

# Ava Haitz

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## EDUCATION

- 2023 University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences  
Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Concentrations: Art History, Gender Studies, Cinema Studies
- 2020 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts  
Four Year Certificate in Sculpture

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## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2024-current Co-Founder and Festival Director, Philadelphia Animation Festival
- 2024-2026 Public Project Coordinator, Mural Arts' Printmaking by the People
- 2023-2024 Interim Education Director, Taller Puertorriqueño

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## TEACHING & WORKSHOPS

- 2026- current Moore College of Art and Design, Adjunct Professor  
Spiral Q: SparQ Mini Residency at Blankenberg School
- 2025- 2026 The Soapbox Community Printshop External Programming:  
Letterpress Poem Printing, People Power Media Fest, PhillyCam  
History of Zine Culture, The University of Pennsylvania  
Soapbox Mini-Course, Science Leadership Academy Middle School  
Holiday Card Printing, Kingsessing Library
- 2024- 2026 Teaching Artist, Togetherhood US- *K-5 Youth Courses*  
Creative Art, Philadelphia Hebrew Public Charter School  
Magical Makers, The Philadelphia School  
Watercolor & Mindfulness, The Philadelphia School  
Fashion Design and Illustration, The Philadelphia School  
Magical Makers, Greene St Friends
- 2024- 2026 Public Workshop Leader, Mural Arts Philadelphia
- 2018 – 2023 Visual Arts Teacher, *Taller Puertorriqueño*

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## PROJECT SUPPORT

- 2026 Photographer and Film Support, Project Title: Camino  
Performance piece and short film by Adrianna Brusie
- 2026 Props and Puppeteer, Project Title: (Work in Progress)  
Independent animated film directed by Amy Lee Ketchum.  
Funded by Independent Public Media Fund.
- 2026 Letterpress Artist for Title Sequence, Project Title: Initiating Protocol 1  
Independent animated film. Directed by Cybee.  
Funded by The People's Media Fund, Scribe Video Center and The Puffin Foundation.

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| 2026 | Design Artist, Project Title: 52 Weeks of Firsts<br>Designed and painted two public sculptures as part of a citywide 250th celebration.<br>Project Partners: Historic Philadelphia, Mural Arts Philadelphia |
| 2025 | Co-Director and Stop-Motion Animator, Project Title: New Moon<br>Independent Music Video for Donnie CoCo directed by Davey Levson.                                                                          |
| 2025 | Project Manager and Animator, Project: Festival Bumper<br>Bumper for cineSPEAK's Under the Stars Festival created by The Animation Ensemble.                                                                |
| 2024 | Puppeteer and Props, Project Title: A History of Hands: Queer and Trans Philly<br>Directed by Ricardo Bracho funded by The University of Pennsylvania.                                                      |
| 2024 | Props, Actor, and Editing Support, Project Title: Witches' Appeal<br>Experimental short Directed by Ricardo Bracho.                                                                                         |
| 2024 | Event Organizer + Flyer Design, Event: In-Process Salon<br>Partners: cineSPEAK, Making Worlds & The Philadelphia Animation Ensemble                                                                         |
| 2023 | Set Designer, Project Title: I Know the End<br>Experimental, feminist play. Written and directed by Sofia Sof Sears.                                                                                        |
| 2023 | Animator, Project Title: Exquisite Corpse No. 3<br>An collaborative animated short by The Animation Ensemble.                                                                                               |

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## EXTRACURRICULAR

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| 2024 – current | The Soapbox Community Printshop & Zine Library, <i>Fellow and Zine Librarian</i> |
| 2024 – 2025    | Teleporter Independent Quarterly, <i>Marketing and Outreach</i>                  |
| 2023 – current | Philly Animation Ensemble, <i>Event Organizer and Member</i>                     |
| 2023 – current | DaVinci Art Alliance, <i>Artist Member</i>                                       |

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## EXHIBITIONS

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| 2026 | <i>Held Together</i> , Collective Futures, HallPass, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Divinely Queer: Reimagining the Tarot</i> , DaVinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Impressed: Soapbox Fellows Exhibition</i> , The Arts League, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Coming Soon to Baltimore Ave</i> , Knockbox Cafe, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Hell: In/Out</i> , Galleria Tofani, Philadelphia, PA |
| 2025 | <i>Touching the Untouchable/Placing the Unplaceable</i> , The Arts League, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>The Poetry Project, Friends and Collaborators of Ricardo Bracho</i> , New York, NY<br><i>Legendary October Art &amp; Fashion Show</i> , New York, NY<br><i>Print Making Communities</i> , Commonweal, Philadelphia, PA                                                               |
| 2024 | <i>Legendary October Art &amp; Fashion Show</i> , Prism Arts, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Annual Members Exhibition</i> , DaVinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2023 | <i>Channelled</i> , DaVinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Constellations</i> , Vox Populi, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Legendary October Art Show</i> , Tattoo Mom's, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 2022 | <i>Abduction Volume 3.0</i> , Sera Phi, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Fright Night</i> , The Open Kitchen Sculpture Garden, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2019 | <i>The Void</i> , Room 913, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2021 | <i>Onomonopoeitics of a Puerto Rican Landscape</i> , Taller Puertorriqueño, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2020 | <i>Exercises in Ineffability 02</i> , Marginal Utility, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Experiments in Moving Image</i> , Rhoden Art's Center, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                          |
| 2019 | <i>Exercises in Ineffability</i> , Marginal Utility, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Annual Student Exhibition</i> , Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Reflections</i> , Anne Bryan Gallery, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>No Bad Bodies</i> , 10th Floor Gallery, Philadelphia, PA |
| 2018 | <i>Blue</i> , Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2017 | <i>Annual Print Show</i> , Arcadia University, Philadelphia, PA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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## GRANTS

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| 2026 | Illuminate the Arts Grant, <i>Creative Philadelphia</i>                               |
| 2025 | Velocity Fund, <i>Asian Arts Initiative</i>                                           |
| 2020 | Fine Arts Venture Fund, <i>Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts</i>                  |
| 2016 | Merit Scholarship, <i>Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts</i>                       |
| 2016 | Academy Scholarship, <i>Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts</i>                     |
| 2016 | Former Trustees Association Scholarship, <i>Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts</i> |