

## **Cherisse Alcantara**

Born in the Philippines. Lives and works in San Francisco, CA.

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### **Education**

2021 Master of Fine Arts, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2013 Bachelors in Art, Art Practice, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

### **Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions**

2022 *Balay Kreative Growth Grant Exhibition*, CAST Building, San Francisco, CA

2017 *Suggestive Narratives*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA

2014 *Wendy Sussman Prize in Painting*, Worth Ryder Gallery, University of California-Berkeley

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2026 (Upcoming) *BAC Juried Exhibition*, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA

(Upcoming) *Ripples 2026*, UC Law San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

2025 *Makibaka - A Living Legacy*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

2024 *Inaugural Northern California Open*, Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, CA

*39th Annual MADE in California*, Brea Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

*2024 Left Coast Annual Juried Exhibition*, Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA

(Juried by Janna Keegan, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco)

*The Spring Invitational*, 500 Capp Street Foundation, San Francisco, CA

2023-24 *Home Away From Home*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

2023 *The de Young Open 2023*, The de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA

*Wander Woman 3*, JCCSF Katz Snyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2022 *No Way Out But Through*, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA

(Juried by Elena Gross Museum of the African Diaspora)

*Flow*, Online Exhibition, Vessel Gallery, Oakland, CA

*Contemporary Color*, An Online Exhibition, Site: Brooklyn Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2021 *Excuse Me, Can I See Your ID - Part Two*, Vessel Gallery, Oakland, CA

*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

*Artmaking in Pandemic Times*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2020 *Art is Essential*, Vessel Gallery, Oakland, CA

2019 *Reflection(s)*, Anne Bryan Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia

*48 Pillars*, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2018 *A Reckoning: Botanicals and Beyond*, Vessel Gallery, Oakland, CA

*With Liberty and Justice For Some*, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA

*Excuse Me, Can I See Your ID?*, Vessel Gallery, Oakland, CA

2017 *4th Annual Juried Art Show*, Piedmont Center for the Arts, Piedmont, CA

(Juried by Carin Adams, Oakland Museum, and Sarah Roberts, SFMOMA)

2016 *Here, Part 1*, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA

*Foursquared*, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2015 *Fusion*, Juried Exhibition, Arc Gallery, San Francisco CA

2013 *Honors Show: That's What's Up*, Worth Ryder Gallery, University of California-Berkeley

## **Awards/Fellowships/Residencies**

- 2024 Chalk Hill Artist Residency, Healdsburg, CA
- 2023 Teaching Artist in Residence, 2022-23, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco
- 2022 Kreative Growth Grant, Balay Kreative Studios, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 The Hopper Prize, Spring 2021 Finalist  
The Murray Dessner Memorial Travel Award, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts  
Fine Arts Venture Fund 2021, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- 2019 Artistic Excellence Award, MFA Merit Scholarship, Pennsylvania Academy  
The Jentel Artist Residency Program, Jentel Foundation, WY
- 2018 NCWCA Mentee Award, The Northern California Women's Caucus for Art, CA
- 2017 Third Prize Award Recipient, 4th Annual Juried Art Show, Piedmont Center for the Arts  
(Juried by Carin Adams, Oakland Museum, and Sarah Roberts, SFMOMA)
- 2013 Wendy Sussman Undergraduate Award in Painting; Honors Studio; and Excellence in  
Drawing Award, Department of Art Practice, University of California-Berkeley

## **Public Collection**

- 2025 San Francisco Arts Commission, Two-Dimensional Artwork Program

## **Public Art**

- 2025 *Soma Project for Soma Pilipinas Presents Makibaka: A Living Legacy*, Digitally collated  
stair riser installation, 22/25, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 *SOMA Slow Streets Ground Murals*, Commissioned by SOMCAN, San Francisco, CA

## **Press/Publications**

- 2022 Painter Cherisse Alcantara captures the vibrant SOMA Pilipinas Cultural District,  
48 Hills, by Mary Corbin, December 2022
- 2022 Balay Kreative Artist Grantee 2022, Video Interview, Balay Kreative, November 2022  
Contemporary Color, An Online Exhibition, Site: Brooklyn, by Chloe Wyma, Feb. 2022
- 2021 Artist Interview feature, The Hopper Prize Journal, October 2021  
Dumb: Brute Reason, PAFA Student Journal, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- 2019 Filipino American Artist Directory 2019 Publication, Edited by Janna Añonuevo Langholz

## **Teaching**

Visual Arts Teacher-Painting, Urban School of San Francisco, San Francisco, California