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EDUCATION

- 2024 The Cooper Union Advancement for Science and Art, New York, NY
- 2017 Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, MI

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Union Journal, The Cooper Union, New York, NY
- 2019 Ray and Nancy Loeschner Award, Fredrick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2018 VSA Emerging Young Artist Award, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington D.C.
- 2017 President's Award, Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, MI

SOLO SHOWS

- 2021 *This is How We Came to Be*, The Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL
- 2020 *Today is a Cane Day (And I'm Going to Have to Learn to Be Okay With That)*, Curated by Katherine Chwazik, Smallbany Gallery, Albany, NY
- 2019 *I Hope You Find Comfort (In This and In Life)*, The Light Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2019 *I am Hers and She is Mine*, Curated by Michele Bosak, Bend Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

- 2021 *UNITYIREACHIFORWARD*, REACH campus, The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Washington D.C.
- 2019 *Way Opens Disability Arts and Culture*, Riverside Arts Center, Ypsilanti, MI
- 2019 *Show Your Paper*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Voices: Partnered with DisArt*, ArtPrize: Project 1, TangleFoot, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2019 *Faculty Exhibition*, Dow Center for Visual Arts, Interlochen, MI
- 2019 *Detour*, Traveling exhibition, The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Washington D.C.,
- 2018 *All Artworks*, Venue Tower, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2018 *Youth #3*, CICA Museum, Gyeonggi-do South Korea
- 2018 *Shape Open*, Art Pavilion, London, England
- 2017 *In Her Hands*, Trent University, Ontario, Canada
- 2017 *ArtPrize 9*, DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2017 *Thesis I*, Dow Visual Arts Building, Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, MI

PUBLIC PROJECTS

- 2020 Founder and Editor-in-Chief, To Be Young (And Disabled), Zine Series, Global, November 14-Present
- 2020 Co-Founder, The TRUE Project, Virtual Program, Nationwide, July 24-26
- 2020 Co-Founder and Head Project Artist, The My Dearest Friends Project, Global, March 23-Present

RESIDENCIES

- 2020 Socially Distant Artist Residency, Online
- 2019 Soaring Gardens, Laceyville, PA

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Fredrick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI
Erin's Pavilion, Springfield, IL
African American History Museum, Springfield, IL

INTERVIEWS

2021 Shelley Irwin, WGVU Morning Show, February 16: <https://www.wgvunews.org/post/disart-4>

2021 Keavy Handley-Byrne, Strange Fire Collective Website, January 14: <http://www.strangefirecollective.com/qa-oaklee-thiele>

2020 Sam Easter, Grand Rapids Magazine, September 30: <https://www.grmag.com/people-places/issues/my-dearest-friends/>

2020 Amanda Cachia, Akimbo Website, June 24: <https://akimbo.ca/akimblog/my-dearest-friends-oaklee-thiele-in-conversation-with-amanda-cachia/>

2020 Chris Smit and Jill Vyn, DisArt DisTopia Podcast, April 3: <https://distopia.libsyn.com/episode-21-my-dearest-friends-project-oaklee-thiele>

2019 Erika Townsley, The Light Gallery Podcast, March 1: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5kMwnb0D4osQNYzdk1vamI>

PUBLISHED WRITING

2020 The Dearest Friends Project: A Global Art Collaboration Centering Disability During COVID-19, Rooted in Rights, October 13: <https://rootedinrights.org/the-dearest-friends-project-a-global-art-collaboration-centering-disability-during-covid-19/>

SELECT PUBLIC SPEAKING

2021 *CulturAble Roundtable Panelist Discussion*, CulturAble, Paris, France, Forthcoming

2021 *The Politics of Disability*, Upgrade Accessibility, Virtual Roundtable Panelist Discussion, Nationwide, Forthcoming

2021 *Exhibiting Artist Talk*, Quincy Art Center, Katharine Gardner Stevenson Gallery, Quincy, IL, Forthcoming

2021 *nTIDE Webinar Series Episode #3*, Kessler Foundation, AUCD, University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability, Durham, NH, March 5

2021 *Guest Artist Lecture*, Kendall College of Art and Design, Virtual, Grand Rapids, MI, January 9 and 14

2020 *Disabled Artist Talk*, Inclusive HEARTS Alliance, Virtual, Charleston, SC, December 4

2020 *Disabled Artist Talk*, Creative Growth, Virtual, Oakland, CA, December 1

2020 *Conversations on Disability with Artist and Disability Advocate Oaklee Thiele*, Woman Made Gallery, Virtual, Chicago, IL, October 30

2020 *The My Dearest Friends Project*, Michigan ADA 30 Celebration, Virtual, Grand Rapids, MI, August 18

2020 *Living as a Disabled Artist During the COVID-19 Crisis*, Upgrade Accessibility and Camp Access, Virtual, Nationwide, May 26

2020 All About Service Animals (K-2nd Grade), Little Flower School, Springfield, IL, March 4

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 Teaching Assistant, Interlochen Arts Academy, Interlochen, MI

2018 Teaching Assistant, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI