

Awards / Residencies

2025 Maine Arts Commission Fellowship in Media Arts
2022 Juried Selection: SF Indie Short Festival; The Philadelphia Women's Film Festival; Toronto International Women Film Festival; MIFF (Maine International Film Festival).
2021 Winner Best Documentary, Made Here Film Festival
2020 Artist Residency, Monson Arts, Monson, ME
2016 Artist Residency, Hewnoaks Artist Colony, Lovell, ME.
2013 Artist-in-Residence, A Room of Her Own Foundation, Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico
Silver Hugo, Chicago International Film Festival
First Place, San Antonio Cinefestival
Bronze Award, Houston Int'l. Film Festival
Juried Selection, Festival of New Latin Cinema, Havana, Cuba
Winner VT PBS Award for Best Short Documentary
Maine Film Academy's "Galvanizing Leadership Award"
Juried Selection, Camden International Film Festival; Los Angeles Women's International Film Festival; U.C.L.A. Fiction Film Prize
3 Telly Awards and 4 New England Emmy Award Nominations

Grants and Affiliations

American Film Institute (AFI) Independent Filmmakers Grant
Paul Robeson Media Grant
Maine Humanities Council Grant (3)
Maine Community Foundation Grant (2)
Eleanor Humes Haney Fund
Bay Area Video Coalition/Rockefeller Foundation Grant
Lerner Foundation Grant (in conjunction with MECASA)
Maine Arts Commission Grant (in conjunction with UMVA for "Maine Arts Journal")
Member UMVA (Union of Maine Visual Artists) and Artists' Rapid Response Team (ARRT!) -- creating banners for progressive non-profits in Maine, see arrteam.org
Founder LumenARRT! -- creating large-scale video projections on buildings, see lumenarrt.org

Exhibitions & Installation Highlights

2025 "Washed Away," UMVA group show, Lewis Gallery, Portland, Carl Little, Juror (video).
2021 Belfast Poetry Festival, Belfast, ME With poet, Myronn Hardy. (video)
2020 "Untitled 2020" **Portland Museum of Art Biennial** - with Artists' Rapid Response Team
2020 "Residents," Monson Arts Gallery, Monson, ME (painting and installation)
2015 – 2025 "LumenARRT!" Founder and coordinator of this video projection group, creating video projections on buildings in support of social justice issues. See lumenarrt.org
2019 "Women Respond," Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME First Place Prize. Juried/curated by Deb Fahy, Amy Peters Wood, and Daphne Anderson Deeds. (video)
2019 "Immersion," Juried exhibit Creative Portland, Portland, Maine (painting)
2018 **CMCA Biennial**, Rockland, ME. Jurors: Kate Green, Guest Director Marfa Contemporary and Robin K. Williams, Ford Curatorial Fellow at Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit. "Free Fall(t): Projection-cleansing for Women" (video installation with LumenARRT!)
2018 "Labor Weave/Capital Warp" in INFLUX 2018, Pepperell Mill, Biddeford (video installation)
2017 **Solo Exhibition**, "Before the Flood." Nancy Davidson, curator, Maine Jewish Museum, Portland, Maine. (painting and video installations)
2017 "Light in the Dark," Rachel McDonald, curator, UMVA Gallery, Portland (painting)
2017 "Nasty Women," The Institute Library, New Haven, CT (sculpture)

- 2016 "Forging Affinities," USM Gallery, Gorham, site-specific collaboration with Michael Shaughnessy, Nora Tryon, Geoffrey Leighton (video/mixed media).
- 2015 "Area Artists Biennial Exhibition," Atrium Gallery, USM Lewiston (video installation)
- 2014 "Trans-pacific Partnership & NAFTA at Twenty," (with Artists Rapid Response Team (ARRT!)), Uri-Eichen Gallery, Chicago, IL (painting and video)
- 2014 "A Body of Work," Curated by Joe Klofas, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME (painting)
- 2013 "Sand" in "Ground Control," (co-creator Geoffrey Leighton), The Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH (video)
- 2013 **Solo Exhibition**, "Now You See it, Now You," Univ. New England, Biddeford, (painting)
- 2013 "Area Artists 2013 Biennial," Jurors Dan Mills/Gail Skudera, Atrium Gallery, USM-Lewiston, ME (video installation)
- 2012 "Figure Revealed IV," Joel Babb/James Strickland Jurors, USM-Lewiston ME (painting)
- 2012 **Solo Exhibition**, "Anita Clearfield: Dappled," Forage Market, Lewiston, ME. (painting)
- 2012 "In the Spirit of Carlo Pittore," Susan Drucker, curator, Aucocisco Gallery, Portland, ME. (painting)
- 2012 "Corrugated Nation," Martha Piscuskas curator, Waterfall Arts, Belfast, ME (installation)
- 2011 "Assorted in Philadelphia," Natasha Mel-Taylor curator, a large space gallery, Philadelphia, PA (video installation)
- 2011 "Memento Mori," EL Putnam curator; Mobius Gallery, Cambridge, MA (video installation)
- 2011 "ArtinMe," Maine statewide exhibition, Juror: Lois Dodd, Boothbay, ME (painting)
- 2011 "MFAWC," Provincetown Art Assoc. & Museum, Provincetown, MA & Hudson Waker Gallery Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA (video installation)
- 2011 "Boston Young Contemporaries," 808 Gallery, Boston, MA (video installation)

Independent Video/Film Credit Highlights

2021 *Natasha Mayers: an Un-Still Life (38 minutes)*

Currently in distribution in US. Co-produced and co-directed this documentary about the activist artist. Winner of "Vermont PBS Short Doc Award" at Made Here Film Festival, Official Selection: ME International Film Festival, VT International Film Festival, Toronto Short Film Festival, San Francisco Short Film Festival, Women's International Film Festival Philadelphia. See natashamayers.org

2007 *There Ought to be a Law (56 minutes)*

Liberty Television national distribution, MPBN, with additional distribution by the Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness and the Brady Campaign.. Theatrical distribution in New England. Co-produced & co-directed this feature-length documentary that follows a mother who, after her son commits suicide, tries to get a law passed for a waiting-period on the purchase of firearms. Awards include Women's International Film Festival -- Florida, Camden Film Festival and Maine Film Academy's "Galvanizing Leadership Award."

1987 *Vacation Nicaragua (118 minutes)*

Discovery Channel, PBS, overseas, educational and theatrical distribution
Produced and directed this feature length documentary about Americans in Nicaragua during the Contra War. Awards include a Silver Hugo, Chicago International Film Festival; First Place, San Antonio Cinefestival; Juried Selection, Festival of New Latin Cinema, Cuba; Bronze Award, Houston Int'l. Film Festival.

1983 *State of Mind (30 minutes)*

Received an Independent Filmmakers Grant from the American Film Institute (AFI), Los Angeles, to produce and direct this half-hour dramatic film (16mm).

1979 *Angela Davis: Walls into Bridges (30 minutes)*

PBS and overseas distribution

Assoc. produced and edited this half-hour documentary about the activist turned teacher. Funded by a grant from the Bay Area Video Coalition, San Francisco.

1978 *Olivia Records: More Than Music (30 minutes)*

PBS, overseas and educational distribution

Produced, wrote and directed this half-hour documentary about the all-women's recording company and their original genre of music. Funded by grants from the Bay Area Video Coalition and the Rockefeller Foundation

Education:

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| 2011 | MFA, Video Installation/Painting, Massachusetts College of Art & Design, Provincetown, MA |
| 1976 | BFA, Film, magna cum laude, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York |

Employment Highlights

Co-Editor Union of Maine Visual Artists (UMVA) "Maine Arts Journal" – Initiated, co-authored and designed layout for 6 issues of this artwork and issues magazine, including writing/administering grant from the Maine Arts Commission to increase publishing options.

"Thousand Words Project" – Bates College Museum of Art -- Writer/producer videos and on-line curriculum using art to teach writing skills. See: <http://www.thousandwordsproject.org>

"Sex-Trafficking in Maine" – Producer/director/writer on series to train law enforcement and providers in reality of sex-trafficking in rural as well as urban environments. In conjunction with Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA).

2001 – 2007 *Maine Public Broadcasting Network (Maine PBS)*

Staff documentary producer/director/writer at this PBS affiliate. Documentary credits included:

"Maine Experience" -- 17 historical segments (from three to fifteen minutes each) for this documentary series, including topics such as "Maine's Underground Railroad," "Malaga Island," "1937 Shoe Strike," "May Sarton," and "Ice Harvesting." Awards include New England Emmy nominations, Telly and Int'l Maine Film Festival.

"Quest" -- Six hour-long documentaries for this award-winning science series that airs nationally under a grant from the National Science Foundation. These included topics such as "Climate Change: In Our Backyard" and "The Gulf of Maine."

"School Zones" – Two, hour-long documentaries: one followed a year in the lives of teachers and students in a rural kindergarten, the other in an "inner-city" high school science class.

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