Laura D. Vélez

EDUCATION

2007 M.F.A., Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2005 B.F.A., Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA

2003 New York Art Students League, New York, NY

2003 New York Academy of Art, Continuing Education Program, New York, NY

2001 New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, New Orleans, LA

EXPERIENCE

2007 - Current Professional Artist

2021 - Current Visitors Services Assistant, Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA

2013 - 2017 Gallery Maintenance, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

2010 - 2017 Mural Painter, Mural Arts Program, Philadelphia, PA

2012 - 2013 Collections Move Assistant, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

2009 - 2012 Drawing Foundations and Painting Instructor, Philly Art Center, Fairmount and Queens Village location, Philadelphia, PA

2007 - 2009 Conservation Technician, Milner and Carr Conservation, DE; Elizabeth, NJ

2008 Collections Move Assistant, Williamstown Arts Conservation Center, Baton Rouge, LA

2008 Conservation Technician, Contractor working with John Canning Painting and Conservation Studios, Philadelphia, PA; Washington D.C.

2007 - 2008 Conservation Technician, Contractor working with Adam Jenkins Conservation Services, Philadelphia, PA

2007 Studio Assistant, Osvaldo Romberg, Philadelphia, PA

EXHIBITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 Paul Maillard Business and Arts Initiative, Luling, LA

2022 Portent, The Front Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2021 And Now for Something New Vol.3, Lemieux Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2020 I Close my eyes, The Front Gallery, New Orleans, LA

2020 Full Color, A NOCCA Alum Painting Show, New Orleans, LA

2020 African American and Latin American Artists, 3014, St. Claude Ave, New Orleans, LA

2019 The 13th Annual Louisiana Fine Arts Showcase, Hammond, LA

2019 USM National Juried Painting Exhibition, Honorable Mention, Hattiesburg, MS

2019 Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia PA

2018 Real to Not Real: What we see as Paint, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA

2018 Hispanic Women Making Art, Creative Empowerment and Identity, Mexican Consulate, New Orleans, LA

2018 Summer Nights Art Show, Pop-up Event, Luling, LA

2012 Drawing Exhibition, The Philadelphia Sketch Club, Philadelphia, PA

2011 Young Philadelphia Artist, The Philadelphia Sketch Club, Philadelphia, PA

2008 Slought Foundation, Group Show, Philadelphia, PA

2008 Blink Gallery, Group Show, Philadelphia, PA

2007 M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Recipient of the Eagles and Angels Award, Philadelphia, PA

2006 Connective Tissue, Invitational Group Show, School District of Philadelphia, PA

2006 Fellowship Sponsored All Academy Open Exhibition, Student Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2006 Annexing Tradition Exhibition, Pure Gallery, Harrisburg, PA

2006 Graduate Program Student Exhibition, Student Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2005 M.F.A. & Post-Baccalaureate Program Student Exhibition, 1301 Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

SOLO EXHIBITION

2011 Permission: Solo Exhibition, Cabrini College, Radnor, PA

PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS

2019 The 13th Annual Louisiana Fine Arts Showcase Publication, Hammond, LA

2019 USM National Juried Painting Exhibition Publication, Hattiesburg, MS

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2018 Real to Not Real: What we see as Paint Catalogue, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA

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