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Since 2004, Olivia Kim has been working as a professional artist, making Realist portrait and figure sculpture. Her extensive education covers traditional and modern art techniques, including the Ceramics program at the SUNY School of Art and Design at Alfred University, French atelier style Realist education at the world-renowned Florence Academy of Art, making bronzes alongside the artisans of Mariani Foundry in Italy, glass casting at Corning Museum of Glass School and independent studies in the physics & biomechanics of human body movement. She is best known for her public statues of Frederick Douglass, where she expresses absolute service to our common spiritual Source.

SELECTED PORTRAIT BUSTS & FIGURES

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| 2026 | Public- Village of Pittsford: Pittsford, NY
Fiberglass Figure of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass for 250th Anniversary of American Independence
6'7" x 36" x 31" <i>life size</i>

Public- Garth Fagan Dance Company: Rochester, NY
Bronze Figure of Garth Fagan dancing
12" x 8" x 4" <i>smaller than life size</i> |
| 2025 | Public- City of Rochester & RCTV Media Center: Rochester, NY
Restoration of 11 Fiberglass Figures of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass
6'7" x 36" x 31" <i>life size</i> |
| 2024 | Public- SUNY Brockport College: Brockport, NY
Bronze Bust of Fannie Barrier Williams for Fannie Barrier Williams Liberal Arts Building
24" x 16" x 11" <i>larger than life size</i> |
| 2023 | Public- City of Rochester: Rochester, NY
"Salt of the Earth, Light of the World: Brotherhood"
Bronze Figures of Douglass & Lincoln for the North Star Commons of the Phase I Riverwall Improvements Project
8' x 8' x 6' <i>larger than life size</i>
Local, State & National Awards from National Public Works Association (see Awards section) |
| 2022 | Public- Rochester Community Television (director Carvin Eison): Rochester, NY
Bronze Figure of Frederick Douglass for Frederick Douglass Rochester International Airport
6'7" x 36" x 31" <i>life size</i>
NEA Chairman's Extraordinary Action Award, grants from NEA & NEH (see Awards section)

Private- Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys: Rochester, NY
Bronze Figure of Goddess of Justice Award, portrait of First African American President
12" x 6" x 5" <i>smaller than life size</i> |
| 2020 | Public- Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, NY
Fiberglass Figure of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass statue in Fiberglass, no. 17
6'7" x 36" x 31" <i>life size</i>

Private- Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, NY
"Salt of the Earth, Light of the World: Woman"
Bust of Mia
11" x 7" x 9" <i>life size</i> |

Private- D. Kelly, Rochester, NY
"Sunset Tango"
Bronze Figure of Diana Kelly dancing
21" x 7" x 11" *smaller than life size*

Private- O. Vazquez: Rochester, NY
Aluminum Bust of Octavio Vazquez
14" x 10" x 11" *larger than life size*

Private- V. Medici: Frassinoro, Italy
Glass Figure of Valentina Medici singing opera music
20" x 14" x 7" *smaller than life size*

2019 Private- Memorial Art Gallery & St. John Fisher College in conjunction with "Lessons of the Hour" exhibit by Isaac Julien at the Memorial Art Gallery: Rochester, NY
Fiberglass Figure of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass statue in Fiberglass, no. 16
6'7" x 36" x 31" *life size*

2018 Public- Rochester Community Television: Rochester, NY
13 Fiberglass Figures of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass sculptures in Fiberglass, no. 1-13
6'7" x 36" x 31" *life size*
Community Partner Award from Rochester Community Television Center

Private- G. Fagan, Director of Garth Fagan Dance Company: Rochester, NY
Fiberglass Figure of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass in Fiberglass for Dance piece "The North Star", no. 15
6'7" x 36" x 31" *life size*

Private- M. Daniels
Fiberglass Figure of Bicentennial Frederick Douglass in Fiberglass, no. 14
6'7" x 36" x 31" *life size*

Public- National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology:
Rochester, NY
Bronze Bust of Former Dean Robert Davila
24" x 15" x 10" *larger than life size*

2017 Private- B. Wynkoop: Rochester, NY
"For a Drop of Rain"
Bronze Figure of Beth Mandyke, Bodybuilder
36" x 19" x 23" *smaller than life size*

2016 Private- FuturPointe Dance: Rochester, NY
"This Body Electric"
Glass Figure of Will dancing
14" x 8" x 12" *smaller than life size*

2015 Private- Melinda Phillips: Rochester, NY
"Om"
Glass Bust of Melinda
16" x 8" x 9" *larger than life size*

2014 Private- J. Slon: Rochester, NY
"Walking Woman"
Ceramic & Glass Figure of Jessamyn Slon
24" x 13" x 15"

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

- 2009- 2010 Public Commissions: Sentiero del Rosario: Pietravolta, Italy
10 bas-reliefs in terracotta based on Bible's Ecclesiastic and Miraculous Mysteries
- 2008 Public- Castle of the Abbey of Frassinoro: Frassinoro, Italy
Casein painted Ornamental decorations and blown-up reproductions of images from the
Illuminated manuscript of the Codice di Frassinoro (commonly named the Codice di Lucca)
- 2007- 2010 Private Commissions: Frassinoro and Sassuolo, Italy
figurative and ornamental drawings, paintings, sculptures and murals
- 2006 Public- Piazza Tincali: Montefiorino, Italy
handcarved trani stone War Memorial Plaque collaboration with Dario Tazzioli
- 2005 Private- E. Pentassuglia: Australia & P. Campbell: Swords, Ireland
bronze portrait figure of Emmanuele Pentassuglia
24" x 14" x 11" smaller than life size

HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2024 National Public Works Association: National
Best Structural Project of the year \$5 Million- \$25 Million
West Riverwall at North Star Commons
- 2023 National Public Works Association: State of New York
Best Structural Project of the year \$5 Million- \$25 Million
West Riverwall at North Star Commons
- National Public Works Association: Genesee Valley Branch, New York Chapter
Best Structural Project of the year \$5 Million- \$25 Million
West Riverwall at North Star Commons
- 2021 National Endowment for the Arts Grant and Award: Federal
Chairman's Extraordinary Action Award to create bronze of Frederick Douglass for the
Frederick Douglass Rochester International Airport in Rochester, NY
- National Endowment for the Humanities Grant: Federal
Grant Monies for creation of bronze of Frederick Douglass for the Frederick Douglass
Rochester International Airport in Rochester, NY
- 2018 Rochester Community Television: Rochester, NY
Re-Energizing the Legacy of Frederick Douglass Award for Outstanding Partnership
- 2004 The Florence Academy of Art: Florence, Italy
Prize for Best Sculpture
- 1997- 2001 Alfred University: School of Art and Design: Alfred, NY
Portfolio Scholarship
- 1999 Alfred University: School of Art and Design: Alfred, NY
Clare Katherine Nelson Prize for Printmaking and Painting

SELECTED MEDIA

2023	WHAM 13 News: Rochester, NY "New Statue depicting Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln Unveiled in Rochester"
2022	Rochester First: Rochester, NY "Frederick Douglass Statue Unveiled at Rochester Airport"
2021	Minority Reporter: Rochester, NY "RIT seeks grant that would put public art in historical context"
2020	USA TODAY: National "New Frederick Douglass erected after vandalism with hopes for a better future for all" The New York Times: New York, NY "Who Tore Down this Frederick Douglass Statue?" BBC: United Kingdom "Frederick Douglass: Historic US black activist's statue toppled" The Sun: United Kingdom "Trump says anarchists have no boundaries as statue of black abolitionist icon Frederick Douglass is torn down"
2019	Memorial Art Gallery Press Release: Rochester, NY "Press Release Frederick Douglass TOUR" Roc City News: Rochester, NY "Meeting Douglass"
2018	Democrat and Chronicle Newspaper: Rochester, NY "Frederick Douglass Statues to be Installed Throughout Rochester" WXXI News TV Program "Need to Know": National TV interview with Helene Biandudi Hofer WHAM 13 TV Program "Good Morning Rochester" : Rochester, NY "Re-Energizing the Legacy of Frederick Douglass" Rochester City Newspaper: Rochester, NY "Douglass Statues coming to Rochester Streets" FOX News Program: Rochester, NY Good Day Rochester "Monuments of Frederick Douglass Placed in Rochester" RIT News on YouTube.com: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=7nekvz2ft9o Insight into Diversity Magazine: National "Frederick Douglass Monumental Legacy"
2010- 2016	News features by Democrat and Chronicle, City Newspaper, Rochester Magazine, 585) Magazine, Insight into Diversity Magazine, Talker of the Town News, ALONG Magazine, American Art Collector Magazine, Art House Press Magazine: Rochester, NY based media Radio interviews by Conversations with Creatives, The Graphic Ear & Savor Life: Rochester, NY
2007	La Gazzetta: Sassuolo, Italy "Due Mondi" exhibition press release and article

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Pittsford Fine Art Gallery: Pittsford, NY
Frederick Douglass America 250 at the PFA Gallery- Guest exhibitor
- Oxford Fine Art: Rochester, NY
"The Faces and Facets of Freedom"- Group exhibit
- 2020 Rochester Museum and Science Center: Rochester, NY
"The Changemakers: Rochester Women Who Changed the World"
Featured Rochester Woman
- Tower Fine Arts Gallery: Brockport, NY
"Monroe & Vicinity Biennial Exhibition at Brockport College"- Group exhibit
- 2019 Gormley's Fine Art Gallery at Russborough House: Wicklow, Ireland
"Art at the Garden"- Group exhibit, included largest display of Salvador Dali's sculpture
- Gormley's Fine Art Gallery at Hastings Hotel at the Culloden Estate and Spa: Belfast, Ireland
"Art at the Garden"- Group exhibit
- 2018 Link Gallery, City Hall: Rochester, NY
"Creating Our Legacy" curated by the Asian/Pacific Islander American Association
- Rochester Contemporary Art Center: Rochester, NY
"No Soil Better- The Legacy of Frederick Douglass"- Group exhibit
- Dyer Arts Center, National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, NY
"Cultivating Connections"- Group exhibit
- 2016 Arnot Art Museum: Elmira, NY
"Juried 75th Invitational"- Group exhibit
- Sonnenburg Gardens and Mansion: Canandaigua, NY
"Art at the Gardens Sculpture Exhibit"- Group Exhibit
- 2015 Burchfield Penney Art Center: Buffalo, NY
"Body Norms: Selections from the Spong Collection"- Group exhibit
- 2015 Bennington Art Center, Bennington, VT
"Laumeister Fine Art Competition Exhibition"- Juried Group exhibit
- 2011-2014 Solo and Group art exhibits at Ock Hee's Gallery: Honeoye Falls, NY
- 2014 Gormley's Fine Art Gallery at Russborough House: Blessington, Ireland
"Garden Sculpture Exhibition"- Group exhibit
- 2011-present Group and Solo Art Exhibits at Oxford Gallery, Spectrum Gallery, Art in June, Memorial Art Gallery, Nazareth College Arts Center, Rochester Contemporary Arts Center, SUNY Geneseo Lederer Gallery, Phelps Art Center: in Rochester, Geneseo and Phelps, NY
- 2008 Gormley's Fine Art Gallery: at Brackenstown House, Swords, Ireland
"Midsummer Garden Sculpture Exhibition"- Group exhibit
- 2007-2009 Group and solo art exhibits in Frassinoro, Sassuolo, Chianti, Fiorano, Montefiorino, Italy

- 2006- 2010 Corsini Family Stables: Florence, Italy
"Fifth Alumni Exhibition of The Florence Academy Of Art- Juried Group exhibit
- 1996- 2000 group exhibitions in: Alfred, Hornell and Rochester, New York, USA

SELECTED VISITING ARTIST RESIDENCIES, PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES AND JUDGING

- 2011 - present Judge & Presenter at Local Schools & Art Clubs: Rochester, NY
- 2022 American Association of University Women: Fairport, NY
Keynote Speaker
- Memorial Art Gallery Council: Rochester, NY
Keynote Speaker
- 2020 Chatterbox Club: Rochester, NY
Keynote Speaker
- Roc Girl Gang: Rochester, NY
"Becoming Boss"- Panel Speaker
- 2019 Rochester Institute of Technology Women's Council: Rochester, NY
Keynote Speaker
- Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church: Rochester, NY
Women's Day Keynote Speaker
- Salisbury University: Salisbury, MD
Visiting Artist
- 2018 Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, NY
"The Significance of Monuments in America" – panelist speaker with Prof.of Communications & Media at SUNY Brockport Carvin Eison, Director of Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives Ken Morris Jr. and Pulitzer Prize winner historian David Blight
- Association of Public Historians of New York State: Monroe County, NY
Panelist Speaker
- 2016 - 2020 Sonnenberg Mansion & Gardens: Sonnenburg, NY
"Art at the Gardens" Fine Art Festival- Judge

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018- 2021 Rochester Institute of Technology: Rochester, NY
Figure Sculpture and Anatomical Illustration to Medical Illustrators
Adjunct Professor, Illustration Dept.
- 2010- 2021 Rochester Art Club: Rochester, NY
Instructor for Figure Drawing, Anatomical Figure Drawing, Portrait & Figure Sculpture and Glass Casting Courses & Private lessons: ages 17-83
- 2010 Summer Music Program: Piandelagotti, Italy
classes fusing music and art: ages 6-15
- Micronido Nursery school: Sassuolo, Italy
One-day art workshops: ages: 1-4

- 2007- 2009 Artist's Studio: Frassinoro, Italy
private art lessons in drawing and sculpture: age 7
- 2003-2004 The Florence Academy of Art: Florence, Italy
Figure Drawing Instructor for Sculpture Program: ages 17- 65

EDUCATION

- 2013- 2019 Workshop in Glass Enamel with Jeff Zimmer, Oatka School of Glass: Oatka, NY
Workshops in Glass Casting with Heike Brachlow and Dan Clayman, Corning Museum of Glass: Corning, NY
- 2014 – 2017 Adult Fagan Technique Class*, Garth Fagan Dance School: Rochester, NY
Social Dance lessons in samba de gafieira, kizomba, bachata, salsa and Argentine tango*,
Tango Café: Rochester, NY *Part of decade-long study of Physics & Biomechanics of Human Body Movement
- 2015 Realist Portrait Painting Workshops with Jeffrey Hein and Brian O'Neill, Rochester Art Club: Rochester, NY
TIG Welding Night Course, Arc and Flame Center: Rochester, NY
- 2009 Realist Painting program at Atelier The Florence Academy of Art, Florence, Italy
- 2005- 2010 Made bronzes alongside artisans at Mariani Foundry at Pietrasanta, Italy
- 2005- 2008 Private lessons in stone hand carving with traditional stone sculptor Dario Tazzioli: Carrara and Frassinoro, Italy *Designed and carved public stone projects with Tazzioli
- 2001- 2005 Realist Sculpture, Drawing & Painting Certificate Programs with fourth year of Specialization at The Florence Academy of Art, Florence, Italy
- 1997- 2001 Alfred University: New York State College of Ceramics
School of Art and Design, Alfred, NY, USA
Cum Laude with Divisional Honors: Ceramic Sculpture