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## EDUCATION

Bezalel Art Academy, Jerusalem, Israel, 1983 - 1987, BFA in Fine Arts

## Recent Solo Exhibitions, Art Events, and Residencies:

**"Migrations in Black and White"** Group Exhibition at Evanston Art Center, August 2024

**"Stitched Time"** Group Exhibition at Oliva Gallery in Chicago, USA -

Curator and participating artist, 10/13/23 -11/12/23

**Freeport Art Museum 19th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition** Finalist, Freeport II, USA,  
May - July 2023

Artist for **Art for Life** – Art Auction to benefit DIFFA, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, USA, 2022  
and 2023

Jurors Sergio Gomez and Kimberly Oliva.

**"Visceral"** Solo Exhibition at Oliva Gallery in Chicago

June-July 2022

### Ongoing-

Monthly live painting at jazz concerts, Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, since August 2021

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maVKHlxjPnI>

### **Beyond 100 Oak Park Art League National Juried Exhibition**

Juried by Gina Lee Robins and Sergio Gomez

September 2021

### **Finalist-**

### **9TH Annual Competition, Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago**

May-July 2021, Juried by Jeffrey Hirst and Younde Olu

### **Rest in Power – Life, Legacy and Mission of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Stola Contemporary, Chicago IL USA

December 2020 – February 2021

### **Imagine**

Juried group exhibition celebrating John Lennon's 80th Birthday

October-November 2020

Stola Contemporary, Chicago IL USA

### **Where's the Revolution?**

September – November 2020

Political art commentaries by 40 artists, curated by Marci Rubin

Bridgeport Art Center's 4th floor gallery

### **SOFA CHICAGO 2019**

With Oliva Gallery

**THIRST: 3-Artist exhibition at Eat Paint Studio and Gallery, Chicago, USA**

November - December 2019

**Art Residency in Kenosha's Lighthouse Studio**

July 2019

Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA

**What's behind this door?**

**May 2019**

Solo Exhibition at Oliva Gallery, Chicago. USA

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND MORE:**

April 2018

“Stranger than Fiction”: Group Exhibition at BG Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

October 2017

Unpresidented: Art in Common Cause, Chicago Edition

September - October 2017

Women and Anger: Resistance, Power, and Inspiration; An International Juried Exhibition of Art by Women, Koehnline Museum of Art

March 2017

Unpresidented: Art in Common Cause, Evanston Edition

March 2017

“Paper Arts”: Group Show of two and three dimensional art investigating the medium of paper.

January 2017

The “Blues” Exhibition at the Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, USA

July- August 2016

“Real American” Group Exhibition at the Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

June 2016

Dialogue Chicago: Full Force

A group exhibition at the Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, USA

August 2015

Artist of the Day on Saatchiart.com

April 2015

“New Art” Collection on Saatchiart.com

2014 “Because Art” Anysquare curated group exhibition at the Hairpin Art Center, Chicago.

2014 Finalist for the Bridgeport Art Center Annual Art Competition and exhibition, BAC Gallery, Chicago

2013-2014

Artist for the “Telephone Project”; an international art game that creates a chain of interpretations of one art medium into another.

2011 **BALLOU & YOU** exhibition, Chicago Artist Month 2011. Curator and participating artist, Chicago, USA

2011 Artist of “**Art-Hive**”, as presented by **Phantom Gallery** of Chicago, at Milwaukee Ave. Art Festival. Created an award-winning mixed media artwork with audience participation.

2011 “Sanctuaries in Time”; National Juried Exhibition of the Jewish Artists Network, **Kraft Center for Jewish Life at Columbia/Barnard University**, New-York City

2010 “**No Place Like Home**”; a juried group exhibition of women art at the **Koehnline Museum of Art**

Oct. - Nov. 2009

**Down to There: Women and Their Relationship to Hair**; a juried group exhibition at the

- Koehline Museum of Art** (Oakton Community College, Desplaines, IL)  
 October 2009  
**Chicago Revisionists: History, Memory and Dreams** group show, Phantom Gallery Chicago  
 September 2009  
 Featured Member Artist on the Women Caucus for the Art website,  
<http://www.nationalwca.org>  
 June 2009  
 The Little Black Book juried group exhibition, showcasing the artistic process from sketches to finished artwork, **Mills Pond House Gallery**, St. James, New York, <http://www.stacarts.org>  
 2009 **rEVOLUTION: Making Art for Change**, The Art Lounge, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
 2008 - 2009  
 The Healing Power of Art; On-line Juried Exhibition, the **Excellence Award**,  
 2008 A Solo Exhibition at the Bankoff Gallery of the Jewish Federation of Saint Joseph Valley in South Bend, Indiana  
 2008 Group show at the **Durstadt Gallery** at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (part of the **rEVOLUTION: Making Art for Change project**)  
 2007 **Words Within** - National Juried Exhibition of the Jewish Artists Network, Kraft Center for Jewish Life at Columbia/Barnard University, New-York City (February/March) and Rubin-Frankel Gallery at the Boston University Hillel (April/June)  
 2005 Member of the Planning Committee and exhibitor for the "Freedom/Response" Art Exhibition, at the Gage Gallery, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois  
 2003-2004  
 "Less is More" Group Show of small size art, TZ Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 2003 "Documentation" group exhibition, **Woman Made Gallery**, Chicago, Illinois  
 2003 Ox-Bow Winter Benefit Auction, Chicago, IL  
 1999-2000  
 Paintings represented by **Gallery Alexie**, New York City, NY  
 2000 Created and produced "The Russian Salon", a show dedicated to the Russian Avant-Garde Art for the Chicago Cultural Center. Credits include writing, acting, directing.  
 2000 Wrote, directed and produced "Flying Folios", a mockumentary on butterflies and Vladimir Nabokov.  
 2000 Solo exhibition at **Stephen Gang Galleries/Gallery Alexie**, New York, NY.  
 1999 A series of drawings for "Blow me". Trap-door Theater, Chicago  
 1999 Two multimedia projects (short films with special effects), "Paris Sex-Shop" and "Being Japanese", shown at EXE, Digital Media Spectacle Event. Chicago IL  
 1998 IMAGEBOMB multimedia installation for the Around the Coyote Art Festival, Chicago, IL.  
 1997 Around the Coyote Art Festival, Chicago, IL  
 1997 2-Artists Exhibition, **Judy Saslow Gallery**, Chicago, IL  
 1996 – 2002  
 member of the pop-rock band Phenomenal Cat  
 1991-1994  
 Paintings on display at **Zaks Gallery**, Chicago, IL

## COLLECTIONS

St. Regis Hotel, New York City

Tamara's artwork is in private collections in the US, England, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Latvia, and Israel