

KAYLA SMITH

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EDUCATION

University of North Florida, Jacksonville Florida

January 2018 - December 2022

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting, Drawing and Printmaking, and Minor in Sculpture

EXHIBITIONS

2023

- NCCCIAP 2023 Exhibitions for the National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art & Practices - Juried exhibition. Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark. Birmingham, Alabama.
- ROE 2.0 Virtual Exhibition - Juried by WMG's Program Committee

2022

- American Feral - Solo exhibition. SixThreeFour gallery. Jacksonville, Florida.
- Senior Showcase - The Lufrano Gallery. Jacksonville, Florida.
- Du bist eine Kartoffel - Group Art Performance. Industriemuseum. Berlin, Germany.
- Kleine Eisen Ausstellung / Small Iron Exhibition - Berlin, Germany. International Contemporary Cast Iron Conference.
- UNF Seaside sculpture Park — Large Scale Public Art Work
October 2022 installation / 480 1st St S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
Seabreeze, Large scale sculpture fabricated from cnc plasma cut steel
- Josephine Sculpture Park — Large Scale Public Art Work
May 2022 installation / 3355 Lawrenceburg Rd, Frankfort, KY 40601
Composition 8, Large scale abstract geometric sculpture fabricated from steel

2021

- Nowhere is Safe - Group Exhibition, Untitled Art Gallery, Jacksonville Florida.
- Imagination Squared - Group Installation, Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville Florida.
- Identity - Group Exhibition, Celebration Church, Jacksonville, Florida.
- RADx Magazine - Vol 6: PERSEVERE Featured Artist, Jacksonville Florida

AWARDS

- AAHD Outstanding Graduate Award - University of North Florida, December 2022
- Tulsa Welding Competition - People's Choice Award, November 2021

EXPERIENCE

- Main Made Studios, Mayport, Florida - Steel Fabrication, Laser Technician
May 2021 - Current
Supervisor: Dave Main (239) 580-9325
Proficient in programming, operating, and troubleshooting CNC fiber laser machines. Interpret technical drawings, blueprints, and schematics for precise fabrication. Expertise in cutting, bending, welding (MIG/TIG), grinding, and polishing metals. Skilled in using micrometers, calipers, and other measurement tools to ensure accuracy. Efficient in prioritizing tasks to meet production deadlines.
- University of North Florida - FWS Sculpture Assistant
September 2021- April 2023
Knowledge of maintaining and repairing hand tools, power tools, and specialized sculpture equipment (e.g., CNC machines, plasma cutters). Trained in lab safety protocols, including proper use of PPE, fire safety, and hazardous material handling. Assisting students or artists with the safe operation of tools and machinery. Working effectively with students, faculty, and peers in a team environment.
- University of North Florida Gallery Print Assistant
April 2022 - July 2022
Supervisor - Sheila Goloborotko
Skilled in the proper handling, mounting, and framing of prints to ensure preservation. Ability to prioritize and meet deadlines for print production and exhibition preparation. Familiarity with studio safety practices, including proper use of solvents, chemicals, and PPE.
- Boys and Girls Club, Jacksonville Beach, Florida - Art Specialist
August 2020 - May 2021
Supervisor: Audrey Clowe, (904)238-1050
Plan and organize art activities of different skill levels.
Lead students ages 5 - 13 years old in a variety of creative activities
Manage classroom behavior, keep students actively engaged.
Ensure students feel listened to, and are enjoying themselves by asking questions and letting them make choices in the activities we plan.
- Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Jacksonville Florida - Public Art Administrator's Assistant / Intern
May 2018 - May 2019
Supervisor: Christie Holechek, (904) 525-3826
Research, Event Planning, Updating website and Social Media pages
Organizing Public Art Tours, Artist Selection Panel Member for Jacksonville University-Public Art Installation

REFERENCES

- Sheila Goloborotko / (904) 620-4037 / s.goloborotko@unf.edu
- Jenny Hager / (904) 620-4037 / j.hager@unf.edu
- Lance Vickery / (904) 620-5062 / lance.vickery@unf.edu