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NYC

EDUCATION

MFA, Art, Specialization in Painting, Lehman College, CUNY

MS Ed, Childhood Museum Education, Bank Street College of Education

BA, Fine Arts/Illustration, Stern College, Yeshiva University

AAS, Textile/Surface Design, Fashion Institute of Technology

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Memories of Rituals*, Temple Adas Israel, Sag Harbor, NY

2021 *Tapestries of Memory*, Empty Set Gallery, Bronx, NY

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2026 *Isabella Freedman Retreat Center*, Falls Village, CT (upcoming)

2025 *Isabella Freedman Retreat Center*, Falls Village, CT

2023 *Governor's Island Artist in Residence, BAS, Governors Island, NYC*

2020 *CRISIS Artist Residency Project, Online Residency*

2018 *The Big Ink*, Center for Contemporary Printmaking, Norwalk, CT

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 LOOK UP, *Personal Structures – Confluence*, European Cultural Centre, Venice, IT

2025 LOOK UP, Times Square, Introxpert and Times Square Alliance

Echoes of Eden, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ

Art Fair 14C, Galerie Lucida, Jersey City, NJ

Spring Fever, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ

2024 *Lucida Editions Print Program*, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ

Endless Summer Art Fair, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ

Botanica, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ

2023 *Memento*, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ

Homecoming: Lehman College Graduate Art Programs Alumni, 2012-2022, LCAG

Governors Island, Bronx Art Space House, NYC

NYC X Design, The Festival, Sculpture Space, LIC, NY

Skelly and Friends, Brooklyn, NY

2022 *Summered in the Catskills*, Birdhouse Brooklyn, NY

P&D and Mini Me, Birdhouse Gallery, Hancock, NY

2021 *Apparitions*, Paradise Palase, Brooklyn, NY

Text To Frame, Motherling Gallery, San Antonio, Texas

Transcendence, Local Project Art Space, LIC, NYC

Rotoscope Project, Hot Cabinet, NYC

- 2020 *Alien Nations 2020*, Coral Gables Museum, Florida
Primordial Soup, Paradise Palase, Brooklyn, NY
Artists Collab: Made in Practice, Paradise Palase, Brooklyn, NY
Woodcut Prints, Big Ink Prints, Newmarket, NH
MFA Thesis Exhibition, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
- 2019 *Cosmic Freedom, Hot Cabinet Film Screening*, Bronx Music Heritage Center, NYC *Paintings and Ceramics*, Office of the President, LC, CUNY, Bronx, NY
Assemblage Portraiture, YU Museum Education Department, New York, NY
Object Trouve', Riverfront Art Gallery, Yonkers, NY
- 2018 *Interfaith Biennial*, Dominican University, River Forest, IL
NYC MFA Exhibition, BWAC, Brooklyn, NY
Online Exhibition, Trestle Gallery
The Freak Show, Local Project Art Space, LIC, NYC
Community, 14th Street Y Gallery, New York, NY
CUNY Film Festival, New York, NY
- 2017 *Salon Group Exhibition*, Greenpoint Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
YAW, Yonkers, NY
- 2016 *Yonkers Carpet Mill Artist Collective*, Yonkers, NY
A.R.T., Purchase College PC4, Yonkers, NY
Spring 2015 Exhibition, Urban Studios Unbound Gallery, Yonkers, NY
Yoho Artists' Studios, Yonkers, NY
Artists Interpreting Meaning, Public Appliance, Yonkers, NY

SELECTED GRANTS

City Artists Corps Grants Program, NYFA, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA), with support from the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment (MOME) as well as Queens Theater

CURATORIAL PRACTICE

Lehman College Art Gallery

- 2024 *Variations: Selections from the Benefit Print Project*, LCAG, Co-Curator
- 2023 *Framing the Female Gaze: Women Artists and the New Historicism*, LCAG, Co-Curator
- 2023 *Homecoming: Lehman College Graduate Art Programs Alumni, 2012-2022*, Co-Curator
- 2022 *Eco Urgency: Now or Never*, Wave Hill Public Garden and Cultural Center and LCAG, Curatorial Committee

Independent Curator

2019 - Present

Ancestral Foods: Family Feasts, Bronx Art Space, Curator, 2023

An exhibition exploring ancestral foods whether as a soothing balm, an act of resistance, or a call to action the artists recall and imbed their family's food history into their practice, reclaiming and reinterpreting for their modern sensibilities. Artists' interpretations of food are memorials to their lineage elucidating the lessons from these rich sensory food encounters bound to family, culture, ritual, ancestry, and identity.

Geographies of The Self, Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos, BCA, Bronx, NY, Curator, 2022

This exhibition focused on how the imagery of the human form connects to an individual's ancestry, and how artists grapple with communities in diaspora. Ritual and tradition are recontextualized with the artist's own experience and interpretations for personal and communal relevancy. The imprint of colonization, slavery, and genocide are ever-present in bodies and landscapes. The artists here interpret new reclamations of healing and empowerment and embrace a future that is informed by its history and re-imagines utopian futures.

Beasts Like Me: Feminism and Fantasy, Bronx Art Space, Curator, 2020

Presented as part of the Feminist Art Coalition initiative to highlight feminist practices in the arts in the run-up to the presidential election in the Fall of 2020. Proposed, designed, and curated this exhibition that investigated animals, anthropomorphism, and the dance between representations of self and animalistic notions. Bodies morph and undergo transformation, part human and part beast in subversive fictionalized imagery. The works elucidate the transformative effect of fantasy, revealing mythical imagery of animals, and imagined beasts in a new light of empowerment.

Listen: Artists Respond to Politics, Bronx Arts Space, Curator, 2019

The exhibition explored the diversity of responses among 13 cis and trans women and gender non-conforming artists to our current political times and the #MeToo movement. Political upheaval forces society to name the wrong, to define oneself, to advocate for the rights of ourselves and others, and to respond to the oppression of all marginalized groups. The artists explore social, political, and gender constructs and how they play a part in sexual harassment, assault, and the emergence of the #MeToo movement. Asking questions, like is there a direct correlation between how one is depicted and how they are treated? How are sexualized depictions of women in the media contributing to sexual assault? How are trans women and gender non-conforming persons represented in the media? Visitors were asked to listen and respond with their reactions, ideas, and plans for confronting these issues.

LECTURES/PANELS

Panelist, NYSCA - New York State Commission on the Arts, Arts Education Panel, 2025

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Guest Lecturer, *Advanced Painting*, Lehman College, 2024

Artist Talk, *Botanica*, Galerie Lucida, Red Bank, NJ, 2024

Panelist, NYSCA - New York State Commission on the Arts, Arts Education Panel, 2023

Artist Talk, *Governors Island*, Bronx Art Space House, NYC, 2023

Moderator, *Appetites of Ancestry: Food Demo and Conversation with Bronx Eats*, BCA, 2022

Artist Talk, *Tapestries of Memory*, Empty Set Gallery, 2021

Panelist, Percent for Art, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, Selection Panel PS 87X, 2021

Guest Lecturer, *Social Media, the Arts, and the Curator's view*, LIM, 2020

Curatorial Tour, *Beasts Like Me: Feminism and Fantasy*, Bronx Art Space, 2020

Moderator, Artist Panel, *Beasts Like Me: Feminism and Fantasy*, BAS, 2020

Artist Interview, Hot Cabinet Presents, *Hot Studio Online*, 2020

Panelist, *The Road Less Taken: 5 SCW Alumnae and their Unexpected Career Paths*, YU, 2020

Curatorial Tour, *Listen: Artists Respond to Politics*, Bronx Art Space (BAS), 2019

Moderator, Artist Panel, *Listen: Artists Respond to Politics*, BAS, 2019

Panelist, Art for NYCPS, School Construction Authority, 2018

Presenter, *Printmaking and The Day of the Dead*, ArtsWestchester, professional development for Westchester Art Teachers, 2018

Presenter, *Cultural Resources in ELA and other subjects*, Metropolitan New York Library Council, NYC: Uncommon Approaches to The Common Core Conference, 2018

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Adjunct Lecturer, Lehman College, CUNY, NYC, 2020–Present

Courses in drawing, art education, curriculum development, and secondary art pedagogy across undergraduate and graduate programs.