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## Education

2005 New York University, Masters of Arts in Painting, New York, NY

1998 University of Rochester, Bachelor of Arts in Asian History/Bachelor of Arts in Public Health, Rochester, NY

## Select Exhibitions

2023 *Exhibition #3-Diversity* 365 Gallery-3 Rivers Community College-574 New London Tpke-Norwich, CT

2022 *Solo Exhibition-Keator Gallery*-986 Forest Road-New Haven, CT

*Kwadwo Adae: Solo Exhibition--Connecticut Center for Arts & Technology* -4 Science Park-New Haven, CT

*Storytellers Pt: II -Ely Center for Contemporary Art* -51 Trumbull St-New Haven, CT

2021 *Blossom Return-Artport Kingston*-108 E Strand St- Kingston NY

2020 *Revolution On Trial-Artspace New Haven*-50 Orange St-NewHaven, CT

2019 *Scenes from Ellis Island- Yale Center for Collaborative Arts & Media*-149 York St- New Haven, CT

2018 *The Portrait Show- River Street Gallery*, 72 Blatchley Avenue, Fair Haven, CT

*An African Lens- Yale Africa Salon*, Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St, New Haven, CT

*How With This Rage Shall Beauty Hold A Plea?* - **Kehler Liddell Gallery**, 873 Whalley Ave, New Haven, CT

2017 *Best Kept Secret*, **Geoffrey Young Gallery**, 40 Railroad Street, Great Barrington, MA

*Yale Africa Salon*, A Solo Exhibition of Recent Works, Yale University, New Haven, CT

2015 *The Players' Lounge*, Curated by Gabriel DaSilva of DaSilva Gallery, Yale University, New Haven, CT

*Artist as Curator 2*, **Kehler Liddell Gallery**, 873 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT

2013 *Vibrant: A Look At Contemporary Lyricism*, **Whitney Center Gallery**, Hamden, CT

*Disturbing the Comfortable*, **Sumner McKnight Crosby Jr Gallery**, New Haven, CT

2011 **The Billboard Art Project**, Reading, PA; Baton Rouge, LA; San Bernardino, CA

2010 *Art of the Times*, Times Building, Ridgewood, Queens, NY

2009 *Art Bazaar*, **Lyons Wier Gallery**, West 20th & 7th Avenue, New York, NY

### Residencies

2014 Signal Fire Blue Range Primitive Area Residency, Apache National Forest, Blue, AZ

2013 Signal Fire Alpenglow Backpacking Residency, Mount Hood National Forest, Portland OR

2011 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

### Public Art

2023-*Progress Pride Chameleon*-11 x 25 ft-Elm City Montessori School-495 Blake St- New Haven, CT

2022-*Everyone Deserves To Come Home To Flowers*-45 x 24 ft-Hillside Family Shelter, 124 Sylvan Ave, New Haven, CT

2022-*West Rock Ridge*-10 x 20 ft- Elm City Montessori School-495 Blake St- New Haven, CT

2022-*Sea Creatures of Puget Sound*-12 x 30 ft-Moses Y Beach School-340 N Main Street, Wallingford, CT

2022-*The Three Graces*-8 x 16 feet-High School in the Community-175 Water St- New Haven, CT

2021-*Dr Edward Alexander Bouchet Mural Project*-10 x 36 feet-Dixwell Ave/Henry St New Haven, CT

2021-*Mighty Oaks (From Tiny Acorns Grow) Forest Mural*-11 x 42 feet-737 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven, CT

2020-*Sparrow Squadron Mural Project*- 11 x 38 feet-507 Dixwell Ave, New Haven, CT

2020- *Black Lives Matter Mural*-22 x 294 feet-Basset Street between Goodyear & Watson, New Haven, CT

2019 *Connection*-Acrylic Wall Mural-7.5 x 9.5 ft-Yale Office for International Students & Scholars, 421 Temple Street, New Haven, CT

2018 *Mothers, Daughters, & Sisters of the Firelight*-Exterior Latex Mural-18 x 106 ft-Farmington Canal Greenway New Haven/Hamden, CT

2018 *Bendiciones De Pachamama*-Exterior Latex Mural-7 x 50 ft- Calle Oriente, Baños De Agua Santa, Ecuador

2017 *Avian & Aquatic Life of New Haven Harbor*-Interior Latex & Acrylic Aerial Mural-15 x 30 ft-John Martinez School-100 James Street, New Haven, CT

2017 *Circulation of Wisdom*-Indoor Acrylic Wall Mural-10 x 18 ft-Afro-American Cultural Center Yale University-211 Park Street, New Haven, CT

2016 *Mecha Dragon*-Indoor Acrylic Wall Mural-10 x 25 ft-Mecha Noodle 201 Orange Street-New Haven, CT

2016 *Elm City Footrace*- Exterior Latex Mural-8.5 x 33 ft-Farmington Canal Greenway-Shelton Ave btwn Thompson & Starr Streets, New Haven, CT

- 2016** *The Vegetable Walk*- Indoor Acrylic Wall Mural- 9 x 23 ft-CitySeed 817 Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT
- 2016** *Huipile Wall North*-Exterior Latex & Acrylic Wall Mural-7.5 x 39.5 ft, La Escuela Chu'ul, Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala
- 2016** *Huipile Wall South*- Exterior Latex & Acrylic Wall Mural-9 x 48.5 ft, La Escuela Chu'ul, Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala
- 2015** *Creatures of the Garwhal Himalayas (In Peace & Harmony)*-Exterior Acrylic Wall Mural-14 x 23 ft- Anjanisain, Tehri Garhwal (Uttarakhand) India
- 2015** *The Studios Six*-Indoor Acrylic Wall Mural-10 x 6 ft-B\*Natural Café, 1044 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT
- 2015** *The City Bus Mural Project*-Indoor Acrylic Wall Mural-6 x 25.5 ft-West Haven Mental Health Clinic 270 Center Street, West Haven, CT
- 2014** *Flapper's Delight*-Indoor Acrylic Wall Mural-6 x 9.5 ft- The 9<sup>th</sup> Note, 85 Orange Street, New Haven, CT
- 2014** *Jour Ensoleillé Sous La Tour Eiffel*-Acrylic Wall Mural-12 x 10 ft- Marjolaine's Pastry Shop, 961 State Street, New Haven, CT
- 2005** *Louis Lunch*-Oil on Canvas- 8 x 10 in-Louis Lunch, 263 Crown Street, New Haven, CT
- 2002** *Sunday*-Oil on Canvas-48 x 72 in -New Haven Free Public Library-Mitchell Branch, 37 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT

### **Animation**

- 2018** [Volcán Tungurahua Mural Project](#)-Watercolor Stop Motion Film
- 2016** [Lake Atitlán Mural Project](#)-Watercolor Stop Motion Film
- 2015** [Himalaya Mural Project](#)-Watercolor Stop Motion Film

### **Awards**

- 2023** Mellon Arts & Practitioner Fellowship at the Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, & Transnational Migration
- 2021** Creative Healing & Racial Equity Grant-Community Foundation of Greater New Haven
- 2021** Cultural Vitality Grant-New Haven Department of Arts, Culture, & Tourism
- 2019** Artist Fellowship Award-Connecticut Office of the Arts
- 2018** REI Stewardship Grant
- 2018** William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund Responsive Grant
- 2018** Connecticut Office of the Arts FY18 Project Grant
- 2016** Creative Communicator Arts Award-Arts Council of Greater New Haven
- 2016** Connecticut Magazine-40 Under 40

**2016** CT Now-Best of New Haven-Adae Fine Art Academy-1st Place Winner of Best Local Arts Organization

**2012** Artist Resource Trust-Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grant

**2011** Civil Society Institute Fellowship at the Vermont Studio Center

**2009** Children Center of Hamden Excellence in Arts Mentoring

## **Film & TV**

**2019** *Glass*. M. Night Shyamalan. Samuel L. Jackson. Bruce Willis. Universal Pictures. Film.

**2016** "Contempt" *The Dead Files*-Travel Channel-Guest Artist- Air Date: Saturday, May 14th

## **Employment**

**2005-Present** Founder, Director, Adae Fine Art Academy

-An independent arts institution in the Ninth Square district of New Haven, CT specializing in the individualized instruction in all levels and media of drawing and painting to children, teenagers and adults. Each student is encouraged to work in the media and subject matter of their choice. We do not follow the traditional teaching format of a teacher instructing the same concepts to the entire class. Students at the Adae Fine Art Academy inform their teacher what it is they wish to learn how to create. Whatever they choose to create they are assisted in learning the artistic concepts needed to complete their piece. Each student creates their own unique artwork simultaneously and independently from other students in the class making beginner, intermediate, and advanced level classes obsolete. This teaching format allows students to excel further from wherever their individual artistic skill set may reside. Classes are divided by age groups and not by experience or level of skill. This also expunges any comparisons that may occur between students based on levels of skill. It is an eclectic way to teach and an effective way to learn. We implement a Mobile Art Studio Service that provides off site art instruction to a diverse set of populations in the Greater New Haven area including; children in afterschool programs, elderly artists residing in assisted living centers, artists in transitional facilities for people living with schizophrenia, and young adults at mental health clinics. Responsibilities include all maintenance of enrollment rosters, marketing and promotional events, prospective student recruitment, bookkeeping, billing & account reconciliation, social media presentation, acquisition and maintenance of our art library where students are invited to take books home to learn more about art. We also showcase student artwork at an annual exhibition where the school is transformed into a curated gallery exhibition space where students exhibit the artwork created in the past year to the community at large.

When we are not teaching we contribute to the discourse of public art both locally and internationally by designing murals. We are regularly commissioned to design and orchestrate the installation of professional and collaborative mural projects. We are skilled with working with people of a diverse range of ages and skill levels who do not necessarily come from artistic backgrounds and unify them to create public art.