

DONNA BACKUES

EDUCATION

- 2018 MA, Urban Studies and Community Arts, Eastern University, St. David's, PA
2010 MFA, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
1985 BA, Graphic Design & Studio Art, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL
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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Imagined Landscapes*, Pennswood Gallery, Newtown, PA
2008 *Recollections*, St McInnis Gallery, David's, PA
2007 *Monotypes*, Redpoint Gallery, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
1995 *Watercolors II*, Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
1994 *Watercolors I*, Centre Culturel Francais Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia
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GROUPS EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Soul Shots*, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Fame 2017*, Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Q Artist Group Show*, Spiral Q Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2016 *Two Philly Artists*, The Monkey & the Elephant Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2015 *Holiday Show*, Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *Dear Fleisher*, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *American Batik Design Exhibit*, Alleira Batik, Plaza Indonesia, Jakarta
2014 *Group of Four Mural Artists*, The Hall at Crane Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *Philadelphia Artists*, Gallery of the Chambers of Commerce, Philadelphia, PA
2013 *American Batik Design Exhibit*, Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Washington D.C.
2013 *Score & Slip*, Marguerita Hagan & Pierre Trombert Studios, Philadelphia
2013 *Backpack Gallery Installation*, 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *Grand Opening*, Studio Christensen Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *Selected Works*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *MFA Student Exhibit*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia
2001 *The Figure Drawn*, Leeds Central Library Gallery, Leeds, England
2000 *Pelukis Dari Bandung*, Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
1999 *Tasikmalaya Artist Group*, Gedung Kesenian Gallery, Tasikmalaya, West Java, Indonesia
1998 *Tasikmalaya Artist Collective*, Surya Gallery, Pangandaran, West Java, Indonesia
1984 *Selected Works*, Southern Illinois University Gallery, Edwardsville, IL, US
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AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- 2018 Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award Honorable Mention, Eastern University, St. David's, PA
2018 Organizational Impact Award, SEAMAAC, Philadelphia, PA
2017/18 Recipient of the Philadelphia Unity Cup Art Banner Grant
2017 Recipient of the Elysian Fields and Little Baby's Ice Cream Shared Interest Grant for Artists
2017 Recipient of the 2017 NewCourtland Fellowship, Center for Emerging Artists, Philadelphia, PA
2016 *Call for Pennsylvania Artists*, 4 paintings purchased by the Philadelphia Convention Center Authority
2015 Finalist for the NewCourtland Artist Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA
2014/15 Visiting Artist Demonstration at Philadelphia Art Museum
2014 Art & Change Award 2014 by the Leeway Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
2013 First Place Winner in the American Batik Design Competition 2013, Washington D.C.
2007 Visiting artist demonstration at Red Point Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia
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COMMISSIONS

- 2016 Commissioned to create large mural for the Camden County Historical Museum, Camden, NJ
2014 Commissioned to redesign & restore Lily Yeh's "Magic Garden" mural, Village of the Arts & Humanities, Philadelphia, PA

- 2012 Commissioned to design & illustrate 5 window scrim murals for the Septa Substation on 13th & East Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 Commissioned by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation to create illustrations for the Shot Tower Park
- 2006 Commissioned by TEAR Holland to create illustrated teaching aids the Elementary School Literacy program in Aceh, Indonesia
- 2005 Commissioned by TEAR Holland to create coloring book for Acehnese children during the Asian Tsunami relief efforts, Indonesia
- 2002 Commissioned to paint 2 murals for Dine China Restaurant, Leeds, UK
- 2002 Commissioned to paint 3 murals for Little Tokyo Restaurant, Leeds, UK

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2016 Interview on Metro TV, Jakarta, Indonesia, July 22. *"Donna bantu anak kehilangan trauma"*
- 2016 Article in Radar Tasikmalaya, July 19. *"Murid di Madrasah Ikuti Workshop Art Camp for Health"*
<https://www.radartasikmalaya.com/berita/baca/9716/murid-di-madrasah-ikuti-workshop-art-camp-for-health.html>
- 2016 RADAR Television News, Tasikmalaya, Indonesia. *"Donna bule asal usa ajak anak lawan trauma"*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrocV6mS8Wo>
- 2016 Voice of America Feature Video
"Donna Backues: Seniman Batik Amerika di Philadelphia"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_S1CYBp9Sqk
- 2015 Article in the South Philly Review. Chenevert, B. 2015, March 5. *East Passyunk Crossing Gets Artsy*:
http://www.southphillyreview.com/news/features/East_Passyunk_Crossing_gets_artsy-295176771.html
- 2015 Article in Jakarta Post. October 31. *American Artist, Student, and Professor Win Batik Design Competition*.
<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2013/10/31/american-artist-student-and-professor-win-batik-designing-competition.html>
- 2014 Interview by Voice of America, November 25. *Seniman Donna Backues Lestarkan Batik Indonesia di Amerika*. R. F. Azanur, Interviewer
<http://www.voaindonesia.com/audio/2514387.html>
- 2014 Article in National Geographic Indonesia, December 8. *Seniman Amerika Ini Lestarkan Batik di Negeranya*. Retrieved from National Geographic Indonesia:
<http://nationalgeographic.co.id/berita/2014/12/seniman-amerika-ini-lestarkan-batik-di-negaranya>
- 2014 Interview for Bloomberg TV, Jakarta, Indonesia, *American Batik Design Exhibit at Plaza Indonesia*
- 2007 Special guest appearance on Padjadjaran Television. January 21. *Interview & Demonstration of Water based Monotype Technique with commentary by artist Suhardi Soedarsono*. Padjadjaran Television, Bandung.

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2018 NewCourtland Life Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 SEAMAAC Outreach Office, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 Rutgers University - Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts, Camden, NJ
- 2016 SNIT (Sumbangsi Nuansa Indonesia), Bungursari, West Java, Indonesia
- 2013/14/15/16/18 Philadelphia Museum of Art Delphi Art Futures Program, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013/14/15 Spiral Q Puppet Theatre, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013/14/15/16 Philadelphia Museum of Art Delphi Art Partners Program, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
- 1994 Redpoint Gallery & Printmaking Studio, Bandung, Indonesia

COLLECTIONS

- Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
- Redpoint Studio/Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia
- Dolan/Maxwell Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- Indonesian Embassy, Washington D.C.

ART TEACHING

2011-2016 The Village of Arts & Humanities, Philadelphia, PA
2012-2013 KIPP Academy Charter, Philadelphia, PA
2010-2011 Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, Philadelphia, PA
2010 Summer Art Camp, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2010 Graduate Assistant in Drawing, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
1996-2007 Bamboo Hill Academy International School, Tasikmalaya, Indonesia
1990-1991 Dana Mulia Orphanage, Bandung West Java, Indonesia