

René Vandenbrink

Education

- 2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Arts, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
- 2002 Art Studies Certificate in Vocational Art, Bealart, London, ON

Exhibition and Performance History

- 2025 Human Impressions: Traces From The Western Print Archival, Cohen Commons, Western University, London, ON
- 2023 2022 A Year In Panels, Good Sport, London, ON
- 2019 Art Therapy 2.0, The Story, Sarnia, ON
- 2019 Mermaid Swim, Parkville Beach, Cherokee National Forest, TN, USA
- 2018 Undead Swim, Port Bruce Provincial Park, Port Bruce, ON
- 2018 Mermaid Swim, Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk, New York City, NY, USA
- 2018 Failed Love, Port Bruce Provincial Park, Port Bruce, ON
- 2017 Leftovers, the shoe box gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Mermaid Swim, Mermaid's Cove, Tobermory, ON
- 2016 From Foraging to Forging Communities, London, ON
- 2016 Awards, curated by Jennifer Lorraine Fraser, Graduate Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Mermaid Swim, Mermaid's Cove, Tobermory, ON
- 2015 In Kind: Members' Show and Sale, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2015 Mermaid Swim, Mermaid's Cove, Tobermory, ON
- 2015 Print London With Love, The Arts Project, London, ON
- 2015 Ladies of the Evening, Art Gallery of Lambeth, London, ON
- 2014 Wish List: Members's Show, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2014 3rd Annual Square Foot Show, The Westland Gallery, London, ON
- 2014 Recycling Material Culture: Obsolete and Out of Date, University College, London, ON
- 2013 In The Round, Graven Feather, Toronto, ON
- 2013 Sample, Faculty/Staff Exhibition, Artlab, Western University, London, ON
- 2013 Summer Art Exhibition II, The Aeolian Hall, London, ON
- 2013 WIN WIN Members Show and Sale, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2013 2nd Annual Square Foot Show, The Westland Gallery, London, ON
- 2013 Eleanor Pearl Gallery Presents: In A Pinch, pop up gallery in London, ON
- 2012 Under 30 at 30, Japanese Paper Place, Toronto, ON
- 2012 Somehow Connected, Artlab UWO, London, ON
- 2012 Bealart 100 Textile Alumni Show, Landon Library, London, ON
- 2012 Not For Sale: FCG's Members' Show, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2011 to and fro: doble va with Jaqueline Venus, Masonville Library, London, ON
- 2011 The Art of Fabric, The Art Exchange, London, ON
- 2011 Overleaf with Bookbinders Guild of London, Landon Library, London, ON
- 2011 Thick as Thieves, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2011 I <3 E.O.A., East Village Arts Collective, London, ON
- 2011 Fibre Expressions: CEG, London 40th Anniversary, London Public Library, London, ON
- 2010 doble va with Jaqueline Venus, Masonville Library, London, ON
- 2010 Fresh Paint and New Construction 2010, Art Mür, Montreal, QB
- 2010 The Tiny Box: Radio Box - Farewell Free Show, Practice Loft, London, ON
- 2010 this _____ may change, Artlab UWO, London, ON
- 2010 Annual Juried Exhibition, Artlab UWO, London, ON
- 2009 Practicum Introductions, Artlab Concourse Gallery UWO, London, ON
- 2009 Annual Juried Exhibition, Artlab UWO, London, ON
- 2008 Connecting Threads, The Art Exchange, London, ON
- 2008 Annual Juried Exhibition, Artlab UWO, London, ON

Bibliography

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- 2017 Barton, Kimberly. Good Trouble. "Quiet Riot: The Maker Artist Making Noise With Small Sculptures."

- 2017 Fraser, Jennifer Lorraine. The Shoebox Gallery. "Leftovers" p. 20
- 2012 Fraser, Jennifer Lorraine. 42° 59' 81° 14' Mapping London's International Legacy "London Roots/London Routes"
- 2011 Pipes, Emma. Pulp Magazine "Observing the modern textile artist through to and fro: double va at it again." Issue 1, November 2011, p. 11.
- 2010 Patton, Mike. Invitation. "Fresh Paint / New Construction." July-August 2010 vol.5 no. 6, p. 7
- 2010 Hallows, Jason and Merritt, David. "this _____ may change." 2010, p.2
- 2008 de Hann, Tess. Artscape, "Connecting Threads." Issue 30, July 2008, p. 10

Awards

- 2010 First Place for Typestickpedal, 8th Annual Juried Exhibition, University of Western Ontario
- 2009 Bess A. Hewitt Scholarship in Visual Arts and Elizabeth Taylor Award, University of Western Ontario
- 2008 Faculty Association Scholarship in Visual Arts, University of Western Ontario
- 2003 Summer Workshop Bursary with Martha Cole, CEG, London
- 2003 Ivian Sturdee Purchase Award, H.B. Beal Secondary School
- 2002 Canadian Embroiderers' Guild of London Award, CEG London
- 2002 Ivian Sturdee Purchase Award, H.B. Beal Secondary School

Art Related Experience

- 2025 Panel Participant in Human Impressions: Traces From The Western Print Archival, Cohen Commons, Western University, London, ON
- 2023 Comic Time: Cartoonists in Conversation, Ting, TAP Centre for Creativity, London, ON
- 2023 Artist Vendor, Print Pop, Palisade SocialBowl
- 2022 Artist Vendor, Print Pop, Market Lane, London, ON
- 2017 Artist in Residence at Fibre Art Festival and Sale, London District Weavers and Spinners Guild, London, ON
- 2016 Artist Talk "Running Away From The Everyday" for Awards, OCADU Graduate Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2016 Artist Talk for London District Weavers and Spinners Guild, London, ON
- 2015 Artist Talk for Print London, London, ON
- 2015 Lady Fest Vendor Market participant, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2013-2014 Printmaking Technician, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
- 2013 Johnnene Maddison's Guest Artist, 20th Anniversary of London Artists' Studio Tour, London, ON
- 2012-2015 Artist Vendor, Rag Bag Bazaar (Museum London, The Grand Theater and Our Street), London, ON
- 2012-2013 Past President and volunteer for Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2012 Artist Talk for CEG, London in London, ON
- 2011-2014 Knitting & Stitching facilitator, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2011-2012 Board President Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2011 Assistant to Sarah Scope for Nuit Blanche at The Arts Project, London, ON
- 2011 Artist Vendor at London Indie Media Fair, Central Public Library, London, ON
- 2010-2011 Board Member-at-Large, Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2010-2011 Printmaking Technician, University of Western Ontario, London, ON
- 2010 CEG, London Summer Workshop Coordinator, Facilitator for Dorothy Caldwell's Book of Marks Workshop
- 2009-2010 Textile Representative of Visual Arts Supporters Association Executive, London, ON
- 2009 Internship as Studio Assistant to David Merritt, London, ON
- 2009 CEG, London Summer Workshop Coordinator Assistant, CEG London
- 2008 Studio Session and Exhibition with Derek Liddington, Artlab, London, ON
- 2007 Assistance with balloon inflation for Anna Madelska's Balloonscape, Nuit Blanche, Toronto, ON
- 2007 Guild Handbook Committee, CEG, London
- 2007 Education Planning Committee for Evening Guild program, CEG, London
- 2007 Workshop Coordinator for Evening Guild program, CEG, London
- 2006 Education Planning Committee for Evening Guild program, CEG, London

Teaching Experience

- 2013 Joomchi Day Workshop with textile group in London, ON
- 2013 How To Dye In Style, Trade School, Centre for Feminist Pedagogy at Centre des arts actuels Skol, Montreal, QC
- 2013 Joomchi Workshop Series for Evening Group of CEG, London, ON
- 2012 Digital Manipulation Day Workshop for CEG, London, ON
- 2012 Drawn to Stitch Mixed Media Drawing Workshop Series for Evening Group of CEG, London, ON

- 2010 Press and Print Surface Design Day Workshop for CEG, London, ON
- 2009 Press and Print Surface Design Workshop Series for Evening Group for CEG, London, ON
- 2008 Recycled Fiber Workshop Series for Evening Group for CEG, London, ON
- 2007 Tyvek and Fiber Workshop for Evening Group for CEG, London, ON with Leslie Bondy

Membership

- 2022-present Comic Time, London, ON
- 2015-2019 Siren Sisters Society, Tobermory, ON
- 2014-2018 Print London, London, ON
- 2010-2016 Forest City Gallery, London, ON
- 2009-present Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild (CBBAG) Southwestern Ontario Chapter, London, ON
- 2004-2017 Canadian Embroiderers' Guild (CEG), London, London, ON