

# April Behnke

*Born in Boston, MA*

*Lives and works in Chicago, IL*

*Represented by Kim Storage Gallery, Milwaukee, WI*

## Education

2011 Master of Fine Arts, Painting & Drawing, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting & Drawing, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2025 *Mind Games*, Kim Storage Gallery, Milwaukee, WI (Solo Exhibition, Upcoming)  
*Door County Contemporary Art Fair*, Kim Storage Gallery Booth, Fish Creek, WI (Upcoming)
- 2024 *62<sup>nd</sup> Mid State Arts Exhibition*, Evansville Museum, Evansville, IN  
*Recent Works*, Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL  
*The Beginning is Always Today*, Kim Storage Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Doomscapes and the Digital Beyond*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*20<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Juried Exhibition*, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL  
*Perennial Hug*, Circle Contemporary North Shore, Glenview, IL
- 2023 *Fundraising Art Showcase*, Spudnik Press, Chicago, IL  
*BIG little Art Show*, Gruenzel Gallery, Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI  
*Benefit Art Auction*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
*Small Works*, James May Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*Passage of Time*, A.D. Gallery, University of North Carolina Pembroke, Pembroke, NC  
*Miniature Monumental*, Bristol Art Museum, Bristol, RI  
*Midwest Regional Exhibition*, Artlink, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2022 *Rockford Midwestern Biennial*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL  
*Benefit Art Auction*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
*Art for Peace*, University Club of Rockford (presented by the Rockford Art Museum, among others), Rockford, IL  
*Negative*, Intersect Arts Center, St. Louis, MO
- 2021 *With Care*, Textile Arts Center, Brooklyn, NY  
*Ann Metzger Memorial National Biennial Exhibition*, St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis, MO
- 2017 *Benefit Art Auction*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
- 2016 *The Mind's I Archive*, Elder Gallery, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE  
*Benefit Art Auction*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
*New Grounds*, International Institute for Contemporary Art and Theory, Mangalia, Romania
- 2014 *Flat File Summer Socials*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC  
*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction and Benefit Party*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2013 *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction and Benefit Party*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2012 *The Mind's I*, Julius Caesar Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*ALPTRAUM!*, Goethe Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*The Question of Their Content*, Zolla Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL

- 2011 *Projektraum Deutscher Künstlerbund*, Berlin and CELL Project Space, London, England  
*Benefit Art Auction*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
*MFA Exhibition*, Sullivan Galleries, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *ALPTRAUM!*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC  
*7th Annual Transformer Silent Auction*, Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington, DC  
*Ron Artist: MVP*, Noble and Superior Projects, Chicago, IL  
*Emerging Artist Auction*, Daniel Cooney Fine Art, New York, NY  
*Body/Image*, Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, DC  
*You Are Not Making Art*, Zrobili Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Crucifix*, Zrobili Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Midnight Snacks*, 1366 Space, Chicago, IL
- 2009 *Summer Camp*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC (Solo Exhibition)  
*6th Annual Transformer Silent Auction*, Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington, DC  
*Late Summer Emerging Artists Auction*, Daniel Cooney Fine Art, New York, NY  
*No Soul for Sale*, Transformer Gallery Booth at X-Initiative, New York, NY  
*Washington Project for the Arts Auction*, American University, Washington, DC  
*Paintpresent*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
- 2008 *On Being Animal*, Janet Oh Gallery, Seoul, Korea (Solo Exhibition)  
*Naturing*, Meat Market Gallery, Washington, DC (Two Person Exhibition)  
*Paper Trail*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC  
*5th Annual Transformer Silent Auction*, Halcyon House, Washington, DC  
*Scope Hamptons Art Fair*, Meat Market Gallery Booth, Wainscott, NY  
*FY2009 Visual Arts Applicants' Showcase*, Katzen Art Center, American University, Washington, DC  
*Scope Basel Art Fair*, Janet Oh Gallery Booth, Basel, Switzerland  
*Flat Mates*, Transformer Gallery and Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, VA
- 2007 *Wall/Paper*, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC  
*Aqua Art Fair*, Meat Market Gallery Booth, Miami, FL  
*4th Annual Transformer Gallery Silent Auction*, Halcyon House, Washington, DC  
*Merde! Low Tech Art*, Pendu Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Performance Week Auction*, Meat Market Gallery, Washington, DC  
*That Was Then and This Is Now*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
*NEW ART 2007*, MPG Contemporary, Boston, MA
- 2006 *PRESENT TENSE*, artspace@16, Malden, MA  
*Thesis Show*, Tjaden Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
*Overdue*, Fine Art Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2005 *AMO*, Hartell Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 2004 *The Rome Show*, Palazzo Lazzoroni, Cornell University, Rome, Italy  
*The Bean Prize Exhibition*, Tjaden Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

## Bibliography

- 2024 Bianca Bova, *Head North: On in Milwaukee*, Chicago Gallery News, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Frank Juárez, *Artdose Magazine: Celebrating 10 Years (2013-2023)*, artdosemagazine.com, Sheboygan, WI  
 Frank Juárez, *Rockford Midwestern Gallery Walkthrough with Juror Frank Juárez*, artdosemagazine.com, Sheboygan, WI  
 Artdose Magazine Weekly, *Artist Profile: April Behnke*, Sheboygan, WI  
*Rockford Midwestern Biennial 2022 Exhibition Catalog*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL

- 2021 *Ann Metzger Memorial National Biennial Exhibition Catalog*, St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis, MO
- 2011 Robyn Murray, *Bemis Hosts Three New Artists in Residence*, KVNO News, Omaha, NE
- 2010 Emily Torem, *The Scene*, Time Out Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Chris Klimek, *Following the 'Paper Trail' at Transformer*, The Examiner, Washington, DC
- 2008 Jessica Dawson, *The Right Ingredients for a Sweet Experience*, Washington Post, Washington, DC
- 2007 be/dc, October Issue, Washington, DC  
ArtWorld Digest, January Issue, Brooklyn, NY

## Awards

- 2024 Award of Merit, *Recent Works*, Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
- 2023 Honorable Mention, *Midwest Regional Exhibition*, Artlink, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2011 Smith Oppenheim Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 Elizabeth Graham Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Artist Fellowship, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Washington, DC
- 2008 Small Projects Program Grant, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Washington, DC  
Young Emerging Artist Grant, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Washington, DC

## Collections

Booth Family Center for Special Collections, University Art Collection, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

## Residencies

- 2011 Artist Residency, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
- 2009 Slak Guest Studio, Slak & PlaatsMaken, Arnhem, The Netherlands

## Lectures and Talks

- 2025 *Mind Games* Artist Talk, Kim Storage Gallery, Milwaukee, WI (Upcoming)
- 2011 Art Talk Lecture, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
Graduate Lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Visiting Artist Lecture, Undergraduate Program, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL