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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### *Studio Elaine, Chicago*

- Supervising Artist — August 2023 - present: Lead team of artists that designs, constructs, transports, and installs mosaic murals in the Chicagoland area and communities in Jamaica.

### *Oak Park Area Arts Council*

- Supervising Artist Instructor — June 2021 - present: Train apprentices to create and install mosaics in the Oak Park area.
- Jury member — May 2023 - present: Evaluate and approve submissions for biannual Mini Mural Projects.

### *Hampden Elementary/Middle School, Baltimore, MD*

- Art Teaching Assistant — Spring 2023: Taught students how to create mosaics for a school-wide sculpture project, organized by Manic Art.

### *Andamento, Baltimore, MD*

- Assisting Artist — July 2022 - February 2023: Created mosaic artworks and planned and implemented gallery events for mosaicist and gallerist Gail Rosen.

### *Sweaty Eyeballs Animation Festival, Baltimore, MD*

- Promotional Designer — December 2021: Created animated promotional banner for renowned animation festival.

### *Tough as Nails, Oak Park, IL*

- Promotional Designer — August 2018 and 2019: Developed promotional materials and branding for charity events.

### *Oak Park and River Forest High School*

- Art Teaching Assistant — January - June 2019: Student assistant for high school painting class. Mentored students and assisted teachers.

### *Oak Park Education Foundation*

- Art Teaching Assistant — January 2017: Assisted teacher with setting up art project and keeping campers on task for Martin Luther King Maker Day STEM Project.

### *Pilgrim Community Nursery School, Oak Park, IL*

- Teaching Assistant — Summer 2016: Helped lead a preschool summer program. Responsible for setting up, cleaning up, and supervising.

## EDUCATION

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MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART: BFA, General Fine Arts, with coursework in art education. Dean's list 2019-2023.

## SPECIAL SKILLS

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- Enthusiastic, experienced, and efficient art instructor and mentor for all age groups
- Experienced project manager and event coordinator; highly organized and manage multiple projects effectively
- Proven success working independently and collaboratively, ensuring efficient task completion.
- Able to perform physical tasks and adapt to changing conditions.

- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace (Google docs, sheets, slides, etc.)
- Creative photographer and videographer, proficient with photo and video editing software
- Skilled with art documentation
- Graphic designer and digital illustrator; skilled in Procreate, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
- Experienced mosaic artist and muralist
- Animator in TV Paint and Procreate, as well as analog animation
- Proficient in Python and Java coding languages

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### *Maryland Institute College of Art*

- Competitive Scholarship: Awarded merit scholarships for 2020-2022 and 2022-2023 school years
- MICA Creative Vision Award (2019-2023)
- MICA Trustee Scholarship
- Dean's Grant
- MICA Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Ruth Jenkins Bristor '35 Scholarship
- Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarship

### *Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation*

- William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarship

### *Tom Neumann Foundation*

- Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019), as well as a permanent installation in the Tom Neumann Scholarship gallery
- Awarded merit scholarship for overseas studies (2017)

### *Laura Southwick Foundation*

- Awarded merit scholarship toward undergraduate education (2019-2020)
- Awarded merit scholarship for overseas studies (2017), and SAIC Early College Program (2018)

### *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)

### *Chicago 4x5 Art Show*

- Honorable Mention, Multimedia (2017)

### *OPRF Alumni Fund*

- Awarded merit scholarship for overseas studies (2017)

## EXHIBITIONS

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### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

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

2021 — *Windows*, Munch Oak Park, Oak Park, IL

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

- *We See You: Diversity Equity and Inclusion*, Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL
- *Self Portraits*, Chicago Sculpture International Gallery

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

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

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
- *Chicagoland 4 x 5*, Oswego High School Regional Competition, Oswego, IL; honorable mention

## Collaborative Projects

2024

- *Motor Row*, mosaic mural commemorating historic route 66 in Oak Park, IL (in collaboration with the Oak Park Area Arts Council)
- *Belong*, mosaic mural for Whittier elementary school, with handmade tiles by students (in collaboration with the Oak Park Area Arts Council and Tracy Vanduin)

2023

- *K3 Coffee Office Mural*, painted mural celebrating the launch of a local coffee making business (In collaboration with Sam Kirk)
- *Our Time to Grow*, mosaic mural celebrating the 150-year anniversary of Oak Park and River Forest High School (in collaboration with OPRFHS and the Oak Park Area Arts Council)

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 (in collaboration with Studio Elaine)

2021

- *Where Two or More are Gathered*, 50 stained glass windows permanently installed at Covenant United Church of Christ, Chicago (in collaboration with Studio Elaine)

- *WARE Collective Mural*, mosaic mural permanently installed in St. Elizabeth Parish, Jamaica (in collaboration with Studio Elaine)
- *Parrot Pandemonium*, mosaic mural permanently installed on North Blvd, Oak Park, IL (in collaboration with the Oak Park Area Arts Council)
- *I Am*, mosaic mural permanently installed at Hoyne Elementary School, Chicago (in collaboration with Studio Elaine)
- *Creating Our Own Narrative*, mosaic mural permanently installed at South Shore Fine Arts Academy, Chicago, (in collaboration with Studio Elaine)

#### 2020

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

#### 2019

- *Gears in Motion*, mosaic mural permanently installed at Oak Park YMCA, Oak Park, IL (in collaboration with Studio Elaine, Oak Park Art League and Rotary Club)

#### 2018

- *Cook County Forest Preserves Trail Sign Project*, painted sign commemorating 10-Mile Freedom House, permanently installed in Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve