

DONNA BACKUES

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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

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Imagined Landscapes*, Pennswood Gallery, Newtown, PA
2008 *Recollections*, McInnis Gallery, St. 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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Unforeseen Matter*, 2-person show, East Market Bldg., Philadelphia, PA
2023 *Glass House & Meddow*, 3-person show, Inliquid Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2022 *FPAFA Annual Show (Juror Audrey Flack)*, Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts
2021 *Up Against a Wall*, Awbury Arboretum Cope House, Philadelphia, PA
2020 *Fall Group Show*, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Cherry Hill, NJ
2020 *Fellowship of PAFA 2020*, Hot-Bed Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2019 *Downriver in the Multiverse*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2019 *Camden: Past, Present Future Exhibition*, Rutgers' Stedman Gallery, Camden, NJ
2018 *West Wing Art Collection*, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA
2018 *Art is Ageless*, NewCourtland Senior Community at St. Bart's, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Fame*, Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Q Artist Group Show*, Spiral Q 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*, Alleira Gallery, 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 *PAFA Artists*, 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 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

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 *Philadelphia International Unity Cup Art Grant*, City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Shared Interest Grant for Artists*, Elysian Fields and Little Baby's Ice Cream
2017 *NewCourtland Fellowship*, Center for Emerging Artists, Philadelphia, PA

- 2016 *Call for Pennsylvania Artists*, 4 paintings purchased by the Philadelphia Convention Center Authority
- 2014 *2014 Art & Change Award*, Leeway Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 *American Batik Design Competition 2013*, First Place Winner, Washington D.C.
- 2007 *Visiting artist demonstration*, Red Point Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia

COMMISSIONS

- 2020 Illustration for large interactive display at Camden City Hall, Camden, NJ
- 2016 Large mural for the Camden County Historical Museum, Camden, NJ
- 2014 Redesign & repainting of Lily Yeh's "Magic Garden" mural, Village of the Arts & Humanities, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 Window scrim murals for the Septa Substation on 13th & East Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 Illustrations for the Shot Tower Park signage for Philadelphia Parks & Recreation
- 2006 Illustrated teaching aids for the Elementary School Literacy program in Aceh, Indonesia
- 2005 Coloring book for Acehnese children during the Asian Tsunami relief efforts, Indonesia
- 2002 Two murals for Dine China Restaurant, Leeds, UK
- 2002 Three murals for Little Tokyo Restaurant, Leeds, UK

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2018 Artist Videos at Pennsylvania Convention Center,
<http://www.paconventionart.com/artists/donna-backues>
- 2016 Interview on Metro TV, Jakarta, Indonesia, July 22. "*Donna bantu anak kehilangan trauma*"
- 2016 RADAR Television News, Tasikmalaya, Indonesia. "*Donna bule asal usa ajak anak lawan trauma*"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrocV6mS8Wo>
- 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 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_arts-y-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 Lestarikan 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 Lestarikan Batik di Negeranya*. Retrieved from National Geographic Indonesia:
<http://nationalgeographic.co.id/berita/2014/12/seniman-amerika-ini-lestarikan-batik-di-negeranya>
- 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.

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Fleisher Art Memorial – Cambodian Association, Philadelphia, PA

2018	Rutgers University - Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts, Camden, NJ
2013-18	Art Futures Program, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
2018	LIFE Program, NewCourtland Center, Philadelphia, PA
2017	SEAMAAC Community Outreach Center, Philadelphia, PA
2017	Rutgers University - Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts, Camden, NJ
2016	SNIT (Sumbangsih Nuansa Indonesia), Bungursari, West Java, Indonesia
2013-16	Art Partners Program, Philadelphia Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA
2014 & 15	Wednesday Program, Philadelphia Art Museum
2013-15	Spiral Q, Philadelphia, PA
2012	Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
1994	Redpoint Gallery & Printmaking Studio, Bandung, Indonesia

ART TEACHING

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

COLLECTIONS

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