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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 - 2020 Adjunct, Arts Education Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
- 2019 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:

- 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 – Current Minnesota State Arts Board, Artistic Evaluator, St. Paul, MN
- 2016 – Current Minnesota State Arts Board, Grant Review Panelist, St. Paul, MN
- 2015 – Current Creator and Artistic Director, Project Bike, Mankato, MN
- 2014 - Current Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Board Member
- 2012 - Current Executive Director, 410 Project, Mankato, MN
- 2019 Lanesboro Arts, Arts Administration Residency, Lanesboro, MN
- 2019 Heart of the Beast MayDay Parade, Merchandise Coordinator, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 SOO Visual Art Center, Fundraising Internship, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 - 2017 Volunteer Coordinator, Children Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato, MN

Teaching Artist Experience:

- 2020 Experimental Arts Education Presenter, Minnesota State University Mankato, MN
- 2016 - 2020 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Arts Administration, Workshop Presenter
- 2016- 2020 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:

- 2020** *Companionship*, Art Connects Us All Billboard Project, Hennipen Theatre Trust, 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 10th 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
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:

- 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:

- 2019 Small Arts Organization Grant (Project Bike) , Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
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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 Key Note 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