

K e l l i N e l s o n

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CV

Education

- 2013 **MFA** Visual Studies, **Minneapolis College of Art and Design**, Minneapolis, MN
Painting/Drawing Emphasis
- 2010 **BFA** Visual Arts, **University of North Dakota**, Grand Forks, ND
Painting Emphasis *Minor: Art History*

Exhibitions

- 2020 *Friends*, Rosalux Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (Online and Publication)
Autumn Art Auction, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
MCAD Faculty Biennial, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
Two-Person Exhibition, *Middle Ground*, with Shannon Estlund, Vine Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *Newvember*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
TAG, Grand Forks, ND
Autumn Art Auction, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
25 Years Out: MCAD MFA Alumni Exhibition, MCAD MFA Studios and Gallery, Minneapolis, MN | Jurors: Tricia Heurig, co-founder of Public Functionary, Lin Nelson-Mayson, director of University of Minnesota's Goldstein Museum of Design
- 2018 *Autumn Art Auction*, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
Mixed Media: The Faculty Show, Gordon Parks Gallery, Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul, MN
Solo Exhibition, *The Other Side of Nowhere (selected works)*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
Solo Exhibition, *The Other Side of Nowhere*, Silverwood Park, St. Anthony, MN
TAG, The Sunshine Hospitality Home, Grand Forks, ND
This Week Only, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
- 2017 **Solo Exhibition**, *Kelli Nelson: New Paintings*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND

- 2016 TAG, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
Autumn Art Auction, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
Newvember, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
Autumn Art Auction, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
MCAD Faculty Biennial, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
Solo Exhibition, North Dakota State Capitol Building, Bismarck, ND
Solo Exhibition, *Kelli Nelson: New Paintings*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
- 2015 *Newvember*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
TAG, Altru Professional Building, Grand Forks, ND
Solo Exhibition, *Kelli Nelson: New Paintings*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
- 2014 *Newvember*, Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND
TAG, Icon Building, Grand Forks, ND
Faculty Show, Laura H. Miles Gallery, Minnetonka Center for the Arts, Wayzata, MN
- 2013 *Autumn Art Auction*, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
Visual Storage: 2013 MCAD MFA Thesis Exhibition, Northrup King Building, Minneapolis, MN
Made at MCAD, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
| Juror: Ben Heywood, executive director of the Soap Factory
- 2012 *Frank*, Whittier Studios, Minneapolis, MN
- 2011 *Show and Tell*, Whittier Studios, Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 **Solo Exhibition**, *Kelli Nelson: Drawings and Paintings*, Col. Eugene Myers Art Gallery, Grand Forks, ND
Mixed Media and More, Urban Stampede, Grand Forks, ND
Six-way Stop, North Dakota Museum of Art Cafe, Grand Forks, ND
Group Show, Art Students Collective, Col. Eugene E Myers Art Gallery, Grand Forks, ND

Teaching Experience

- 2020 - 2021 **Community Faculty, Metropolitan State University**, Minneapolis, MN
Introduction to Drawing | Spring 2020 (two sections), Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- 2019 - 2021 **MFA Mentor, Minneapolis College of Art and Design**, Minneapolis, MN
Mentee: Alondra Garza | Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

- Mentee: Jordyn Brennan | Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- 2018 **Community Faculty, Metropolitan State University**, Minneapolis, MN
Introduction to Drawing | Fall 2018
- 2017 **Assistant Adjunct Professor, College of Saint Benedict**, Saint Joseph, MN
Introduction to Painting | Fall 2017
Independent Study: Abstract Painting | Fall 2017
- 2015 - 2017 **Adjunct Faculty, Minneapolis College of Art and Design**, Minneapolis, MN
Foundation: Drawing 1 | Fall 2015 - 2017
Foundation: Drawing 2 | Fall 2016
- 2013 - 2014 **Instructor, Minnetonka Center for the Arts**, Minnetonka and Wayzata, MN
Drawing Studio | Fall 2013
Drawing Basics | Fall 2013 (three sections), Spring 2014
(two sections), Summer 2014 (two sections), Winter 2014
Introduction to Painting | Spring 2014 (two sections), Summer
2014 (two sections), Winter 2014
- 2012 **Teaching Assistant, Minneapolis College of Art and Design**, Minneapolis, MN
Painting: Materials and Techniques | Fall 2012

Workshops Taught

- 2017 - 2018 **Instructor, Abstract Painting**, Minnetonka Center for the Arts Outreach: NW
Suburban High School Conference, Wayzata, MN | Fall 2017 (two
workshops), Fall 2018 (two workshops)
- 2014 - 2015 **Instructor, Figure Drawing**, Minnetonka Center for the Arts Outreach: NW
Suburban High School Conference, Wayzata, MN | Spring 2014 (two
workshops), Spring 2015 (two workshops)

Professional Experience

- 2020 - 2021 **Studio Advisor**, to David Moore, Jr., California Building, Minneapolis, MN
Cover Artist, Beach Mountain, *Lifetime*. Album. March 5, 2021.

Visiting Artist Lectures/Juror

- 2021 **Juror**, McCanna House Artist-in-Residence Program, North Dakota Museum of Art,
Grand Forks, ND
- 2015 **Guest Lecturer/Visiting Artist, Augsburg College**, Minneapolis, MN

Awards/Grants/Scholarships

- 2019 **Artist Initiative Grant**, Minnesota State Arts Board, Saint Paul, MN
- 2011 - 2013 **MCAD Trustees Scholarship**, Minneapolis College of Art and Design

- 2011 - 2013 **MFA Opportunity Grant**, Minneapolis College of Art and Design
- 2010 **Juror's Award: Honorable Mention**, Art Students Collective Annual Group Show, Col. Eugene Myers Art Gallery, Grand Forks, ND
- 2009 **Juror's Award: 2nd Place**, Art Students Collective Annual Group Show, Col. Eugene Myers Art Gallery, Grand Forks, ND

Residencies

- 2016 - 2017 **Artist-in-Residence, McCanna House , North Dakota Museum of Art**, McCanna, ND | August 1 - 22, 2016 | July 3 - 21, 2017

Volunteer

- 2013 - 2014 **Art Adventure Volunteer, Minneapolis Institute of Art**, Minneapolis, MN

Bibliography and Publications

- Then & Now: 25 Years of MCAD MFA*, Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Print, online. <https://issuu.com/mcadmfa/>. August 2020. 84-85. Online 102-103.
- Friends*, Rosalux Gallery. Print, online. <https://www.rosaluxgallery.com/>. October 2020.
- Bailey Hovland. "A Brave Stroke of Paint," *Inspired Home Magazine*. Print, online. <https://issuu.com/inspiredhome/kellinelson>. January/February 2019. 20-25.
- "Kelli Nelson at Silverwood Park," *MCAD MFA*. <https://www.mcad-mfa.com/alumni>. July 19, 2018.
- Eileen Cohen. "Interviews with Artists: The Creative Process and Connection to Nature." <https://www.threeriversparks.org/interviews-artists/kellinelson>. August 6, 2018.
- Autumn Art Auction Catalog*, Vol 15, 18, 19, 20, 21. North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND. 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Ashley Thorpe. "North Dakota Native Artist's Works on Display," *The Bismarck Tribune*. July 10, 2016.
- "The Art Issue: From Canvas to Clay," *Design & Living Magazine*. Print, online. <https://issuu.com/nelsoncanvas>. June 2016. 57-58.
- "MFA Alum Kelli Nelson: New Paintings," *MCAD MFA*. <http://www.mcad-mfa.com/Nelson>. May 19, 2016.
- Sarah Nour. "Kelli Nelson Solo Show at Ecce Art Gallery," *The Arts Partnership*. <https://theartspartnership.net/kelli-nelson-solo-show-ecce-art-gallery/>. May 12, 2016.
- Forum*, Fargo, ND. March 22, 2015.
- Visually Speaking: Minnetonka Center for the Arts Winter Catalog*. "(Un)learn," Wayzata, MN. 2014.

Visual Storage: Master of Fine Arts in Visual Studies Catalog. Modern Press, New Brighton, MN. 2013.

Herald, "No Exit." Grand Forks, ND. January 8, 2011.

Herald, *Galleries: 'Brand it'... 'Drawings and Paintings'...etc.* Grand Forks, ND. April 23, 2010.

UND Student GROUP SHOW Exhibition Catalog, University of North Dakota. Grand Forks, ND. Spring 2010.

Collections

University of North Dakota Permanent Art Collection

Gallery Affiliations

Represented by Ecce Art Gallery, Fargo, ND 2015 - Present