

# Madelyn Roldan

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Madelyn Roldan (b. 2003), is a Chicago-based interdisciplinary artist currently pursuing her BFA at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a concentration in both painting and fiber arts. Her works delve into identity, culture, queerness, ailments, memory and dream sequences. Her work focuses on a sense of surrealism to abstract. A push and pull relationship between the art movements.

## Exhibitions

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**2026** | RAC | *Hearth* | Guest curated by Madelyn Roldan

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St

April 19, 2026 - June 6, 2026

**2025** | Compassion Art Factory | *Adriana I. McCormack Scholarship Fund*

Brookfield, Illinois | 9210 Broadway Ave.

November 15, 2025

**2025** | RAC | *Members Exhibition*

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St

June 29, 2025 - July 26, 2025

**2025** | RAC | *Hiding in Plain Sight* | Guest curated by Madelyn Roldan

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St

March 7, 2025 - April 5, 2025

**2024** | RAC | *Members Exhibition*

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St

July 7, 2024 - July 27, 2024

**2023** | RAC | *Members Exhibition*

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St

July 9, 2023 - July 29, 2023

**2022** | Riverside Town Hall | *Decisions*

Riverside, Illinois | 27, Riverside Road

July 10, 2022 - October 4, 2022

**2022 | RAC | *Kids Exhibition***

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St  
July 10, 2022 - July 30, 2022

**2021 | RAC | *The Riverside Brookfield High School Ap Exhibition***

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St  
April 16, 2021 - May 15, 2021

**2019 | RAC | *The Riverside Brookfield High School Ap Exhibition***

Riverside, Illinois | 32 E. Quincy St  
April 13, 2019 - May 18, 2019

## Education

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**Triton College**  
Associate in Arts Degree.

**Rivergrove, IL**  
May 2025

**The School of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio.

**Chicago, IL**  
May 2027

**Riverside Brookfield High School**

Riverside, Illinois  
May 2021

## Experience

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**Riverside Arts  
Center**  
Gallery Assistant

Riverside, Illinois  
November 2021 –  
Current

- Open and close the FlexSpace and Freemark Galleries during exhibitions and events.
- Greet visitors and track attendance by clicking each person entering the galleries.
- Answer incoming phone calls and return missed calls promptly.
- Respond to email inquiries and ensure professional and timely communication.
- Input new guest book email entries into Little Green Light (LGL) and check for duplicates after adding.
- Sort incoming mail: recycle junk mail, and deliver important mail or mail addressed to specific staff or board members to the appropriate recipients or place in the designated location.
- Turn on gallery lights and activate any audio/video components for exhibitions, following artist-provided instructions.
- Ensure cleanliness of both galleries, including disinfecting surfaces and keeping floors clean.
- Patching and painting both Freemark and Flexspace Galleries after deinstallation from recent exhibitions.
- On terms with the Exhibition Director, take down window vinyl after a deinstallation of an exhibition. Once there is a new exhibition being installed, another window vinyl must be installed.
- Assist the Exhibition Director with curating exhibitions.

- Empty trash and recycling bins in both galleries and bathrooms; dispose of waste in the designated area behind the Sculpture Garden.
- Replenish supplies such as paper towels, toilet paper, soap, and garbage bags when needed.
- Set up tables and chairs for Artist Talks and other events as needed, ensuring the space is appropriately arranged.
- Prepare and set up a refreshment table for Artist Talks or events, ensuring that it is neatly arranged and visually appealing.
- Carry out additional tasks as requested by the Executive Director, Exhibition Director, School Manager, and Teachers.
- Notify appropriate staff when new supplies or materials are needed.
- Upload/post on @riversideartscenter Instagram and Facebook.

**Private Art Tutor**

Brookfield, Illinois  
June 2023 – August 2023

- Taught beginner drawing lessons.
- Per session would have a main focus on shapes, shading, form, value, texture, composition and perspective.

**Kramer Foods  
Bakery Member**

Hinsdale, Illinois  
September 2021 – January 2022

- Preparing and fulfilling customer orders for bakery items.
- Maintain product display maintenance and ensure ready-to-sell items are stocked and displayed attractively in cases.
- Cleaning and maintaining bakery equipment.
- Helping with the preparation of bakery items.
- Adhering to food safety standards and maintaining a clean and sanitary work area.
- Assisting customers with their purchases and providing excellent service.
- Maintaining and stocking deli coolers and freezers.

**Cold Stone Creamery  
Crew Member**

La Grange, Illinois  
June 2020 – March 2021

- Serving up smiles and awesome ice cream creations.
- Creating and packing online orders.
- Restocking ice cream, and mix-ins.
- Engaging with customers, taking orders, and processing payments with a positive vibe.
- Keeping the store spotless and appliances clean.
- Communicating well with fellow team members to ensure a fantastic customer experience.
- Being an ambassador of fun and positivity!

## Leadership & Activities

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**Blackbook Studio  
Visual Merchandiser**

Riverside, Illinois  
April 2021 – May 2021

**Blackbook Studio  
Visual Merchandiser**

Riverside, Illinois  
November 2021 – December 2021

**Blackbook Studio  
Visual Merchandiser**

Riverside, Illinois  
November 2023 – November 2023

- Creating window illustration displays for an animation studio.
- Displays were only temporary.

**Metropolitan Family Services  
Volunteer**

Chicago, Illinois  
July 2022 – July 2022

- Setting up tents for family programs.
- Setting up games for kids.
- Assisting in the temporary glitter tattoo booth.

**Urban Works, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago  
Volunteer**

Maywood, Illinois  
April 2026 – April 2026

- Setting up a refreshment table.
- Apply new flooring to old flooring.
- Cleaning and setting up a bed frame.

## Skills & Interests

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**Technical:** Familiar with google software, Mailchimp, Little Green Light, Sawyer, Canva, Procreate and Adobe Illustrator.

**Language:** Spanish but very little.

**Interests:** Anything to do with art, curation, fashion, makeup, tattoos, collecting and house plants.