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Sophia Karina English (they/them) is a latinx crafts person, sculptor, and performance artist from San Francisco, CA and based in Chicago, IL. They received their BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, with an emphasis in sculpture and fiber arts in 2019. Presented with a series of eradicated cultural and personal histories due to colonization, poor record keeping, and family secrets; English uses their work to ask questions and keep track of what feels important at the time. From their home studio, English uses beadwork to reference the Latin American tradition of storytelling through beaded textiles.

Exhibitions

2025 - Sea Salt // Stone Air

Artruss - Chicago, IL

2024 - By Will or By Trust

Chicago Artist Coalition - Chicago, IL

2024 - Full and Fragmented Affections

Zhou B Art Center - Chicago, IL

2023 - To Be Continued

Chicago Artist Coalition - Chicago, IL

2023 - Estatica Local

Public Works Gallery - Chicago, IL

2023- Other Art Fair

Chicago Artist Coalition - Chicago,

2021 - In Good Hands

AMFM via Compound Yellow - Chicago, IL

2021 - LOCUS:VIII

The Martin - Chicago, IL

2021 - Water Becomes Blood

Womxn Made Gallery - Chicago, IL

2019 - Frayed: Fiber Beyond Craft

ARC Gallery - Chicago, IL

Solo Exhibitions

2023 - Daily Devotion: Humbled Home

The Plan - Chicago, IL

Grants and Residencies

2024 - Wedding Cake House Residency

Dirt Palace - Providence, RH

2023-2024 - HATCH Residency

Chicago Artist Coalition - Chicago, IL

2022 - ACRE Residency

ACRE Exhibitions and Residency - Steuben, WI

2021 - Locus Gallery Micro Grant

The Martin - Chicago, IL

2021 - ACRE Residency

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Publications

Lescaze, Z. *10 art shows to see in Chicago this summer*. Hyperallergic. <https://hyperallergic.com/834013/10-art-shows-to-see-in-chicago-summer-2023/>, 18 July. 2023

Love, Imani, et al. "Cunjuh Mag: MAGIC", 10 Feb.

2019 - A Collection of Hands is Called a Prelude

ACRE Gallery - Chicago, IL

2018 - Take Care

Adds Donna - Chicago, IL

2018 - Traversing the Scaffolding

Condo Association - Chicago, IL

2018 - "nevernotmusic"

Roman Susan Gallery - Chicago, IL

2018 - "ARTONTHEMART" Event

Kimball Chicago Showroom - Chicago, IL

2017 - THAWALLS

Navy Pier - Chicago, IL

2016 - Inter-Action

Leroy Neiman Center, SAIC - Chicago, IL

2017, pp. 37–38.

McLin, Amand. "Art Bash 2016: "Inter-Action" performances get it right." FNewsmagazine, SAIC, 22 Apr. 2016

Education

School of the Art Institute of Chicago -
Bachelor in Fine Arts, Emphasis on Fiber and Sculpture - Chicago, IL