

# JOHN SEBELIUS

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## EDUCATION

### **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS

2012 Master of Fine Arts, Drawing and Painting

- Chair, School Of The Arts Connection Subcommittee, 2011
- Board Member, Kansas University Exhibition Committee, 2009-11
- Founding Board Member, School Of The Arts Student Advisory Board, 2009-11

### **Rhode Island School of Design**, Providence, RI

2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts *with honors*, Illustration

- RISD Basketball, Varsity team, 2003-04

### **Sydney College of the Arts**, Study Abroad Program, Sydney, Australia

2005 Concentration: Painting and Printmaking

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Veterans Affairs, The Stress Disorder Treatment Program**, Topeka, KS

Artist-In-Residence, 2016-Present

Provide artistic non-verbal expression for male and female veterans who have experienced military-related trauma. This work allows them to process and express internal struggles and past experiences through a positive activity and improve quality of life and self-esteem. *Artistic Expressions Healing Arts Initiative* was awarded 2017 and 2018 TOPArts Access Grant from ARTSConnect and launched at West Los Angeles VA Medical Center January, 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### **Defend Love For All**, Lawrence, KS

Founder, 2015-2016

Principal for producing, film directing, social media, graphic design, web content and outreach.

### **Gillius, Inc.** Lawrence, KS

Owner & Creative Director, 2006-Present

Created and produced the board game *Don't Drop The Soap*<sup>™</sup> and the Gillius<sup>™</sup> clothing line.

Contracts Include:

- **OG Sack**, Denver, CO  
Featured Artist, 2013  
Designed a line of one-of-a-kind bag liners and accessories.
- **Democratic Governors Association**, Washington, D.C.  
Graphic Designer, 2007  
Designed various print materials for events, fundraising and the DGA national t-shirt.
- **Sunflower Food & Spice Company**, Lenexa, KS  
Package Designer, 2007  
Featured artist for a line of holiday packages and print materials.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Washburn University, Adjunct Professor, Drawing 1 (3 courses)  
Washburn University, Adjunct Professor, Design 1
- 2016 Washburn University, Adjunct Professor, Drawing 1
- 2012 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Drawing 2
- 2011 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Landscape Painting: Vista and Visage  
University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Captured Alive: Portrait Painting
- 2010 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Introduction to Drawing 1  
University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Figure Drawing  
University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Landscape Painting
- 2009 University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sculpture 1 & 2 and Painting 1-4

## SOLO/DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *I'm Not From Here*, (collaboration with Chris King), Glassblock Gallery, University of Arkansas, Monticello, AR
- 2017 *Litter Box*, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
*CollabMeNot*, (collaboration with Chris King), Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2016 *Cupcakes*, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2015 *More Than Meets The Eye*, collaboration with Jeromy Morris, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2014 *Do You Know Who My Father Is?!*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS  
*New Work*, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS
- 2013 *Sebelius*, (duo show with James Borger), Leopold Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Friends In My Head*, Plenum Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2012 *Decadent and Depraved*, Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO  
*Still Under The Influence*, The Granada Theatre, Lawrence, KS  
*100 Questions About Sturgis*, (MFA Thesis) Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 *Sebelius*, Kansas City Artists Coalition Underground Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Under The Influence*, Invisible Hand Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
*Still Searching*, Knuckleheads Saloon, Kansas City, MO
- 2010 *Outcast*, Bourgeois Pig, Lawrence, KS

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

- 2017 *99: Locally Brewed*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2016 *The Murray Invitational*, Public Works, San Francisco, CA  
*Ratio*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2015 *Seed Co Residents Group Show*, 2016 Main, Kansas City, MO
- 2014 *Cider Gallery Group Show*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2013 *Hot Sheets II: Hotter Sheets*, Wonder Fair, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 *Lawrence Art Party*, Hobbs Taylor Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
*Above Average: Recent Work from Decent People*, A & D Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2010 *Portraits*, Percolator Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
*Graduate Scholarship Show*, Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2009 *Prairie Fire: In The Field or In The Glass*, Pearl Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2006 *RISD Senior Illustration Show*, Woods-Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI  
*\$760,000 Show*, ISB Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2005 *Great Works Exhibition*, Gallery Two, Sydney, Australia
- 2004 *Contemporary Topics in Illustration*, ISB Gallery, Providence, RI

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)** (continued)

- 2003 *RISD Freshmen Foundation*, toured China
- 2001 *SAIC Summer Exhibition*, SAIC Gallery, Chicago, IL

## **VISITING ARTIST**

- 2018 Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Natchitoches, LA  
University of Arkansas at Monticello
- 2016 Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Natchitoches, LA

## **ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

- 2013 Project-Based Residency, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2001 Summer Institute Residency Program, The Art Institute of Chicago

## **WORKSHOPS**

- 2017 Tom Huck's Woodcut Master Workshop, St. Louis, MO
- 2015 Large Woodblock Print Workshop, Lawrence Arts Center
- 2001 Pre-College ArtLab, Kansas City Art Institute

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

- 2018 TOPArts Access Grant, ARTSConnect Topeka
- 2017 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
TOPArts Access Grant, ARTSConnect Topeka  
Career Opportunity Grant, Lawrence Art Guild
- 2016 Hawks To Watch, KU CLAS Alumni Award  
Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World
- 2015 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World
- 2014 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World
- 2013 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World
- 2012 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World
- 2011 Wayne DeWitt Larabee Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
School Of The Arts Travel Grant (Vermont), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
Artist Grant & Work Exchange Grant, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2010 School Of The Arts Travel Grant, University of Kansas (New York), Lawrence, KS  
Daniel MacMorris Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 2007 Fashion Designer Open Call Contest, Winner, Deegie's Carma, Kansas City, MO
- 2002 Arts Design Award, Eubank Foundation, Topeka, KS
- 2001 Leadership Award, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

## **REVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA ATTENTION**

- 2017 Maue, Savanna. "Topeka Mural Creates Perfect Backdrop" [Topeka Capital-Journal](#) 20 Aug.
- 2016 Krug, Nick. "65 Colorful Characters" [Lawrence Journal-World](#) Front page Arts 20 Nov.  
[Not So Late Show](#). Guest appearance, November 16.
- 2015 Hlavacek, Joanna. "Double Take" [Lawrence Journal-World](#) Front page Arts 24 May.

## REVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA ATTENTION (continued)

- 2015 Not So Late Show. Guest appearance, May 21.
- 2014 Imafidon, Nadia. "Pledging Through Paint" Lawrence Journal-World Front page 17 August. Best Of Lawrence Magazine. Lawrence Journal-World Front page and pg 88.
- 2013 Shepherd, Sara. "Warehouse Arts District with high-end fine art." Lawrence Journal-World Front page. 24 April.
- 2012 Kansas City Voices 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition. Artwork featured on pg. 57.  
Travers, Andrew. "Gonzo Goes Beyond Benton." Aspen Daily News 16 June.  
Noggle, Richard. "Great stories bathed in Busch Light." Larryville Chronicles 11 June.
- 2011 Stutzer, Abbie. "John Sebelius on his film *Searching At Sturgis*." The Pitch 28 July.  
Pfannenstiel, Brianne. "John Sebelius: Artist, fashion designer, filmmaker and former governor's son." Ink Magazine 21 June.  
The University of Wyoming's Art and Literature Journal. Owen Wister Review
- 2010 Brisendine, Steve. "Bringing the Outcasts in: John Sebelius." Review 16 May.  
KU Collegian Cover illustration and reproductions. Spring: 2+.
- 2009 Coronado, Kris. "Game Changer: John Sebelius." Express 9 March.  
"Headlines." By Jay Leno. The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. NBC Television. 3 March.
- 2008 Krafft, Heather. "Local Fashion Designers Making Their Mark." Kansas City Star 7 Aug.  
Sebelius, John. "Go Directly to Jail." Harper's June Issue.  
Pflaum, Nadia. "A John Sebelius Update." The Pitch 5 May.  
"KNOW+TELL." DETAILS March, pg 14.  
Tankard, Frank. "Shoots & Daggers." Lawrence.com 28 January.  
Fox & Friends. 3 minute segment. 28 January.

## REPRESENTATION

Gonzo Gallery, Aspen, CO  
Leopold Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS

## COLLECTIONS

University of Kansas, School of Business, Lawrence, KS  
Bob Braudis, former Sheriff, Aspen, CO  
Jay Nichols, drummer of Citizen Cope, Chicago, IL  
Carmela Spinelli, Head of Fashion Design (SCAD), Savannah, GA  
Jeff Albright, VP Ivy Funds, Kansas City, MO  
Treanor Architects, Lawrence, KS  
Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO  
Flint Hills Holdings, Lawrence, KS  
Evil Prints Studio. St. Louis, MO

## PUBLIC ART

City of Topeka  
Abe and Jake's Landing, Lawrence, KS  
The Burger Stand, Lawrence and Topeka, KS  
Lawrence Brewing Company, Lawrence, KS

## FILM FESTIVALS

- 2015 "Find Me A Man", Free State Festival, Lawrence, KS  
2014 "Find Me A Man", Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA  
Midwest Premiere: "Find Me A Man", Tallgrass Film Festival, Wichita, KS  
World Premiere: "Find Me A Man", Austin Film Festival, Austin, TX  
Midwest Premiere: "Welcome To Slab City, USA", Free State Festival, Lawrence, KS  
2013 World Premiere: "Welcome To Slab City, USA", Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA

## SCREENINGS

- 2014 "Welcome To Slab City USA", The American School of Kinshasa, Congo, Africa  
2013 "Welcome To Slab City USA", Film Row Art Screen, Kansas City, MO  
2012 "Searching At Sturgis", Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO  
"Searching At Sturgis", The Granada Theatre, Lawrence, KS  
2011 "Searching At Sturgis", Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
"Searching At Sturgis", Knuckleheads Saloon, Kansas City, MO

## FASHION SHOWS

- 2009 *Fashion Meets Music Fashion Show*, Bartle Hall, Kansas City, MO  
*WearHaus*, MINT Ultra Lounge, Kansas City, MO  
*A Night of Jazz*, Soho 119, Leawood, KS  
2008 *It's A Guy's Thing*, Halls, Kansas City, MO  
*Open Call Winner's Showcase*, Deegie's Carma, Kansas City, MO

## PANELS

- 2015-16 Panelist, Citizen Advisory Committee (ELNA Representative)  
2013 Juror, mARTch MADNESS, 1109 Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
2011-13 Visual Arts and Museum Panelist, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC

## ARTIST LECTURES

- 2016 *A Life of Film*, Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Natchitoches, LA  
2014 *Do You Know Who My Father Is?!*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS  
2011 *Sebelius*, Kansas City Artist Coalition Underground Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*A Life of Happy Accidents*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- 2016- Just Food, Board of Directors  
2015-2016 Steering Committee and Logistics sub-committee, Freestate Festival  
2015-2016 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Board Member  
2015-2016 Imagination Society, Lawrence Arts Center  
2010-14 Gawker Artists, curated online art community and exhibition program  
2010-11 Lawrence Art Guild