

# 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

2026 *Off/Grid*, Galleries One and Two, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL (Solo Exhibition, Upcoming)

2025 *Mind Games*, Kim Storage Gallery, Milwaukee, WI (Solo Exhibition, Upcoming)  
*Arts of Life 2025 Benefit Auction*, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL (Upcoming)  
*Studio Break Invitational*, Studio Break Gallery, West Chicago, IL (Upcoming)  
*Color Shifts*, Inter-Society Color Council Conference: Color Impact 2025: Color as Communication, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY (Virtual Exhibition)  
*Door County Contemporary Art Fair*, Kim Storage Gallery Booth, Fish Creek, WI

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 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 Lazzaroni, 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, <i>Artdose Magazine: Celebrating 10 Years (2013-2023)</i> , artdosemagazine.com, Sheboygan, WI Frank Juárez, <i>Rockford Midwestern Gallery Walkthrough with Juror Frank Juárez</i> , artdosemagazine.com, Sheboygan, WI Artdose Magazine Weekly, <i>Artist Profile: April Behnke</i> , Sheboygan, WI <i>Rockford Midwestern Biennial 2022 Exhibition Catalog</i> , Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
2021	<i>Ann Metzger Memorial National Biennial Exhibition Catalog</i> , St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis, MO
2011	Robyn Murray, <i>Bemis Hosts Three New Artists in Residence</i> , KVNO News, Omaha, NE
2010	Emily Torem, <i>The Scene</i> , Time Out Chicago, Chicago, IL
2009	Chris Klimek, <i>Following the 'Paper Trail' at Transformer</i> , The Examiner, Washington, DC
2008	Jessica Dawson, <i>The Right Ingredients for a Sweet Experience</i> , Washington Post, Washington, DC
2007	be/dc, October Issue, Washington, DC ArtWorld Digest, January Issue, Brooklyn, NY

## Awards

2024	Award of Merit, <i>Recent Works</i> , Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
2023	Honorable Mention, <i>Midwest Regional Exhibition</i> , 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	<i>Mind Games</i> 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