

TAMARA WASSERMAN
VISUAL ARTIST AND PERFORMER

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Born 1958 in Riga, Latvia
Lives in Chicago IL USA

EDUCATION

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

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

Luminosity

Co-curator and exhibiting artist
An international group exhibition at Oliva Gallery in Chicago IL USA, June-July-August 2025

How to wear your art on a windy day

Performance Piece
Creator, Choreographer, and the "one-woman-band"
Chicago Danz Theatre, Chicago USA, August 2025

Women in Nature

Participating Artist
An Invitational Exhibition curated by Sholo Beverly at Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL, USA, July-August 2025

In the Garden of Gods

Solo Exhibition at Timeless Arts Gallery and Studio, Chicago, IL, 12/2024 - 01/2025

"Local Color"

Four artist showcase in Oak Park's Art District, Laura Maychruk Real Estate, Oak Park, IL, October - December 2024

Ongoing-

Monthly live painting at jazz concerts, Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, since August 2021
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maVKHlxjPnl>

"Migrations in Black and White"

Invitational Group Exhibition at Evanston Art Center, Evanston, August 2024

"Stitched Time"

Curator and participating artist

4-artists Exhibition at Oliva Gallery in Chicago, USA
10/13/23 -11/12/23

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

Art for Life

Exhibiting artist

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

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:

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 **Where's**

the Revolution?

September – November 2020

Political art commentaries by 40 artists, curated by Marci Rubin Bridgeport

Art Center's 4th floor gallery

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 **Koehnline 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 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 RubinFrankel 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", a one-woman play. 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.

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1997

Two-Artists Exhibition, **Judy Saslow Gallery**, Chicago, IL USA

1996 – 2002

member of the pop-rock band Phenomenal Cat

1991-1994

Paintings on display at **Zaks Gallery** in Chicago USA

1989

Rega Gallery Tel-Aviv Israel

Group Exhibition:

Organizer and participating artist

COLLECTIONS

St. Regis Hotel, New York City

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