

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

TANYA CALHOUN

### Foundry Assistant at [Chicago Crucible LLC](#) Chicago, IL Feb.2016

Chicago Crucible is an artist foundry specializing in fine-art casting services.

- Wax mold-making; chiseling casts; sand-blasting artworks; assist with foundry pours.

### Sculpture Department Head at [Illumivation Studios LLC](#) Chicago, IL Nov.2014 - Feb.2016

Illumivation Studios fabricates props, sets, displays, exhibits, and decorations for the experiential marketing industry. I was Head of the Sculpture Department for a year, and worked in their Departments of Paint and Construction as well.

A portfolio of the projects on which I collaborated can be found online at [tanyacalhoun.wordpress.com](http://tanyacalhoun.wordpress.com)

- Sculpture Department Head: researched to make authentic-looking props; recommended & attained materials approved for projects within a given budget; created project timelines; interviewed potential applicants; scheduled reserve workers; led team projects through supervision and training of the safe use & handling of materials and tools; used company shop-BOT; addressed inventory; created purchase orders; achieved project deadlines; maintained a happy and healthy team environment.
- Fabrication Artist of free-standing sculptures, props, sets, displays, exhibits, and decorations: actively experimented with different materials and techniques to create realistic effects; use of expanding urethane foam, Foamular, Cintra, acrylic sheets, wood, epoxy resin and putty, fiberglass resin, polyester resin, urethane resin; fabrics, rubber, adhesives; extensive use of shop tools; use of computer-aided design.
- Beginner level use of company programs: Slack, BuilderTREND, LiquidPlanner, Intuit QuickBase, Google SketchUp, Office 365.

### Artist: Exhibition/Commission

Sole Proprietorship 1994 – Present

- Creations; exhibitions; sales; accounting; inventory; and bookkeeping.
- Internet marketing on WCMS and WordPress; social media networking on third party platforms.

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Fine Arts at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

Drawing • Design • Typography • Photography • Painting • Screen Printing • Anatomy • Sculpture • Mold Making • Electronics • Neon • Foundry • Welding • Enameling • Etching • Lithography • Interior Architecture • Fabric Painting • Weaving

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, FL

- Introduction to Business

ArtCenter Manatee, FL

- Artistic Marketing

Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, PA

- Matting & Framing • Celtic Knot Designs • Bookbinding

## EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS

TANYA CALHOUN

- 2013 ARTaBET, Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., Panza Gallery, PA
- 2012 Quick Draw Event, ArtCenter Manatee, Bradenton Farmer's Market, FL
- 2011 Small Works, Towles Court Art Association, FL
- 2011 Holiday Boutique, Florida Craftsmen, FL
- 2011 Material World, ArtCenter Sarasota, FL
- 2011 Memory Lane, Englewood Art Center - Ringling College of Art + Design, Loranger Gallery, FL
- 2011 Here & New: The 2011 Faculty Exhibit, Anna Maria Island Art League, FL
- 2011 Annual Ringling College Faculty & Staff Exhibitions, Ringling College of Art + Design, Willis Smith Galleries, FL
- 2011 Tanya Calhoun, Village of the Arts, 10th Avenue West Studios, FL
- 2011 Anything Goes, Englewood Art Center - Ringling College of Art + Design, Loranger Gallery, FL
- 2011 The Other Persona, Art Center Sarasota, FL
- 2011 Artists at Work, ArtCenter Manatee, FL
- 2011 Spring Fling, Englewood Art Center - Ringling College of Art + Design, Loranger Gallery, FL
- 2011 Cutting Edge, ArtCenter Manatee, FL
- 2010 Holiday Art Sale, Art Center Sarasota, FL
- 2010 The Fiber of Our Being, Art Center Sarasota, FL  
• **Honorable Mention**
- 2010 Outside Looking In, Art Center Sarasota, FL  
• **Merit Award**
- 2010 Hot and Humid, Englewood Art Center - Ringling College of Art + Design, Loranger Gallery, FL  
• **Merit Award**
- 2010 Figure & Form, Englewood Art Center - Ringling College of Art + Design, Loranger Gallery, FL  
• **Merit Award**
- 2010 Eye for Art, Art & Frame of Sarasota, FL
- 2010 Sleight of Hand, Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., Borelli Edwards Galleries, PA
- 2009 Harvest Fair, The Early Bird Kiwanis, George Mullen Activity Center, FL
- 2007 Boomerang, Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., Planet Art Gallery, PA
- 2006 Up Over/ Down Under, Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, PA; Parliament House, Australia; T.A.F.T. Gallery 159, Australia  
• **Kor Award for Excellence in Design & Technique**
- 2005 Puppetropolis Chicago, Rubber Monkey Puppet Company, Gallery 37 Center for the Arts, IL
- 2002 Members Show, East Suburban Artist League, Penn State University, PA  
• **Judge's Mention**
- 1992 Student Graduation Show, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Krantzen Building, IL
- 1992 Student Neon Show, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Northwestern University, IL

## VOLUNTEER & FUNDRAISING

TANYA CALHOUN

2013 Arts and Culture

**Participating Artist** - [Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., PA](#)

The ARTabet project is a fundraiser for Fiberart International, an acclaimed triennial juried exhibition of contemporary international fiber art.

2013 Children

**Art Instructor** - [Venice Art Center, FL](#)

Kid's ArtCamp is a summer program which introduces our kids to various art mediums as they explore and express their creativity.

2012 Arts and Culture

**Hostess** - [ArtCenter Manatee, FL](#)

ArtFul Holidays Student & Member Show.

2012 Arts and Culture

**Hostess** - [Venice Cultural Campus, FL](#)

A Taste of Culture - Progressive Dinner is held to promote the most popular local cultural organizations in the City of Venice: the Venice Art Center, Venice Community Center, Venice Library, and Venice Museum & Archives.

2012 Children

**Hostess** - [ArtCenter Manatee, FL](#)

The KidsArt Camp Exhibition is a fun, festive celebration of our kid's artwork from the summer camp programs.

2012 Arts and Culture

**Participating Artist** - [ArtCenter Manatee, FL](#)

The Quick Draw Event invites artists to paint scenes of Old Main Street "en plein air" during the Bradenton Farmer's Market and helps promote the Paint the Town Exhibition.

2011 Arts and Culture

**Hostess** - [The Hermitage House Artist Retreat, FL](#)

The Artful Lobster is the annual fundraiser of the artist retreat, where world-class artistic creators of all disciplines are invited to live, work, and give a little to the community.

2011 Arts and Culture

**Guest Judge** - [Anna Maria Island Art League, FL](#)

Island Visions Exhibition.

2011 Education

**Demonstrating Workshop Instructor** - [Englewood Art Center - Ringling College of Art + Design, FL](#)

The Family Weekend – Open House invites the community to explore the art center and meet the staff, artists, and instructors.

2011 Education

**Demonstrating Workshop Instructor** - [The City Commission and North Port Art Advisory Board, FL](#)

Achieve the Arts Night, held at City Hall, provides an opportunity for North Port to celebrate its local artists and let the public know how they can get involved in the local art scene. It is a part of Festival SARTEE, an event held to expand the energy and excitement of Ringling's International Arts Festival.

2011 Children

**Art Instructor** - [North Port Art Center, FL](#)

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2011 Education

**Demonstrating Workshop Instructor** - [North Port Art Center, FL](#)

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2010 Arts and Culture

**Participating Artist** - [Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., PA](#)

The Sleight of Hand project is a fundraiser for Fiberart International, an acclaimed triennial juried exhibition of contemporary international fiber art.

2010 Arts and Culture

**Representative** - Art Center Sarasota, FL

The 18th Annual American Craft Show, held at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Convention Center, features 150 of the nation's top craft artists.

2008 Animal Welfare

**Artist and Promoter** - Stanley Brown Jewelist, IL

Nuts for Pups is a fund-raising program sponsored by Stanley Brown Jewelist which raises money for no-kill shelters and animal rescue organizations in Chicago.

2004 Arts and Culture

**Production Assistant** - Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., PA

The Fiberart International Exhibition of Contemporary Fiber Art is in an ongoing series of triennial shows which features works by established and emerging artists. It provides a unique opportunity to see current trends and innovations in this constantly evolving medium.