

JOSIE MINTZ-LESPERANCE

PROFILE

I work in a variety of mediums. My paintings utilize color and shape to create mood, as well as tension, while my black and white photography emphasizes shape, form, and contrast. I find myself increasingly driven to create work that questions the way we, as humans, interact with one another and the environment. I currently live and work just outside of Chicago, IL, but travel both domestically and abroad.

EDUCATION

2018 | MA, Art History Emphasis | University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2014-2016 | MCC AFA Program, Crystal Lake, IL

1995 | BA, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

1991 | AA, University of Florida, Gainesville, IL

GRANTS/AWARDS

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member, McHenry County College

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member, Wheaton College

Deans List, Wheaton College

Deans List, University of Florida

EXHIBITIONS

2016 Group Exhibition: 11th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibition; Morpho Gallery, Chicago, IL

2016 Group Exhibition: Old Courthouse Art Center, Woodstock, IL

2015 Group Exhibition: Affair of the Arts (First Place Award)

2015 Group Exhibition: MCC (Second Place Award)

2015 Invitational Group Exhibition: Lakeside Legacy Arts Park/Dole Mansion, Crystal Lake, IL

2014 Group Exhibition: Creek Gallery, Crystal Lake, IL

2014 Work featured in TMM Calendar

2014 Group Exhibition: 4th Fridays at The Starline Gallery; Harvard, IL

2013 Group Exhibition: Next Wave Art Salon at The Haight; Elgin, IL

2013 Group Exhibition: 4th Fridays at The Starline Gallery; Harvard, IL

2012 Group Exhibition: 4th Fridays at The Starline Gallery; Harvard, IL

FEATURED COLLECTIONS

Private corporation collection, Skokie, IL

Private corporation collection, Cary, IL

Private collection, Skokie, IL

Private collection, Fox River Grove, IL

Private collection, Cartersville, GA

Private collection, Woodstock, IL

Private collection, Cary, IL

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Digital Archiving Project under Professor Ryo Akama

- Assisted with digital archiving of rare Japanese woodblock print books at the Art Institute of Chicago

Academic Journal Article under Ivan J. Fahs, PhD

- Performed field research and ran statistical analysis of research results
- Interpreted analysis and co-wrote article for journal