

BRIAN TESTA

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Education

- 2022 Master of Arts, *Art Education*
University of Florida
- 2021 Certificate, *Public Health*
Cornell University
- 2019 Bachelor of Fine Arts, *Art & Design Education*
Adelphi University
- 2017 Associate in Arts, *Art Studies*
Nassau Community College

Certifications

- 2021 *Citizen Public Health Leader*
N.Y.S. Department of Health
- 2019 *Visual Arts Education P-12*
N.Y.S. Department of Education

Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 *Summer Showcase*, College of the Arts, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 *B.F.A. Thesis Exhibition*, PAC Gallery, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
- 2018 *Outside In-Inside Out*, Performing Arts Center, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
Nga Jasht Mbrenda-Nga Mbrenda Jasht, Fellbach-Haus, Suharekë, Kosovo
- 2017 *Dwell: An Interactive Art Project*, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
COPE NYC Art Expo, Acumen Capital Partners, Flushing, NY
- 2015 *Go APE*, Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery, Dix Hills, NY
- 2013 *For the Love of Art*, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

Collaborative Projects

- 2020 *Face-Mask Benefit*, Fund to Advance New York City, New York, NY
A Taste of Piedmont Program, St. John's Prep School, Astoria, NY
- 2019 *Drawing Machine Workshop*, Freeport High School, Freeport, NY
Garden Vines Beautification Project, Jackson Annex, Hempstead, NY
Drawing Machine Workshop, Wyandanch Memorial High School, Wyandanch, NY
Blue Crab Signage Beautification, Wyandanch Memorial High School, Wyandanch, NY
Radical Manifesto Workshop, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
- 2018 *Drawing Machine Workshop*, Plainedge Middle School, Bethpage, NY

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Professional Experience

- 2019- *STEAM & Art Educator*; Liberty Partnership Program & STEP Program
Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
- 2018- *Teaching Artist*, ArtsAction Group, International
New York Headquarters, Madison Ave, NY
- 2020-2021 *Art Department & Earth Science Teacher*, St. John's Preparatory School, Astoria, NY
2019 *Student Art Teacher*, Wyandanch Memorial High School, Wyandanch, NY
Student Art Teacher, Floral Park Bellerose School, Floral Park, NY
- 2018 *Teaching Assistant*, Nassau BOCES, North Bellmore, NY
Interim Exhibitions Curator, University Gallery
Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
- 2014- *Founder*, Long Islanders For Environmental Change (LIFEC), St. James, NY
2012-2014 *Education Associate*, The Whaling Museum & Edu. Center, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

Collections

- Private collection, *Cold Spring Harbor*, New York
Private collection, *Ixelles*, Belgium
Private collection, *Ljubljana*, Slovenia
Private collection, *Manhasset*, New York
Private collection, *Massapequa*, New York
Private collection, *Sagaponack*, New York
Private collection, *Washington*, D.C.

Commissions

- 2019 *Jackson Annex Mural*, ArtsAction Group & Garden Vines, Hempstead, NY
2015 *Winter Window Mural*, Plainedge Public Library, Massapequa, NY

Selected Publications & Interviews

- 2018 *In Kosovo, Turning Civil War Memories Into Art*, AU News, Published June 5th
2017 *COPE NYC Art Expo*, Wall Street International, Published November 28th

Grants & Scholarships

- 2021 *UF Graduate Grant*, University of Florida
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2017 *Angela B. Kulewicz Art & Design Education Scholarship*, Adelphi University
Eagle Scout Scholarship, Adelphi University
Transfer Talent Scholarship, Adelphi University
2016 *Community College Partnership Award*, Nassau Community College

Awards

- 2019 *Art and Design Education Merit Award*, For Outstanding Creative Work in Community
Arts, Adelphi University

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Recognitions & Honors

- 2018 *Certificate of Recognition*, Balanced Mind Conference XXII, Molloy College
- 2017 *Certificate of Recognition*, For Your Outstanding Contribution to the 4th R-Reimagine Project, COPE NYC, NYCATA/UFT, MFTA
- 2014 *Eagle Scout*, In Recognition of Successful Completion of all Requirements for Scouting's Highest Rank, B.S.A. Troop 689
In Recognition of your "Court of Honor", On Earning the Rank of Eagle Scout, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- 2013 *Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition*, Peter T. King
Certificate of Excellence, In Recognition of Valuable Contributions to the Visual Arts, Plainedge High School
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Art, NAHS & NAEA
- 2012 *Certificate of Recognition*, Excellence in Studio Art, Plainedge High School

Affiliations

- 2021- Teaching For Artistic Behavior (TAB)
- 2020- Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation
- 2019- National Art Education Association (NAEA)
- 2017- Kappa Pi International Art Honor Society
- 2014- National Eagle Scout Association (NESA)

Creative and Scholarly Interests

Artificial Intelligence
Blockchain Technologies: Cryptocurrency, NFT, Web 3.0
Choice-based Art Education
Indigenous, Visionary, and Shamanic Artwork
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)
Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality