

# Sarai Bernice

✉ saraiBernice.art@gmail.com

📞 219-381-7386

🌐 saraiBernice.com

## SELECT EXHIBITIONS

**Douglass Park Gallery** – Cycles of Transformation: Playing, Healing, and Learning in the Parks 2024

**Pilsen Arts & Community House** — *A Tribe Called Chicago* 2023

**Side Street Gallery** — *Habitat* 2023

**The Museum of Science and Industry** — *Annual juried exhibition Black Creativity* 2020

**WnDr Museum** — Artist in residence 2019

**ICUQTS: International Chicago Underground Queer Transcendence Symposium** — *Featured Artist* 2018

**Oak Park Art League** — *We Are Enough* 2017

**Woman Made Gallery** — *The Print Shop* 2015

**The Den Theater** — *Vagina II: The Reckoning* 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

**Beet Street Zine** — *Featured Contributor* 2024

**VoyageChicago** — *Artist Interview* 2018

**JaamZIN Creative Magazine** — *Highlighted Artist* 2018

**The Sick Muse** — *Featured Contributor* 2018

## SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZING

**Treatment not Trauma** — *Organizer & Phone Bank Coordinator*  
2023

- Contributed to the Treatment not Trauma campaign which aimed to redirect funds from the Chicago Police Department to reopen mental health facilities in Chicago

**Assata's Daughters** — *Organizer & Garden Program Coordinator*  
May 2015 - June 2018

- Was a member of an inter-generational grassroots organization of Black women and girls that aims to escalate, deepen, and sustain the Black Lives Matter movement
- Managed the garden program- which included planning and building the garden from scratch, managing the budget, coordinating volunteers, creating curriculum, etc.

## ARTS EMPLOYMENT

**Chicago Park District** — *Culture, Arts and Nature Program Steward*  
May 2022 - PRESENT

- Support climate justice and arts youth programs in Chicago
- Hire, train, and support teaching artists
- Curate yearly exhibition highlighting youth and teaching artists

**Illumination** — *Welder/Fabricator*  
May 2018 - 2020

Work with a group to build, transport and install sculptural advertisements

## EDUCATION

**University of Illinois at Chicago** — *Bachelor of Arts*

September 2009 - June 2013

Graduated Cum Laude

Major: Cultural Anthropology

Minors: Studio Art; Gender and Women's Studies

**Chicago Women in Trades** — *Welding Certification*

March 2017 - May 2017

- Trained and certified in sheet metal welding and other shop skills
- AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal Credential
- OSHA-10 General Industry Certification

## MUSIC

**Freedom From, Freedom To** — *Singer*

March 2024

- Featured Performer for multimedia improvisational performances through Elastic Arts Chicago

**Gilt Drip** — *Singer & Songwriter in Electronic band*

March 2019 - Present

- Featured Performer for AfroFuturist Weekend at Elastic Arts 2024