

Sammy Jean Wilson

Illustrator | Educator

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Education

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL 8/2005-5/2010
Dual BFA: Studio Art/Visual & Critical Studies: Fashion/Costume History

Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago, IL 8/2002-7/2003
Fashion Merchandising/Design/Illustration

Artist Assistant & Handling

2009 - 2020 - Robert Andrade - Los Angeles, CA
2011 - Herbert F Johnson Museum - Ithaca, NY
2008 - 2010 - The School of The Art Institute of Chicago - Fashion Resource Center

Studio Manager

2021-Present - Site Manager - Franconia Sculpture Park - Shafer, MN
2016 - 2021- Dani Dodge - Los Angeles, CA
2014 - 2019 - Don Porcella - San Diego, CA/Los Angeles, CA & Tucson, AZ

Teaching & Residency

2022 - University of Indiana School of the Arts, Gary, IN - Guest Lecturer
2022 - Hamline University - St Paul, MN - Guest Lecturer
2021 - Palomar College - Fallbrook, CA - Guest Lecturer
2018 - University of California San Diego - San Diego, CA - Guest Lecturer
2017 - 2018 - Art On 30th - San Diego, CA - Teacher & Residency
2016 & 2017 - San Diego Art Institute - La Jolla, CA - Teen Summer Intensive
2015 - 2018 - National University - San Diego, CA - Guest Lecturer
2012 - 2015 - Pratt School of Design - San Diego, CA - Guest Lecturer

Non-Profit Children's Books & Print Publications

2021- ESPN 2020 - Illustrator - Corporate Citizenship Report
2017 - Writeoutloud - Illustrator - "How the Rainbow Was Made: An Ojibwa Creationism Story"
2016 - Writeoutloud - Illustrator - Roald Dahl, "The Enormous Crocodile"

Online Articles & Publications

2022 - MIT Performance Magazine - "Summer Solstice Festival"
2020 - Pop Sugar - "US Open 2020"
2020 - Los Angeles Voyager - "Hidden Gems: Sammy Jean Wilson"
2018 - San Diego Voyager - "Today We Would Like to Introduce You to Sammy Jean Wilson"
2018 - San Diego Reader Magazine - "Four Women"
2018 - Motorbunny - "Artist Couples Collaboration" w/ Robert Andrade
2017 - La Jolla Light - "Porcella In China" w/ Don Porcella
2016 - KPBS - "Celebrate Roald Dahl Day"
2011 - Chippewa Herald - "Conner, Calkins & Wilson Take Spring Art Show"
2010 - Volume One Magazine - "Tangled Up in Suspensions"

Solo Exhibitions

2022 - "The Black ABCs" - School of the Arts Indiana University Northwest, Gary, IN
2018 - "Four Women/Black Coffins" - Fivespace - San Diego, CA
2017 - "The Enormous Crocodile" - Mingei Museum - San Diego, CA
2010 - "Anatomical Autonomy" - Tangled Up in Hue - Eau Claire, WI

Group Exhibitions

2011- "Signs on the Road" - New York, NY
2016 - "Monster Rally" - San Diego Art Institute - San Diego, CA
2017 - "Blessed Be" - San Diego Art Institute - San Diego, CA
2017 - "Perfect 10" - La Bodega Gallery - San Diego, CA
2018 - "C-Note" - Art On 30th - San Diego, CA
2018 - "12 inch"- La Bodega Gallery - San Diego, CA
2018 - "Perfect 10" - La Bodega Gallery - San Diego, CA
2019 - "The Vivisector" - Roofless Painters - Velasay Theater - Los Angeles, CA
2019 - "Partitia" - Durden & Ray - Los Angeles, CA
2019 - Holiday Review - Noysky Projects - Los Angeles, CA
2020 - "Witch Women" - Thank You For Asking Gallery - Los Angeles, CA
2020 - "CARE NOT CAGES" - Crenshaw Dairy Mart - Los Angeles, CA
2020 - "CARE NOT CAGES: Processing a Pandemic" - Crenshaw Dairy Mart/
Gallery Platform LA - Los Angeles, CA
2020 - "Black Lives to the Front" - US Open/Arthur Ashe Stadium - Flushing/Queens, NY
2021 - "Summer Solstice" - Franconia Sculpture Park - Shafer, MN
2022 - "Mélange: Mingle, Mix, and Medley" - Argyle Zebra Gallery - St. Paul, MN

Awards & Grants Exhibitions

2021 - 27th Annual Communicator Awards/Excellence Award - ESPN Corporate Citizenship Report - Nationally Recognized
2020 - (2nd Award) "CARE NOT CAGES" - Crenshaw Dairy Mart - Los Angeles, CA
2010 - (3rd Place) Annual Exhibition - Heyde Center For the Arts - Chippewa Falls, WI