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Education

1999 - BFA cum laude, Jazz Guitar Performance, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Professional Experience

2005 - present: Interdisciplinary Artist

Mediums include: Sculptural light works, neon, painting, video, new media, music, generative animation

Exhibitions * indicates solo or duo show

2024 - Forthcoming, ArtCentre of Plano, Texas Sculpts III

2024 - * Forthcoming, RO2 Art Gallery, Dallas, TX

2023 - "*Relative Density*", ESD, Dallas

2023 - Meow Wolf, Grapevine, TX

2023 - *Octavia Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2023 - "*Women-Life-Freedom*", DFW, 3 exhibits; Irving Arts Center, Arts Ft. Worth, Dallas Tin District

2022 - * "*Translating Light*", Mesquite Arts Center, Mesquite, TX

2021 - "*Negotiating Dialogues*", world premiere, modern chamber work and generative visuals, spoken word performance, Dallas Symphony Orchestra's *Soluna Festival*, commissioned by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the Cedars Union

2021 - "*Off the Grid*", Cerulean Gallery, Dallas, TX

2019 - "*Hyperlocal*", Artists of the Cedars Union, The MAC, Dallas, TX

2019 - *"*Unfolding the Sun*", exhibit at Carneal Simmons, Dallas, TX

2019 - *"*Chasing Light*", immersive installation, One Love Festival, Manassas, VA

2018 - *"*The Velocity of Light*", Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, The Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas, TX, Curator, Shane Pennington and Joshua King

2018 - "*Staring at the Sun*", Soluna Festival - Dallas, TX, Curators: Gillian Friedman-Fox, Erica Felicella

2018 - "*Beyond 10*", Dallas International Film Festival, Dallas, TX

2018 - "*The Color of Life*", Vignette Art Fair, Women's Museum, Dallas, TX, Curators: Erin K. Murphy, Jessie Moncrief, Dee Lara

2017 - "*Beyond 10*", Producer Bart Weiss, KERA-Frame of Mind, Dallas, TX

2017 - *"*Shed Some Light*", Curator, Dustin Orlando, Circuit12 Contemporary, Dallas, TX

2017 - "*Exhibit Biennial: Origins in Geometry*", Curator Magdalena Mujica de Arria, The Museum of Geometric and MADI Art, Dallas, TX

2017 - "*Pleased To Meet You*", Open Space, Dallas, TX, Curator Caroline Belanger and Nancy Cohen Israel

2017 - Vignette Art Fair, Women's Museum, Dallas, TX, Curator, Chelsea Pierce

2016, 2015 - *Cerulean Gallery, Amarillo, TX

2015 - "*The Theory of Chance*", Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX, Curator, Aja Martin

2014 - "*Dream Big*", Dallas Video Festival, Dallas, TX

2013, 2011 - "*Dream Big*", "*The Wish*", Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX, Curator, Shane Pennington and Joshua King

2012 - 2015 - "*Modartists Show*", Modartists Gallery, Dallas, TX

2014 - *Ilume Gallerie, Dallas, TX

2012 - *"*AC/OC*", Cohn Drennan Gallery, Dallas, TX

2012 - Quenched, 2nd Annual Water Thirst Art Auction, Curator - Aja Martin, Goss/Michael Foundation, Dallas, TX

2009 - "*D Art Slam*" Juried Exhibition, F.I.G. Industries, Dallas, TX

2008 - *2009 - Cerulean Gallery, Dallas, TX

2008 - *Business Council for the Arts, Omnicom, Dallas, TX

2007 - *Ice House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX

2005 - *Visual Arts Guild of Frisco, Frisco, TX

Artist Talks

2021 - "*Experts Talk on the Carter*" The Art of Nontraditional Sculpture, Amon Carter Museum, Ft. Worth, TX

2019 - "*Unfolding the Sun*", exhibit at Carneal Simmons Contemporary Art, Dallas, TX

2018 - "*A Day in the Life . . .*", The Perot Museum of Nature and Science, Dallas, TX.

2018 - "*New Media Panel Discussion*", presented by Cedars Union and Ro2. Moderated by Joshua King of Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX.

2018 - "*A Conversation with New Media Artists*" presented by Array, Dallas, TX. Moderated by Erica Felicella.

2018 - "Shed Some Light", Circuit12 Contemporary, Dallas, TX. Moderated by Jessica Ingle

Contributions to Arts Community

2014 - present: board member, Texas Vignette, Dallas, TX

Passionately work to amplify the voices of women artists as a founding member of Texas Vignette, a non-profit organization that produces an art fair each year for Texas women artists including year round support, education, grants and connection in the arts.

2007 - present, Honored to be a contributing member of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center's *Art for Advocacy* auction providing support for abused children.

2023 - Juror for New Works Fund Grant, TACA Grants, Maura Sheffler

2018 - 2019 - Juror for New Works Fund Grant, TACA Grants, Greg Oertel

2018 - present, Public Art Committee member, City of Mesquite, Cohn Drennan

Student Workshops and Assistance

2023 - 2024 - LISD, juror for Lewisville ISD, Reflections Art Entries, elementary, middle & high school

2019 - 2022, Artist technology workshops, Raul S. Quintanilla Middle School, Dallas, TX

2021, Artist technology workshop for students of Wade College, Dallas, TX

2019, Dallas Contemporary, College Night workshop for students, through the Cedars Union

Selected Public Collections

UTSW, Clements University Hospital, Dallas, TX

Baylor Hospital, Dallas, TX

Baylor Hospital, Ft. Worth, TX

The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX

Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, Dallas, TX

The Family Place, Dallas, TX

Awards

TWU, Women's Small Business AccelerateHER Program, September 2021

TACA 2019 New Works Fund Grant recipient, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, "Negotiating Dialogues" Arts

Activate Grant 2019 recipient, Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, "Negotiating Dialogues"

Cedars Union Grant 2019, "Negotiating Dialogues"

Cedars Union Artist Residency, The Cedars Union, Dallas, TX, Sept. 2018 - March 2020

Virginia Commission for the Arts, Project Grant New Works recipient for "Chasing Light"

Organizations

2020 - 2024, Design Director, TexasVignette.org

2024 - Advisory Board member, TexasVignette.org

2014 - 2019, Founding member, Vice-President, Design Director - TexasVignette.org, Dallas, TX

Media and Publications

2023, Meow Wolf publication, Victoriano Cardenas, *Live & Let Diorama: Q&A with Meow Wolf Grapevine Artist Carmen Menza*, <https://meowwolf.com/blob/grapevine-artist-carmen-menza>

2021, Glasstire, Texas Visual Art, "A Return to Performance" Review, Colette Copeland, October 20,

2021 <https://glasstire.com/2021/10/20/a-return-to-performance-two-events-in-dallas/>

2021, North Texan, University of North Texas publication, Vol. 72, No. 2, "Visioning Music"

2020, Patron Magazine, April 2020, "A Moveable Musical Visual Feast"

2019, "Cartographic Gestures", MAP, Make Art with a Purpose, Dallas, TX

2018, "Holding Pattern Volume II", DADE Collective, Dallas, TX

Select Charity List

2007 - 2023, Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, Dallas, TX

2019 - Promise House, Dallas, TX, Non-Profit organization for ending youth homelessness

2008 - 2016, DIFFA, Black Tie Dinner, Dallas, TX

2015 - United Way/Family Compass - Legendary Evening, Dallas, TX

2015 - The Family Place, Dallas, TX

2008 - 2014, Aids Interfaith Network - Dallas, TX

2014 - Dwell with Dignity, Dallas, TX

2012 - 2013, Aids Resource Center of Dallas, Dallas, TX

2012 - 2013, Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, TX