

Greta Olson

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Professional Experience

Supervising Artist—Studio Elaine, Chicago, IL (June 2019 – Present)

Part of a team of artists that designs, constructs, transports, and installs mosaic murals in the Chicagoland area, as well as communities in Jamaica.

Supervising Artist—Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL (Summer 2021 and 2023)

Trains apprentices to create and install mosaics designed by Carolyn Elaine.

Art Teacher—Hampden Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore, MD (April 2023)

Taught students how to create mosaics for a school-wide sculpture project, organized by Manic Art.

Artist—Andamento, Baltimore, MD (July 2022- February 2023)

Created mosaic artworks as well as planned and implemented gallery events for mosaicist and gallerist Gail Rosen.

SILC—Senior Instructional Leadership Corps, Oak Park, IL (January – June 2019)

Student assistant for high school painting class. Mentored students and assisted teacher.

Art Teacher—Oak Park Education Foundation, Oak Park, IL (January 2017)

Instructed art students for MLK Maker Day STEM project.

Seasonal Sales Associate—Ping Wu Designs, Flushing, NY (December 2015)

Demonstrated, sold and stocked merchandise for world-renowned fiber artist at “One of a Kind Show” at Chicago’s Merchandise Mart (600 artists and craftspeople).

Education

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD (2023 graduate) BFA in General Fine Arts

Oak Park & River Forest High School (2019 graduate)

Special Skills

- Experienced mosaic artist and muralist
- Skilled animator in TV Paint and Procreate, as well as analog animation
- Photographer and videographer, proficiency with photo and video editing software
- Python and Java coding languages
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite & Microsoft Office Suite
- Experienced in art installation, presentation, and framing.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023 — *Realm*, MICA Art Walk, Baltimore, MD

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023 — *By Degrees II*, Chicago Sculpture International Gallery, Chicago, IL

2022

- *Arrival: Selections from Senior Thesis*, MICA Lazarus Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- *Preface: Selections from Senior Thesis*, MICA Lazarus Gallery, Baltimore MD
- *Flow: Selections from Senior Thesis*, MICA Lazarus Gallery, Baltimore MD
- *Open House Pop-up Show*, MICA Lazarus Gallery, Baltimore MD

2021

- *Lucid: A Night of Experimental Animation*, Screening at Brown 320 Theatre, Baltimore, MD
- *Sweaty Eyeballs* Animated Film Festival Entrance Projection, Parkway Theatre, Baltimore, MD

Collaborative Projects

2023

- *K3 Coffee Office Mural*, painted mural celebrating the launch of a local coffee maker (collaboration with Sam Kirk)
- *Our Time to Grow*, mosaic mural celebrating the 150 year anniversary of Oak Park and River Forest High School (collaboration with OPRFHS and the Oak Park Art League)

2022 — *Planting Seeds of Remembrance*, 10 outdoor planters memorializing Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Elijah McClain, Laquan McDonald, Sandra Bland, Botham Jean, Emmett Till, and Tamir Rice (collaboration with Studio Elaine)

2021

- *Where Two or More are Gathered*, 50 stained glass windows permanently installed at Covenant United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)
- *WARE Collective Mural*, mosaic mural permanently installed in St. Elizabeth Parish, Jamaica (collaboration with Studio Elaine)
- *Parrot Pandemonium*, mosaic mural permanently installed on North Blvd, Oak Park, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)

2021 — *Windows*, Munch, Oak Park, IL

2021 (cont.)

- *We Are Everywhere*, MICA Fox 2 Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- *The Bad Beginning*, Bad Time Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
- *Mass Formation as Hypnosis Eating Psychological Crisis with Rotten Apples*, No Nation Art Lab, Chicago, IL

2019

- Selected as top student to show work at the *Oak Park River Forest Art Show*, Frame Warehouse, Oak Park, IL
- *Sanctuary*, Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL

2018

- *Tom Neumann Scholarship Art Gallery*, Oak Park, IL; permanent collection
- *Chicagoland 4 x 5 Regional Competition*, Oswego, IL; honorable mention

2021 (cont.)

- *I Am*, mosaic mural permanently installed at Hoyne Elementary School, Chicago, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)
- *Creating Our Own Narrative*, mosaic mural permanently installed at South Shore Fine Arts Academy, Chicago, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)

2020

- *Full Steam Ahead*, mosaic mural permanently installed at Parkside Community Academy, Chicago, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)
- *You Are My Other Me*, mosaic mural permanently installed at the Downtown Oak Park CTA Station, Oak Park, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)

2019 — *Gears in Motion*, mosaic mural permanently installed at Oak Park YMCA, Oak Park, IL (collaboration with Studio Elaine)

2018 — *Cook County Forest Preserves Trail Sign Project*, painted sign commemorating the 10-Mile Freedom House.

Awards and Scholarships

MICA Competitive Scholarship

Awarded merit scholarships for the 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 school years at Maryland Institute College of Art

Dean's List

Maryland Institute College of Art (2019-2023)

Maryland Institute College of Art Grant

Awarded grant toward undergraduate education (2019-2023)

MICA Creative Vision Award

Awarded grant toward undergraduate education (2019-2023)

MICA Trustee Scholarship

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019-2023)

MICA Dean's Grant

Awarded grant toward undergraduate education (2019-2023)

MICA Academic Excel Scholarship

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019-2023)

Ruth Jenkins Bristol '35 Scholarship

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019-2023)

Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarship

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019)

William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarship

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019)

Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019)

Tom Neumann Foundation

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019), as well as a permanent installation in the Tom Neumann Scholarship gallery

Laura Southwick Foundation

Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019-2020)

OPRFHS Frame Warehouse Art Honoree

One of 40 artists chosen for an honorary art show (2019)

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Awarded merit scholarship to attend SAIC Early College program (2018)

Laura Southwick Foundation

Awarded merit scholarship for overseas studies (2017), and SAIC Early College Program (2018)

Chicago 4x5 Art Show

Honorable Mention, Multimedia (2017)

OPRF Alumni Fund

Awarded merit scholarship for overseas studies (2017)

Tom Neumann Foundation

Awarded merit scholarship for overseas studies (2017)