

# Renee L Dempsey

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## Education

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Graduation Date: December 2021

Bachelor's of Fine Arts in art: drawing and painting

Bachelor's of Science in dance

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI. Attended Fall 2015-Winter 2016

Bachelor's of Arts in dance major

Bachelor's of Fine Arts in art major

## Exhibitions

- 2025 Here's Me, Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Grosse Pointe, MI. "Lesser of Three"
- 2025 Art Prize 2025, Art of Life NOW Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI. "Women's Work"
- 2025 DSWPS Fall Show: Fearless, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Ferndale, MI. "Let Them/She Who Sets Healthy Boundaries"
- 2025 Paint Out in the Park Gallery Exhibition, City Hall Artspace Lofts, Dearborn, MI. "Turtle Daze"
- 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual (tentative) Exhibit, Downriver Council of the Arts, Wyandotte, MI. "She Who Speaks Her Mind"
- 2025 TEAD ONE Memorial Resident Artist Show, Dearborn Centennial Library Dearborn, MI. Multiple Works.
- 2025 Detroit Exhibit, Saint John's Resort, Plymouth, MI. "Douglas Branch"
- 2025 Upcycling, Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Grosse Pointe, MI. "She Who Speaks Her Mind"
- 2025 Spring Has Sprung, Chloë Monroe Galleries, Café Noir, Detroit, MI. "Tree Cove"
- 2025 Zoo Break, Posterity Frame and Art Gallery, Grosse Pointe, MI. "Owl Skull"
- 2025 *B.Y.O.C. Build Your Own Collection* Fundraiser and Party, Buckham Gallery, Flint, MI. "Alligator Skull", "Raven Skull with Crown"
- 2025 Transmitir: An Art Exhibition, Vamanos, Detroit, MI. "Relax, Relax, Relax", "Untitled: Self Portrait"

2024	The Game Show, Hatch Art, Hamtramck, MI. “Skeleton Playing Computer Games”, “Skeletons Playing Video Games”
2024	Art Takeover Project, The Spice and Tea Exchange and Posterity Art & Framing Gallery, Grosse Pointe, MI. Multiple works in window display.
2024	Ode To Mother Earth, Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Grosse Pointe, MI. “Alligator Skull”
2023	Light & Color: Juried Pastel Exhibition, Northville Art House, Northville, MI. “Rain Dance”, “Renee in Color”
2023	GREEN, Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Grosse Pointe, MI. “Hines Park Painting”
2019	Full Circle Art Show, Plymouth Community Arts Center, Plymouth, MI. “Nosy”, “Green Plant”
2015	Student Art Show, Northville Art House, Northville, MI. “Primary”, “Life Still in Color”
2012	Student Art Show, Northville Art House, Northville, MI. “Purple Rays”

## Performances

Fall 2025	“Fearless.” DSWPS Fall Show: Fearless, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Ferndale, MI. Movement leaving traces with charcoal on a primed, narrow piece of canvas in front of an audience, outside of the gallery.
Fall 2025	“Women’s Work.” Art Prize 2025, Art of Life NOW Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI. Cornstarch and water combined over a lace tablecloth that hardens while standing or sitting in one position for 3-4 hours on four separate occasions.
Summer 2025	“Move Past It/Under the Rug.” TEAD ONE Memorial Resident Artist Show, Dearborn Centennial Library, Dearborn, MI. Movement onstage with chalk, canvas on the floor, a rug, and a broom to the stretched out music of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s “Act II: Finale” from The Nutcracker.
Fall 2021	“See Evil. Hear Evil. Speak Evil.” Advanced Mural Painting, Outdoor Chalk Murals, Wayne State University campus, Detroit, MI. Chalk used to cover sidewalk and body while performing.
Summer 2021	Center for Performance Arts and Learning Summer Showcase. Walled Lake, MI. Paint and water in water guns squirted at a canvas, performed with students to “Bohemian Rhapsody.”

Fall 2019                    “Painting a Dance” Student Works Audition for December Dance Concert, Allessee Dance Theatre, Old Main, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Paint used to create image with dance movements on stretched canvas on ground with live accompaniment by Dan Kozlowski playing Erik Satie’s “Gymnopedie 1.”

## **Awards and Scholarships**

2025            \$10,000 Time-Based Juried Award Winner, Art Prize 2025, Grand Rapids.  
2024            Redd Tournament Winner, The Redd Tournament 2024, Spot Lite Detroit.  
2019            People’s Choice Award “Nosy”, Full Circle Art Show 2019, Plymouth Community Arts Center.  
2015            Talent Scholarship, College for Creative Studies.  
2015            1<sup>st</sup> Place “Primary”, Student Art Show 2015, Northville Art House.

## **Residencies**

2025            TEAD One Memorial Artist in Residence Program, Dearborn, MI (April-June)

## **News Features**

“‘GREEN’ exhibition alive at GPAA gallery.” Grosse Pointe News: Life & Leisure, March 30, 2023. Picture of painting and quote.

## **Murals**

2024            Luminary Chiropractic: Large mural in office  
2021            Wayne State University: Collaborative large scale panel mural  
2020            Karen Savage, Chameleon Power Inc.: Interior wall murals of chameleons  
2019            Dan and Lorraine Grace: Outdoor lake house bar mural

## **Commissioned Works**

2024            Ashlynn Loenser: Original painting  
2024            Luminary Chiropractic: Large mural in office  
2021            Wayne State University: Collaborative large scale panel mural  
2021            Dan Grace: Sports themed table top  
2020            Chameleon Power Inc.: Interior wall murals of chameleons  
2020            Dan Grace: Original painting on hard cover luggage  
2019            Dan and Lorraine Grace: Outdoor lake house bar mural

## **Publications**

- 2014      Cavalcade Magazine, Winter 2014. “Angel” (Page 117)
- 2014      Cavalcade Magazine, Spring 2014. “Granny” (Page 94)
- 2014      Cavalcade Magazine, Winter 2013-2014. “Papa” (Page 121)
- 2012      Cavalcade Magazine, Winter 2012. “Almost the Feeling” (Page 92)

## **Community Involvement**

- 2022    Clarksville, TN  
Designed and led the development of a stage backdrop for a dance performance at Austin Peay State University on behalf of Lana's Dance Centre. Interpreted the studio owner's vision and coordinated students, parents, and instructors to execute the painting process, ensuring artistic consistency and timely completion.

## **Art Fairs/Venues**

- 2025      Pancakes and Booze Art Show, Detroit, MI
- 2024      Jingle & Mingle Underground Holiday Market, Ferndale, MI
- 2024      Belle Isle Art Fair, Detroit, MI

## **Teaching**

- Art                      Berkley Schools. 2023
- Art                      Michaels Craft Store. 2022
- Dance                  Ambassadors of Dance. 2022
- Art                      Center for Performance Arts and Learning. 2020 – 2022
- Dance                  Hartland Dance Academy. 2020 – 2022
- Drawing              Young Rembrandts. 2019 – 2021