- 2015 Minnesota Monthly Magazine – Top Up and Coming MN Artists, January
- 2015 YWCA Young Woman of Distinction Award
- 2015 Minnesota State University, Mankato's Woman of Courage and Vision
- 2013 Jefferson Good People Award, KEYC TV