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## **EDUCATION**

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

## **Recent and Upcoming Art Fairs, Solo and Group Exhibitions and Art Residencies:**

### **Small Works Members Show At Woman Made Gallery, Chicago**

December 10 - 20, 2020

### **Imagine**

A 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

### **Summer Invitational**

July-September 2020

Eight artists were invited to showcase their summer-inspired work at the Bridgeport Art Center's main gallery.

Curated by Marci Rubin and Lelde Kalmite in Chicago IL USA

### **Music Unites Us**

A temporary window installation at Oak Park Public Library(Main Branch) celebrating love, understanding and creativity, dedicated to Black Lives Matter Movement

### **SOFA CHICAGO 2019**

With Oliva Gallery

«Flamenco» displayed and sold

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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2019

<https://eatpaintstudio.com>

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

July 2019

Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.kenoshalighthousestudio.com>

## What's behind this door?

**May 2019**

Solo Exhibition at Oliva Gallery, Chicago. USA

<https://www.olivagallery.com>

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND MORE:

April 2018

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

<http://www.santamonica.bgartdealings.com>

October 2017

Unpresidented: Art in Common Cause, Chicago Edition

<https://artincommoncause.org>

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.

<http://bridgeportart.com/paper-arts-march-17-may-5/>

January 2017

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

<http://www.elephantroomgallery.com>

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

February 2015

“Culture Bridge, Pairings and Groupings” group exhibition at the Dank House Sharpenberg Gallery, Chicago

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.

<http://transmission.satellitepress.org/VOLUME/001/ISSUE/002/telephone/>

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 Square Foot Show**, Galaxie. Chicago

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**,  
<http://www.manhattanarts.com/Gallery/Healing2008/index.htm>

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**)

2008 Sustaining the Environment, an on-line exhibition of art-cards, made from and on recycled materials <http://wcaartwavesinternational.blogspot.com>

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 "Travelling" group show, IADT Gallery, Chicago, IL

2005 Member of the Planning Committee and exhibitor for the "Freedom/Response" Art Exhibition, at the Gage Gallery, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois

2004 "Eroticism" group show, IADT Gallery, 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 24-minutes long mockumentary, the starting point of which is a desire of a young man to find out anything about Vladimir Nabokov.

2000 Solo exhibition at **Stephen Gang Galleries**/Gallery Alexie, New York, NY.

1999 A series of drawings for a one person play "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 Showed paintings and participated in the IMAGEBOMB multimedia installation for the Around the Coyote Art Festival, Chicago, IL.

1998 **Endgame** by Samuel Beckett's, actress, directed by Amy Kerwin at the University of Illinois Studio Theater.

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  
1996 VR Film PARTIA PROJECT, by Irene Vodar; the Lead.  
1994 "Balloon" - a video-film by Andrei Rabodzeenko; Actress.  
1991-1994  
Paintings on display at **Zaks Gallery**, Chicago, IL

## COLLECTIONS

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

## ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

- 2017 Spike Rebel interviews Tamara Wasserman:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWhFXI4xmSk>
- 2015 Blog entry by Jim Trumm visiting Tamara's studio  
<http://jfrumm.com/3rd-friday-open-studios-at-bridgeport-art-center-chicago/>
- 2008 Interviewed on "The Art Museum of Chicago" Radio Show,
- 2000 "Performers let down their avant-garde" by Jon Anderson, Chicago Tribune, Tuesday, October 3, 2000.  
Story about the «Russian Salon» event constructed and directed by Tamara Wasserman at Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago
- 2000 "Stray Dog Cafe in the middle of Chicago". Story By Rem Nikiforovich, "Advertisement" Newspaper, October 2000
- 1997 Review of Tamara Wasserman's show at Judy Saslow Gallery by Emily Soloff, The Chicago Jewish News