

# ERICA PURNELL | ARTIST CURRICULUM VITAE

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**1982** Born in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Relocated to Brooklyn, NY.

**2002 - 2024** Visual Artist. Currently lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

## EDUCATION

**2001** – Communications Design, SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY

## SELECTED PUBLIC ART & COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

**2023**  
GRANDSCALE MURAL PROJECT 2023. Title: Untitled. 12'x 8' Outdoor mural with octopus design symbolizing the ability to overcome challenging situations with creativity and intelligence as per artist's medical diagnosis of Leukemia from 2022. Location: Harlem, NY – 124<sup>th</sup> btwn Lexington and Third Avenues <https://uptowngrandcentral.org/2023-grandscale-mural-project>

COMEINUNITY 2023 by Heeling Soles. Curated a live painting session for 50 children. Uniondale, NY

**2022**  
BEAUTIFY NYC: NeON Arts (Carnegie Hall) Lead and Teaching Artist to 10 student artists ages 17-22. Title: Queens Culture Quilt. 48' X 3' canvas fence mural showcasing each artists' creative input on Queens culture and livelihood. Location: Jamaica Performing Arts Center (JPAC) 153<sup>rd</sup> side fence, Jamaica, Queens

JAMAICA JAMS Street Festival. Created a "coloring book" canvas panel, 5'X 5' and lead a street art workshop in front of Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning that allowed the attendees and public to color on the panel with oil pastels.

QUEENS INTERNATIONALS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL. Lead a two-day workshop creating face masks with youth attendees of the festival.

PS 36Q - The St Albans School Mural Refresh. 24' X 19' indoor mural. Repainted over original mural and added school mascot for students and faculty of school.

**2021**  
GRANDSCALE MURAL PROJECT 2021. Title: Flower Wave. 8' x 16' Outdoor mural depicting Flower landscape to give thanks to artist's supporters. Location: Harlem, NY - Park Avenue btwn 125th and 124th Street. (Metro North Station) <https://uptowngrandcentral.org/2021-grandscale-mural-project>

**2020**  
PAINT 'N POUR INC Studio Wall: Interior mural depicting a Keith Haring Tribute. 10'x 13' indoor mural. Location: Haring Studio, 53 Delancey Street, NY commissioned by TTB Holdings Inc.

**2019**  
GRANDSCALE MURAL PROJECT 2019. Title: Harlem Dreams. 8' x 8' Outdoor mural depicting images of artist's family legacy from Harlem. Location: Harlem, NY - Park Avenue btwn 125th and 124th Street. (Metro North Station) <https://uptowngrandcentral.org/2019-grandscale-mural-project>

COMEINUNITY 2019 by Heeling Soles. Curated a live painting session for 50 children. Uniondale, NY <https://youtu.be/OCFqE2rtb5M>

HEEL MY SOLE Live painting on 24" X 36" canvas. Artwork donated and auctioned for Heeling Soles charity foundation. Hempstead, NY <https://youtu.be/U141QST9q5o>

COLLAGE ART Live painting. The Delancey, New York, NY (curated by Savior El Mundo)

**2018**  
YES! YONKERS Community Quilt Project. Created an art canvas panel, 12" X 12" to add into the live installation of 1000+ panels at Yonkers Public Library. Curated by Evan Bishop and Katori Walker of 320arts

HOOD WORKS Live painting on 18" X 24" Canvas for Dance Event. Basquiat's Bottle, Brooklyn, NY

SOLE TRAIN Live painting on 24" X 36" canvas. Artwork donated for Heeling Soles charity foundation. Uniondale, NY <https://videopress.com/v/BfCmbMMN>

ULTIMATE ARTIST LINK UP Live painting on 24" X 36" Canvas. The Bass Line, Mount Vernon NY

COLLAGE ART Live painting. The Delancey, New York, NY (curated by Savior El Mundo)

**2017**

THE WEEKEND, Music Video for Singer/Actress; Alyssa Cheatham. Filmed in Long Island, NY. Created custom Set Props (Cereal Box and Sneakers) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_ypgTXT6alo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ypgTXT6alo)

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#### **2015**

DUNKXCHANGE Live Art Installation, Brooklyn Bazaar, Brooklyn, NY  
SNEAKER SUMMIT NYC Live Art, The Altman Building, New York, NY

#### **2013**

KALEIDOSCOPE: A Perspective Art Series, Live Painting, Harlem, NY  
RIME NYC: The Revolution, Live Painting, Brooklyn, NY

#### **2012**

LADIES LOVE PROJECT: Live Installation, Circa 95 POP UP, Bronx, NY  
SNEAKER PIMPS NYC, Live painting and art installation, Webster Hall, New York, NY

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LADIES LOVE PROJECT: Live Installation, Circa 95 POP UP, Bronx, NY

#### **2010**

FUNKMASTER FLEX CAR SHOW, Live Art Installation, New York, NY  
SELECTIVE SOLE Custom Sneaker Show, Live Art Installation, Newark, NJ

#### **2009**

GIMMIE ART, Live Art Installation, Irondale Center, Brooklyn, NY

#### **2008**

FIRST ANNUAL WORTH Benefit, Live Art Installation, BAR 13, New York, NY  
KICKSCLUSIVE Magazine Release Party, Live Art, The Manor, New York, NY

#### **2007**

SOLE INSPIRATION, Live Art and Installation, Sputnik, Brooklyn, NY  
SNEAKER PIMPS NYC, Live Art and Installation, Roseland Ballroom, New York, NY  
SNEAKER PEEK II, Live Art and Installation, Paradise Lounge, Boston, MA

#### **2006**

SNEAKER PIMPS NYC, Live Art and Installation, Avalon, New York, NY  
ADIDAS NYC – ADICOLOR Campaign, Live Art and Mobile Installation, New York, NY <https://youtu.be/HL9NiEfOu2I>

### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

#### **2024**

Group Exhibition. ARTMAX 2024, Sneaker Room, Jersey City, New Jersey  
Group Exhibition. WHO RUNS THE WORLD, 1718 COLLECTIVE, New Heat Studios, Brooklyn, NY  
Group Exhibition. WE LIVE IN COLOR, Fantasy in Color, STUDIO 45, Brooklyn, NY

#### **2023**

Solo Exhibition. JCC Harlem, Harlem, NY  
Group Exhibition. MAXXED OUT, The Ketchup Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

#### **2019**

Juried Exhibition. ART BATTLE US, New York, NY  
Group Exhibition. ARTMAX 2019, Sneaker Room, Jersey City, NJ

#### **2018**

Group Exhibition. UNPLUG Miami, Salute Life, WeWork, Miami, Florida  
Group Exhibition. DRIPS, Rice & Gold, New York, NY (curated by Savior El Mundo)  
Group Exhibition. YO! ART, Fantasy in Color, Yonkers, NY  
Group Exhibition. BEAUTIFUL CHAOS, Fantasy in Color, Absurd Conclave, Brooklyn, NY  
Group Exhibition. MASQUERADE, The ArtHub, Brooklyn, NY  
Group Exhibition. WE DREAM IN COLOR, Fantasy in Color, Absurd Conclave, Brooklyn, NY

#### **2015**

Group Exhibition. SNEAKER HEADS EXPO, Think Tank Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Group Exhibition. DECKED OUT, Black Bear Bar, Brooklyn, NY

## 2012

Group Exhibition. LADIES FIRST Graffiti Show, Harlem, NY

## 2011

Group Exhibition. RAW Artists Showcase: FUSION, M1-5 Space, New York, NY

## 2009

Group Exhibition. H+ART & Sole, RareBreed, Philadelphia, PA

## COMMISSIONS

2023 Private Art Commission, Memorial Flower, (16" x 20".), Acrylic on Canvas Painting, Brooklyn, NY

## 2020

Private Art Commission, Portrait, (20" x 16".), Acrylic on Canvas Painting, New York, NY

Private Art Commission, Family Portrait, (20" x 16".), Acrylic on Canvas Painting, New York, NY

2012 Private Art Commission, Bapesta Funk, (20" x 24".), Acrylic on Canvas Painting, New York, NY

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### 2011

*How to Ditch the Corporate World and Rock Your Own*, Sibyl White, Paeon Publishing.

*Girls Got Kicks*, Lori Lobenstine, Levellers Press.

### 2009

Ran-Da-Man, "Definitely Amazing Lady of the Week" Definitely Amazing: The Definitive Source for All Things Amazing (blog). September 1, 2009. <http://www.definitelyamazing.com/2009/09/da-lady-of-weel-erica-purnell-artistic.html>

Chris O'Leary, "Look, Don't Touch: NEW SENSATION," *SLAM Magazine*, September 2009. 81.

Chris O'Leary, "PINK EYE: THE ENJOYABLE KIND," SlamOnline.com (Extended Interview from Print) August 6, 2009 <http://www.slamonline.com/kicks/pink-eye-the-enjoyable-kind/>

*Urban Ink*, Custom Product Feature for photoshoot of LaMarr Woodley of Pittsburgh Steelers, April 2009. 39

Dan Brown, "Catching Pink Eye and Lovin' It", *Urban Ink*, April 2009. 8.

*Lady Caprice*, Custom Product and Photo Feature, January 2009. 29

### 2008

Jackie Zenone, "Sneaker Pimp," *BUST Magazine*, August/September 2008. 34.

### 2007

*DV8 Magazine*, Cover Product Feature, November 2007

Melissa Stewart, "E The Custom Queen", *DV8 Magazine*, November 2007. 9.

Shanan Campanero "In Our Words," FemaleSneakerFiend.com, 2007.

<http://www.femalesneakerfiend.com/inourwords/womenindustry/pinkeye.html>