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Education

1999 - Bachelor of Music, cum laude, Jazz Guitar Performance, University of North Texas, Denton, TX
2024 - Kittrell - Riffkind Glass, Stained Glass workshop
2024 - 2025 - University of Texas Arlington, Arlington, TX, Glassblowing

Professional Experience

2005 - present: Interdisciplinary Artist. Media; light, video, glass, acrylics, sound, interactive media

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024 - 2025 "Patterns of Disturbance", RO2 Art Gallery, Dallas, TX
2023 - Octavia Gallery, New Orleans, LA
2021 - "Negotiating Dialogues", world premiere, modern chamber work, generative visuals, spoken word performance, commissioned by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra & the Cedars Union
2019 - "Unfolding the Sun", 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: Joshua King

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024-2025 - Texas Sculpts, ArtCentre of Plano, Plano, TX
2025 - Marfa Invitational Open, Marfa TX
2025 - 38th Annual International "Materials: Hard + Soft" Exhibition, Greater Denton Art Council, Denton, TX
2025 - The Present is Dark, The Future is Present, curated by Robert Long, James Harris Gallery, Dallas, TX
2023 - "Women-Life-Freedom", DFW, 3 exhibits: Irving Arts Center, Arts Ft. Worth, Dallas Tin District
2019 - "Hyperlocal", Artists of the Cedars Union, The MAC, Dallas, TX
2018 - "Staring at the Sun", Soluna Festival - Dallas, TX, Curators: Gillian Friedman-Fox, Erica Felicella
2018 - "Beyond 10", short film, Dallas International Film Festival, Dallas, TX
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 & Nancy Cohen Israel
2015 - "The Theory of Chance", Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX, Curator, Aja Martin
2013, 2011 - "Dream Big," "The Wish," Aurora Light and Sound Biennial, Dallas, TX, Curators: Shane Pennington and Joshua King
2012 - "AC/OC ", Cohn Drennan Gallery, Dallas, TX

Artist Awards

2021, TWU, Women's Small Business AccelerateHER Program
2019, TACA New Works Fund Grant recipient, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, "*Negotiating Dialogues*"
2019, Arts Activate Grant recipient, Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, "*Negotiating Dialogues*"
2019, Cedars Union Grant, "*Negotiating Dialogues*"
2018 - 2020, Cedars Union Artist Residency, The Cedars Union, Dallas, TX,
2019, Virginia Commission for the Arts, Project Grant New Works recipient for "*Chasing Light*"

Artist Talks

2025 - Cedars Union, Dallas, TX, Artists' critique
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.

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

Media and Publications

2024, Glasstire, Upon Reflection: Two Exhibitions at RO2 Art, Emma S. Ahmad
<https://glasstire.com/2024/12/31/upon-reflection-two-exhibitions-at-ro2-art-gallery-dallas/>
2024 - Glasstire, , Best of 2024, Leslie Moody Castro, "Patterns of Disturbance" exhibition
<https://glasstire.com/2024/12/17/glasstires-best-of-2024/>
2024, Review of Patterns of Disturbance exhibition, IG - Kelly Mason, Membership & Community Engagement Manager, Dallas Contemporary
https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEiulDUyRWE/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFiZA==
2024, Modern Luxury, December 2024 Issue, Jane Humphrey
2023, Meow Wolf publication, Victoriano Cardenas, *Live & Let Diorama: Carmen Menza*
2021, Glasstire, Texas Visual Art, "A Return to Performance" Review, Colette Copeland, Oct 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
2019, Visual Art Source, John Zotos, Carneal Simmons Contemporary Art
<https://visualartsource.com/E-Announcements/2019-Newsletter/0519/VASWeekly0519a.html>
2018, "Holding Pattern Volume II", DADE Collective, Dallas, TX

Arts Advocate/Contributions to Community

2024 - present, Advisory board member, TexasVignette, Dallas, TX
2017 - 2023 Co-founder, Vice-President, Design Director, TexasVignette.org, Dallas, TX, a non-profit organization that produces the annual Vignette Art Fair for women artists in Texas, including year-round support, education, grants, and connection in the arts.
2007 - present, Contributing member of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center's *Art for Advocacy* auction
2018 - 2024, Juror for New Works Fund Grant, TACA Grants, Maura Sheffler
2018 - present, Public Art Committee member, City of Mesquite, Cohn Drennan
2015 - 2017, WCATX, Women's Caucus for the Arts, Texas chapter, Vice President

Volunteer

2025, Booker T High School, guest juror, BTWHSVPA exhibition
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

Select Public Collections

Nexus Recovery Center, Dallas, TX
Meow Wolf, Grapevine Mills Mall, Grapevine, Tx
UTSW, Clements University Hospital, Dallas, TX
Baylor Hospital, Dallas, TX
Baylor Hospital, Ft. Worth, TX
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, Dallas, TX
The Family Place, Dallas, TX

Select Charity List

2007 - 2025, 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