

# Dana Sikkila

*Visual Artist, Educator, Administrator, and Arts Advocate*

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## **Education:**

- 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

## **Professional Practice:**

- 2018 *M.A.C* (Mankato Arts and Culture) Public Access Network, Producer and Host, Mankato, MN
- 2012 - Current Executive Director – 410 Project, Mankato, MN
- 2015 – Current Creator and Artistic Director - Project Bike, Mankato, MN
- 2016- Current Minnesota Citizen's for the Arts, Board Member
- 2016 – Current Minnesota State Arts Board, Artistic Evaluator
- 2016 – Current Minnesota State Arts Board, Grant Review Panelist
- 2016 - 2016 SOO Visual Art Center, Fundraising Internship, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 - 2017 Volunteer Coordinator, Children Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato, MN
- 2014 - Current Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Board Member
- 2009 -2011 Assistant Director – 410 Project, Mankato, MN

## **Teaching Experience:**

- 2018 Adjunct Arts Administration Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- 2018 Adjunct Education Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2018 Disabled Adults Arts Educator, MRCI, Mankato, MN
- 2016 - Current Arts Administration Workshop Presenter, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2014 – Current Adjunct Studio Art Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2016- Current Youth Artistic Mentor, 410 Project, Mankato, MN

**Selected Exhibitions:**

- 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  
*MADE 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**

- 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:**

- 2016 Mid-Career Artist Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2016 Small Arts Organization Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2015 Small Arts Organization Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2014 Emerging Artist Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
- 2013 Small Arts Organization Grant, Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

### **Awards, Scholarships, and Public Speaking:**

- 2018 Springboard for the Arts, (St. Paul, MN) Artists Working in Community Training Scholarship
- 2018 Conference Presenter, Minnesota Bike and Walk Conference, Rochester, MN
- 2017 YWCA Mankato, Distinctive Difference Award for 410 Project, Keynote Speaker
- 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