

Rachel Griel - Biography

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Biography

Born in 1989 in southern California, Rachel Griel moved to St. Louis when she was only two years old. At the age of four she created her first large scale work of art by drawing on her bedsheets when she determined that a simple piece of legal size paper would not suffice for what she had planned. Her parents' anger upon finding this piece of art did not discourage her, and her dream of making art still lived when her family moved to a small Nebraska town when she was six. However, a kindergarten classmate informed her that "all the famous artists are dead," and in dismay Rachel abandoned her desire to be an artist for several years. She always enjoyed drawing in her free time, but it was not until she was finally able to take a formal art class in high school that the dream was reignited. "You're going to do something with art someday," her teacher said prophetically one afternoon, and it was in that moment that Rachel realized that creating art was her true desire. She studied art for four years at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, acquiring her BFA in Studio Art in the spring of 2012. In August of that year she moved to Minneapolis, hoping that city life might offer her more opportunities to do similar work, and it did. She spent eight months as an intern at Rosalux Gallery, which exposed her to the world of other, more experienced artists, and was able to participate in her first gallery show as a non-student. In the fall of 2013 she moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she was able to show her work in several local galleries, sell her work in local art festivals, and serve as a member of a panel of artists helping organize shows at Artlink Contemporary Gallery. She now lives in Omaha, Nebraska, where she works at the Joslyn Art Museum and continues to make art at her home studio.

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Education

2012 – BFA Studio Art, Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska

Exhibitions

2015 – Member’s Show, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2015 – Hymn, Wunderkammer Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2015 – The Contemporary American Family, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2015 – Quarterly Catalog Exhibition, Choice Designs Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2014 – American Craft Exhibition, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2014 – The Illustrated Accordion, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan

2014 – Feeling Blue, Arterie Fine Arts. Naperville, Illinois

2014 – ALT, Wunderkammer Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2013 – Lots of Little Art, Artlink Contemporary Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2013 – [Insert Title Here], Altered Esthetics, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2012 – Senior Thesis Exhibition, Marxhausen Gallery of Art, Seward, Nebraska

2012 – NICF Student Art Exhibition, O’Keefe Elevator Gallery, Omaha, Nebraska

2009-2012 – Concordia University Student Exhibition, Marxhausen Gallery of Art, Seward, Nebraska

2007-2008 – NFWC Norfolk Women’s Club All-School Art Show, Norfolk, Nebraska

Awards

2011 – Best of Show, Concordia University Student Exhibition, Marxhausen Gallery of Art, Seward, Nebraska

2008 – Best of Show, NFWC Norfolk Women’s Club All-School Art Show, Norfolk, Nebraska