

# Meg Leary

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## EDUCATION

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School of the Art Institute of Chicago Master of Fine Arts, Studio Art	Chicago, IL	2006
New York University Master of Arts, Performance Studies	New York, NY	2003
Smith College, Bachelor of Arts, Theater and Russian Literature	Northampton, MA	2001
Moscow Art Theater/National Theatre Institute Directing & Theatre	Moscow, RU	2000-2001
Boston Conservatory of Music BFA Coursework in Music, Theater and Dance	Boston, MA	1996-1997

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS/PERFORMANCES

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2018	Chicago Artists Coalition (upcoming) Moraine Valley Community College (upcoming)	TBA- Group Show Where do we go from here?	Chicago, IL Palos Hills, IL
2017	Salonathon (upcoming) Chicago Artists Coalition	Island of Misfit Toys A Rainbow in Curved Air	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
2016	Sullivan Gallery MCA Chicago	Of Roses and Jessamine Prime Time: Ascend	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
2015	Gallery 400 EXPO Chicago/NRDC The Nightengale Gallery 400 Chicago Artists Coalition Camp Salondawega LVL3 at SOHO House	DivaDome Water Works The Last Five Years Making Chances: 10 Years of Chances The Annual Workshop in the Wild Five	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Elkhorn, WI Chicago, IL
2014	The Whistler Degenerate Art Gallery LVL3 at Berlin Nightclub	Crimson Glow: Meg Leary on Karen Finley Crossing the Line Gravy: Dance MassACRE	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
2013	MCA Chicago Threewalls Subterranean The Hideout Elastic Arts Intuit ACRE Gallery	Summoning a New Queer Reality Power of Ten Chances Dances 8 Year Anniversary John Niekrasz Group John Niekrasz Group Get Intuit for Crossroads Fund I'm Not Allowed in the Golden Nugget	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
2012	NADA MDW Fair Gallery 400 Subterranean	ACRE Projects ACRE Projects Temporary Allegiance Chances Dances	Miami, FL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL

2011	Gershwin Hotel Collaboraction Links Hall Peanut Gallery	Chuckles +: Avant Garde Comedy Festival No Joke Comedy Festival Poonie's Cabaret Incantation	New York, NY Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
2008	Medicine Park Gallery	Henbane	Chicago, IL
2007	Waiting Room Project Space Elegant Mr. Gallery Gallery 2	Mobile Exhibition Soup and Tart 2007 SAIC MFA Thesis Exhibition	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
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2005	1926 Gallery PAC/edge Festival	Gimme Some of That Performing Sound	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
2004	Base Space	Vivisection II	Chicago, IL
2003	Spectacles of Religiosities Tisch School of the Arts La Mama ETC	Virgin Cabaret with Carmelita Tropicana 2003 MA Thesis Exhibition YoKastaS with East Coast Artists	New York, NY New York, N New York, NY

#### RESIDENCIES/GRANTS/AWARDS

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Chicago Artists Resource Hatch Projects	Residency	2016-2017
Ox-Bow	Residency	2015
Camp Salondawega	Residency	2015
Vermont Studio Center	Residency	2013
Chances Dances Critical Fierceness Award	Award	2013
ACRE (Artists' Cooperative Residency and Exhibitions)	Residency	2012
Chicago Artists Assistance Program Grant	Grant	2011
ACRE (Artists' Cooperative Residency and Exhibitions)	Residency	2011
Chicago Artists Assistance Program Grant	Grant	2010
Michael Chekhov Institute	Residency	1999

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS / PROJECTS / BOARDS

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Links Hall	Board Member	2013 - Present
Grantmakers in the Arts	Member/Chicago Host Committee	2009 - 2017
Arts & Culture Funders Network	Donor's Forum of Chicago, Member	2008 - 2017
ACRE (Artists' Cooperative Residency and Exhibitions)	Board Member	2013 - 2014
Henbane Collective	Founding Member	2006 - 2014
Arts & Social Justice Working Group	Founding Member	2009 - 2013
Beyondmedia Education	Board President	2010 - 2012
Fire This Time Fund	Board Member	2009 - 2012
Funders for LGBT Issues,	Donor's Forum of Chicago, Co-Chair	2010 - 2011
Peer Network for New Grantmakers, Donor's Forum of Chicago	Co-Chair	2008 - 2010
Art Talk Chicago	Contributing Writer	2008 - 2009
Lambda Legal	Volunteer Designer	2006 - 2009

#### TEACHING / LECTURES / PANELS

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School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Fiber Department	Visiting Artist	2017
Ohio State University	Visiting Artist	2017
Cannonball Miami	Panelist	2016
Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs	Panelist	2015
Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska	Panelist	2015
ACRE	Panelist	2015
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Performance Department	Visiting Artist	2014
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Fiber Department	Visiting Artist	2014

Grand Valley State University	Visiting Artist	2012
Kendall College	Visiting Artist	2011
University of Illinois, Chicago	Visiting Artist	2007
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Performance Department	Teaching Assistant	2005-2006

#### RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Meg Leary & Associates, Chicago IL	Founder/Principal	2017 - Present
United States Artists, Chicago, IL	Director of Programs	2014-2017
Irving Harris Foundation, Chicago, IL	Program & Communications Officer	2007 - 2014
Chicago Filmmakers, Chicago, IL	Director of Festival Operations	2006-2007
Tania Bruguera Studio, Chicago, IL	Studio Assistant	2005-2006
Hemispheric Institute of Performance & Politics, New York, NY	Production Manager	2003
East Coast Artists, New York, NY	Company Manager	2002-2003

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