

A l y s o n S . H i g h s m i t h

Alyson Soonchan Highsmith (b. 1986) grew up in San Francisco, California of Asian-American descent. She received her BFA in painting and art history at the Maryland Institutes College of Art in Baltimore MD and then apprenticed as a furniture conservator in Lexington, KY. Primarily working in oils, her work often explores personal narratives dealing with issues such as body image, identity, eroticism and relationships. Ms. Highsmith recently moved back to San Francisco where she continues her studio practice.

E D U C A T I O N

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

Major: Painting

Minor: Art History

Graduated December 2009, Cum Laude

School of the Arts High School, San Francisco, CA

Major: Visual Arts

Graduated May 2005 with Honors

G R O U P & S O L O E X H I B I T I O N S

2013

The Nude: Self and Others, Juried Exhibition, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY

2012

Solo Exhibit, Year of the Rabbit, Balagula Theater, Curator Natasha Williams, Lexington, KY

2011

Art In Real Time, Curator Eddie Cuellar, Lexington, KY

Awesome Inc Gallery, Curator Stephanie Gavin, Lexington, KY

2010

Boomslang Carnival, Curator Allen Shariaty, Lexington, KY

2009

Senior Thesis Show, MICA Rosenberg Gallery, Curator Barry Nemett, Baltimore, MD

2008

Landscape and Interiors, MICA Fox 2 Gallery, Curator Mark Karnes, Baltimore, MD

Selected Works, MICA Fox 2 Gallery, Curator Barry Nemett, Baltimore, MD

2007

Undergraduate Juried Exhibition

Honorable Mention, MICA Decker Gallery, Baltimore, MD

Height x Width Selected Works, MICA Fox 2 Gallery, Curator Sangram Maramjar, Baltimore, MD

Studio Composition, MICA Fox 2 Gallery, Baltimore, MD

2006

Color Abstraction, MICA 3rd Floor Main Gallery, Curator Timonthy App, Baltimore, MD

2005

School of the Arts Showcase, Atrium Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Opening Doors, Mission Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA

Youth Arts Festival, Yerba Buena Zeum, San Francisco, CA

2004

Young Artists at Work, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, MD

Youth Arts Festival, Yerba Buena Zeum, San Francisco, CA

G R A N T S a n d A W A R D S

2007-2009

Dean's List Fall 2005-Fall 2009

Honorable Mention Undergraduate Juried Exhibition

2006

Undergraduate Foundation Scholarship

2005

Emerging Young Artists Awards

Visual Arts Recipient

Scholastic Arts Award

National Portfolio Silver Key

Regional Gold Key

Fuller Fellowship

I N T E R N S H I P S

2011-2013

Antique Services, Furniture Conservation

Lexington KY

2005

McClain Weisand Custom Finishing

Baltimore, MD

Mission Urban Art After School Program

CellSpace, San Francisco, CA

2003-2004

Young Artists at Work

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

San Francisco, CA