

April Behnke

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

- 2023 Midwest Regional Exhibition, Artlink, Fort Wayne, IN (upcoming)
- 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
11th Annual Silent Auction and Benefit Party, Transformer Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2013 10th 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 Projekttraum Deutscher Kunstlerbund, 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

Residencies

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

Awards

- 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

Lectures

- 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

Publications

2022 Artdose Magazine Weekly, Artist Profile: April Behnke, Sheboygan, WI

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