

## Gretchen B. Hasse

Artist, Curator, and Educator • Director and Founding Member, Agitator Artist Collective  
Chicago, IL, USA

### EDUCATION

- 2002 MFA Film, Video, and New Media. School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Thesis Project: Feature Film *Frozen*, fantastical narrative about life with a chronic illness  
Advisors: Chris Sullivan, Michelle Fleming, Tatsu Aoki
- 2000 Goat Island Summer Performance Institute, Chicago, IL
- 1999 Studies in Film, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1997 – 1998 Studies in Studio Art, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 1991 BA (with honors) Northern IL University, DeKalb, IL  
Major: Anthropology; Minors: Studio Art, Art History
- 1986 – 1988 Studies in English, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

### SELECT TIME-BASED WORKS

- 2025 (Upcoming) Puppet Designer, Fabricator, Writer, and Performer, *The Knee Play*, solo performance, International Museum of Surgical Science, Chicago, IL Puppet Designer, Fabricator, Writer, and Performer, *Defense and Display*, Aloft Circus Arts, Chicago, IL  
Puppet Designer, Fabricator, Writer, and Director, *History and Time*, Beverly Arts Center, Chicago, IL
- 2024 Puppet Designer, Fabricator, Writer, and Performer, *With Their Very Bones*, Aloft Circus Arts, Chicago, IL  
Puppet Designer, Fabricator, Writer, and Performer, *The Knee Play*, solo performance, Scratch Night / Physical Theatre Festival, Theater Wit, Chicago, IL
- 2023 Puppet Designer, Fabricator, Writer, and Director, *The Thing With Wings*, Chopin Theatre, Chicago, IL
- 2020 Animator: *We Are Fighting You Now*, music video for Ami Saraiya & The Outcome
- 2015 Camera, Editor: *The Air We Breathe: Petcoke Pollution in South East Chicago*, with Rising Tide Chicago  
Editor: *Marktown is Earthalujahville!*, with Reverend Billy and the Stop Shopping Choir
- 2014 Writer, Director, Camera, Editor: *Mojo Hobo*, music video for Chicago punk band Silver Abuse  
Writer, Animator: *storm*, hand drawn animation, digitally remastered
- 2012 Editor: *Jon Burge: Case History*, Compilation by The Chicago Torture Justice Memorial Project

### SELECT INSTALLATIONS AND MURALS

- 2023 *All the Gifts*, Installation for *We Are Tech and Tech Are Us*, Agitator Artist Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *Mindscape / Landscape*, Installation in *Além da repetição*, resident exhibition at Buinho Residency in Messejana, Portugal
- 2017 *Resilience*, 88' w x 12' h Mural Commission for Rogers Park Mile of Murals, Chicago IL  
*Storytime*, Series of Three 6' x 6' Outdoor Canvases for Lifeline Theatre, Chicago IL
- 2016 *Displacement*, 40' w x 16' h. Mural with Project Logan, Chicago, IL  
*Hazel and Zorro*, 20' w x 20' h, part of the Logan Square Dog Park Mural with AnySquared Projects
- 2014 *That's Not A Neighborhood*, Two 5' w x 11' h Banners Created for ACTIVATE: Art in Alleys, Pop Up Installation  
organized by Chicago Loop Alliance and King Art Collective
- 2012 *Fix It Yourself*, 11' x 8.75', Chicago Women In Trade Training Facility, Chicago

### SELECT EXHIBITS OF PAINTING AND DRAWING

- 2025 (Upcoming) *Solo Figure Retrospective*, Green Eye Lounge, Chicago IL
- 2021 *Instruct et Construct: Art Practice as Pedagogy*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
- 2018 *A Story I Need to Tell: Three Comics Artists in Chicago*. Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Transatlantic Rumors: Chicago to Liverpool 2016*. Rose Howey Cooperative Gallery, Liverpool, England  
*Size Matters*, Exhibition with Mapanare.us, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *On the Waterfront*, Online Exhibition with Mapanare.us, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Object Reality*, husArt Design Collective, Chicago, IL  
*Economic DareDevil with the Goldsmith and the Unique Stone*, Radiance Fine Jewelry, Chicago, IL

### GRANTS, RESIDENCIES AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2025 DISQUIET International Literary Program, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2023 Atlantic Center for the Arts, residency #188, mentored by comics artist Dean Haspiel
- 2022 Chicago Puppet Lab, 8 month program to develop works in progress; facilitated by Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival  
VIDA: Women in Literary Arts Fellowship for Writing Residency at Sundress Academy for the Arts, Knoxville, TN  
Esteemed Artist Grant, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), Chicago, IL  
Collage Artist Lab, Kolaj Institute, New Orleans, LA  
Buinho Fab Lab and Creative Residency, Messejana, Portugal
- 2021 3Arts Make A Wave Grantee, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 Field/Work Residency, Chicago Artists Coalition

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Short Story "Nancy's House." Pile Press, Portland, Oregon. Edited by Sarahann Harvey, April Hernandez, and Tripp Watson.  
Comic "This Body," Body Positive Zine, Coin Operated Press, Edinburgh, Scotland. Edited by Chloe Henderson.
- 2021 Short Story "Friday." Invited contribution to Documenting Contemporary Social Life Shaped by the Covid-19 Pandemic and Racial Justice Movements, an ongoing collections initiative of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, IL
- 2020 Comic "Freaks' Progress." Monthly series in Activator Magazine, independent music periodical, Springfield, IL  
Published simultaneously online at freaksprogress.com.
- 2019 Essay "I Think I Like Anarchism." *Durty Wurds: A space for dialogue, solidarity, resistance and creation.* Edited and designed by Victoria Brunetta and Kate O'Shea. Durty Books Publishing House, Ireland.

#### SELECT SCREENINGS

- 2024 Comfort Station, Chicago IL
- 2020 Collage in Motion, 516 ARTS, Albuquerque, NM  
Film Girl Film Festival, Milwaukee, WI
- 2016 North Portland Unknown Film Festival, Portland, OR  
Comfort Station, Chicago, IL  
Young Camelot, Chicago, IL  
48-Stunden-Neukölln, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 THAW, Links Hall Annual Benefit, Chicago, IL 2014 Streetlight, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Summer Shorts, Chicago, IL  
Hairpin Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Streetlight, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Summer Shorts, Chicago, IL

#### CURATION

- 2024 *And Now: Stories from the Edge*, Agitator Artist Collective, Chicago, IL  
*Marching Wolf's America*: Photography by itinerant Polish artist Marcin Wilk  
*Comics On the Radio*, radio play interpretation for *Agitator Comics!* Vol 4. Agitator Artist Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2023 *We Are Tech and Tech Are Us*, Agitator Artist Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Visual Gallery Curatorial Resident at Elastic Arts Foundation, 9/21 - 8/22. Artists included: Nathan Peck, Hali Palombo, Anahi Velazquez, and Alonso Galué.
- 2021 - 25 *Agitator Comics!*, Digital and Printed Comics Compilation, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago IL
- 2020 *And Then: Stories About What Happens Next*, Agitator – A Co-operative Gallery, Chicago IL  
Invited contribution to *Documenting Contemporary Social Life Shaped by the Covid-19 Pandemic and Racial Justice Movements*, an ongoing collections initiative of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.
- 2019 *Everything Has Changed: Life Altering Health Care Experiences in 21st Century USA*, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago IL

#### SELECT PRESS AND INTERVIEWS

- 2025 WGN TV, Spotlight Segment, Gretchen Hasse Uses Puppetry to Build Worlds  
Chicago Reader, Raptor rapture: In The Dinosaur Opera, Gretchen Hasse uses puppetry to explore "time, purpose, and meaning."  
The Regional News, Chicago artist Gretchen Hasse inspires through teaching, puppetry, and storytelling.
- 2024 OtherPeople'sPixels featured artist interview, by Lillian Heredia
- 2021 SXU News, SXU Art Professor Awarded 3Arts Make A Wave Grant
- 2020 Chicago Reader, Interview on behalf of Agitator Gallery: 'I'm Still In Shock': How Chicagoans, from creatives to nonprofit staff, are being affected by the novel coronavirus – and what we can all do to help.
- 2019 Kilter Magazine, Freaks, Punks and the Fragility of Community: Interview with Gretchen Hasse on her comic *Freaks' Progress*
- 2018 Packingtown Review, A Blog of Literature and the Arts, Review of Gretchen Hasse's *Freaks' Progress*
- 2017 Columbia Chronicle, Rogers Park's Mile of Murals encourages resilience and happiness  
DNAInfoChicago, 2 New Art Pieces Joining 'Mile Of Murals' In Rogers Park This Fall
- 2015 Our Urban Times, Wall Brings Community Together  
DNAInfoChicago, Prominent Wall Gets New Look  
La Mezcladora Temporada 3, Capítulo 13: Chicago
- 2014 Medill Reports Chicago, Local Artists Transform Alleys in Chicago  
Loopchicago.com, Artist's Corner: A Surreal ACTIVATE

#### TEACHING

- 2021 - 2022 Media Workshop, Introduction to Multimedia, Portland Community College, Portland, OR
- 2020 Professional Practices for Artists Workshop, After School Matters, Chicago, IL
- 2019 - Present 1) Drawing 1; 2) Figure Drawing; and 3) Writing for Artists (original course), Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Video Production, Columbia College After School Partnership, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Video Production, International Academy of Design and Technology, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Video Production, SOAR/DCFS, Chicago, IL
- 2006 - 2007 Comics Design, Columbia College After School Partnership, Chicago, IL
- 2005 - 2007 Traditional and Digital Animation, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Early College Program
- 2005 Video Production month long workshop, UIC / Chicago Alternative School Network