

Aria Thomas

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Lives and works in Michigan

## **Education**

2021–2025, Grand Valley State University

## **Relevant Coursework**

Art 270: Sculpture: Creating, Building, Making

Art 271: Sculpture: 3D Modeling and Design

Art 371: Materials and Making

Art 295: Space studio: Art, Installation, Environment, Site

Art 372: Mold Making and Casting

Art 373: Design and Materiality

## **Scholarships, Awards, and Grants**

2021–2023 The Homan Foundation Scholarship

2020 West Michigan Student Showcase

2019 Michigan Art Education Association Scholarship

2019 True North Community Services Scholarship

2018 True North Community Services Scholarship

2016 True North Community Services Honorable Mention

2013 Newaygo County Counsel for the Arts Special Recognition

2011 Newaygo County Counsel for the Arts

## **Exhibitions**

2024 *Sustainable Agriculture Project* exhibition. GV State University, Allendale, MI

2023 Protest Fashion Show. GV State University, Allendale, MI

2023 *Are You Discomfortable?* GV State University, Allendale, MI

2020 Showcase. Hesperia High School, Hesperia MI

2019 Artsplace Youth Competition. Newaygo County Fine Arts Foundation, Fremont, MI

2018 Artsplace Youth Competition. Newaygo County Fine Arts Foundation, Fremont, MI

2016 Artsplace Youth Competition. Newaygo County Fine Arts Foundation, Fremont, MI

## **Skills**

3D Digital mold making and prints

Metal smithing experience: powder coating, enameling, soldering, filing, riveting, patination, fabrication

**Foundry experience:** Mold making and casting

Wire weaving

Visual merchandising

Concept design

Woodworking

Welding TIG and MIG

Traditional lost wax working

Machine and hand sewing

Intermediate graphic design

Digital photography

Intermediate ceramics

## **Applications**

InDesign

Illustrator

Photoshop

Lightroom

Premiere Pro

Rhino 3D

## **Student Organizations**

2023–2024 Photography Club

2024 494 Magazine

## **Volunteer Work**

2020 Community trash bin painting

2019–2021 Poster and t-shirt design for Volley against Violence

## **Commissions**

2024 *Silverfish*. Acrylic painting. Private commission.

2023 Pet Portrait trio. Charcoal. Private commission.