

AMANDA SMITHIVAS

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Lives and works between Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI, USA

EDUCATION

2026 BFA, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI

2025 New York Arts Program, New York, NY

EXHIBITIONS

2027 *Reflections In Glass*, The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA

2026 *In the Absence of Space*, Grove Gallery, Evanston, IL

Step by Step, Gray Area, Milwaukee, WI

Spring Senior Exhibition, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI

FA + NSP Senior Thesis Exhibition, Charles Allis Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI

Grilled Cheese Grant, Vanguard Sculpture Services, Milwaukee, WI

Out Of The Box: An Asian Creative Showcase, Curator, e.s.r., Milwaukee, WI

Art Forward, MIAD Gallery 160, Milwaukee, WI

Pictures of You, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL

2025 *8th Midwest Open*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

And I Will Tell You Mine, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI

Spring 2025 Student Art Exhibition, NYAP Loft, New York, NY

Between Roots and Routes: Letters From the Midwest, Satélite, Milwaukee, WI

2024 *Child's Play*, Var Small Works, Milwaukee, WI

21Minus, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL

Sour Sap Fest, Chicago, IL

Sense of Place, Gray Area at Hawthorn Contemporary, Milwaukee, WI

Surplus Salon, MIAD Gallery at the Ave, Milwaukee, WI

Please Excuse My Dope Asian Swag, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI

2023 *Punks, Geeks and Lovers*, MIAD Gallery at the Ave, Milwaukee, WI

2022 *MIAD FYE Exhibition*, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI

AWARDS AND HONORS

2026 *Reflections in Glass Festival Featured Artist*, The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA

International Sculpture Center Outstanding Student Achievement Award Nominee

MIAD Alumni Senior Thesis Award, Milwaukee, WI

1st Place, *Grilled Cheese Grant*, Milwaukee, WI

1st Place, *Art Forward Juried Exhibition*, Milwaukee, WI

2025 *pool v 2025 Cohort*, Milwaukee, WI

New York Arts Program Studio Residency, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 *Inspired Artisans Studio Assistant*, Milwaukee, WI

- Stained Glass Workshop Instructor*, Charles Allis Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Sculpture Lab Tech, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI
- 2025 *Tamara Kostianovsky Artist Assistant*, Brooklyn, NY
GHOSTMACHINE Gallery Intern, New York, NY
- 2024 *Event Management Intern*, East Town Association, Milwaukee, WI
Orlandini Studios Artist Assistant, Milwaukee, WI
Evan Stoler Artist Assistant, Milwaukee, WI
- 2023 *McMullan Family Foundation Summer Intensive*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

PUBLICATIONS & PRESS

- 2026 Juárez, Frank. "Eleven Years of Art and Cheese: The Grilled Cheese Grant Feeds Emerging Artists", *ArtDose Magazine*, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2025 *Triple³ Magazine Issue 2*, Milwaukee, WI.
Junior Catalogue SP25, Milwaukee, WI.