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Key skills: visual artist, facilitator and collaborator, critical thinker, radical listener, problem-solver, mentor and team builder, grant writer, curator of community-based art, steward of change, creative approach to leading and participating in innovative programs and projects.

Showing and Sharing Work

Instagram: Alchemy Artists Residency, clairemtallarico.com and makealchemy.com

- **Winterlude, Open Studio at the Grange**, Hillier, Prince Edward County, March 2026
- **La Baldi, International Artists Residency, Tuscany, Italy**, October 2025
- **Tonia Di Risio's Gather Exhibition, Red Head Gallery**, Writer, Gallery Notes May 2025
- **Island Winter: Group Exhibition**, The Rivera, Wards Island, Toronto, Winter 2025,
- **Field Notes 2024**, Prince Edward County, facilitated and curated the site-specific work of six visiting artists for the community, as part of my own studio practice during the Harvest Season.
- **The Art of Engagement**, Group Exhibition, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Nova Scotia School of Art and Design, July 2024
- **Doors Open**, Hallway Gallery Exhibition, exhibitor and part of curator team, Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts, May 2024
- **Island Winter: Group Exhibition**, The Rivera, Wards Island, Toronto, Winter 2024,
- **Field Notes 23**, Rosehall Run Winery, Wellington, ON, October 2023, Artist in Residence
- **Field Notes 22**, Base 31, and Thyme Again Farms, Carrying Place, Ontario 2022
- **Field Notes 21**, Cold Creek, Hillier, On. 2021
- **Ontario Culture Days**, Creative In-Residence Award, 2022
- **Nuit Blanche** Toronto, Eulogy for the Coffin Factory, 2019
- **Open Studio**, Hillier, Ontario 2019, 2018, Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Grant
- **Bending Spoons Gallery**, Toronto, 2018 Group Show
- **Walnut Studio** Open Studio, 2016, 2017
- **April in Autumn**, Canadian Film Submission to Cannes, Artist Credit, Food and Craft, 2016
- **Hallway Gallery**, Artscape Gibraltar Point 15th Anniversary

Sharing Art and Food

- **Artists Talks**, About Alchemy, Halifax, Toronto, PEC, 2019-2025
- **Kitchen Brigade Lead**, Alchemy/Table Settings, Prince Edward County, Harvest Seasons 2020-2023 .3000 meals planned and served to 40 agricultural workers at nine wineries as part of an ongoing community engagement project.
- **Coffeehouse Project**, NSCAD University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2022
- **The Dinner Parties**, A Project with Lisa Wood, Toronto, 2019
- **Guest Artist and Cook in Residence**, Stone and Sky, Pelee Island, Ontario, 2019
- **Gorge Gallery Lunch** and Artists Talk, Red Head Gallery with Tonia DiRisio@ 401 Richmond, Toronto 2019 led an artist talk and made lunch for 20 strangers at the request of the artist.
- **Alchemy at the Dep**, an Artists Talk and Supper at the Depanneur, Toronto, 2018
- **April in Autumn**, Indie Feature Film, Toronto (2016-2017) Provided craft, culinary and artistic direction This film went to Cannes Film Festival in 2018. Created studio art installation in film.

Teaching and Sharing Knowledge

- **Prince Edward County Arts Lab**, Instructor, Rust Lab, Fall 2025, Winter 2026
- **New College**, Guest Speaker, January 2025, February 2024, Community Engagement as an Artistic Practice
- **Glendon College**, Guest Speaker, November 2023, Panel on Food Networks
- **Humber College** Guest Speaker 2018-2019, Instructor, Media Relations, 1995-97
- **Centennial College**, Guest Speaker, Alchemy and Community Engagement, 2019

Community Engagement (recent)

- Member, **Fake Art School Collective**, Shadowland Studio, Toronto Island 2023-present
- Co-Chair, **Friends of Gibraltar Point**, 2023-present
- Self-Directed Residencies, **Artscape Gibraltar Point** 2012-2019, 2022-2026
- Co-Facilitator **Alchemy Artists Residency**: Prince Edward County, 2017 -present
- Facilitator, **Alchemy Artist Residency**, Toronto Island 2015, 2016, 2019, 2024, 2025, 2026
- **Food to Share**, Advisory Committee 2019-2023
- **Artscape Community Advisory Board** 2017-2020
- **Trinity Bellwoods Farmers Market** Volunteer Staff 2017-18
- **Lifeline Syria Bloorcourt** Sponsors 2015-2017
- **Artscape GPoint Organics**, Toronto Island, Advocate, Fundraiser, Gardener 2012-2016

Learning

- **Nova Scotia School of Art and Design** (NSCAD University), MA, Spring 2024
- **George Brown Chefs' School**, Chef Training, Culinary Skills Diploma with Honours, 1996
- **New York University**, Graduate Studies Journalism, Mayor's Scholar
- **Concordia University**, Montreal, Quebec, BA in Philosophy/Journalism

Professional Experience Beyond the Kitchen and Studio

- **McMaster University**, Communications Advisor to Carer Friendly Workplace Project, 2023-24
- **TD Bank**, Writer and Editor, Special Projects, Change Management 2021- 22
- **Conference Board of Canada**, Interim Strategic Communications Chief, 2019
- **Health Quality Ontario**, Senior Advisor on Quality Matters 2015-2018
- **St Michaels Hospital**, VP Public Affairs Communications (Acting) 2008-2010
- **The Weber Group**, Vice President, Palo Alto, California 1998-2001
- **Women's College Hospital**, Director of Public Affairs, Toronto 1992-95
- **Press Secretary** to the Hon. Elizabeth Holzman, NYC 1990-92
- **City of New York**, Press Secretary/Communications Director, Office of the Deputy Mayor, finance, and economic development portfolios 1984-9