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Artist

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Education

BFA; Emphasis in Art Practices, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colorado

August 2021 - May 2025

Minor in Digital Design, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colorado

May 2022 - May 2025

Certifications

Praxis 5135: Art Content and Analysis

December 2025

Substitute License

September 2025

Professional Experience

Independent Artist, Cultural and Narrative Art

August 2021 - Present, Aurora, Colorado

- Organize and install community art exhibitions at venues including Pirate Contemporary Art and RedLine Contemporary Art Center.
- Coordinate with curators, gallery staff, and artists for exhibition setup, event promotion, and audience engagement.
- Develop and lead storytelling-based art workshops and demonstrations.
- Manage project budgets, materials, and schedules to meet program goals.
- Maintain an active studio practice, sharing traditional cultural stories in a visual and educational format.

Cherry Creek School District, K-12 Substitute

August 2021 - Present, Aurora, Colorado

- Supported student engagement, creativity, and classroom management in both studio-based and general education settings
- Delivered pre-planned art lessons independently, maintaining continuity of instruction and classroom expectations
- Gained hands-on experience working with a wide range of ages, abilities, and classroom dynamics
- Fostered a safe, respectful, and creative classroom environment

Sherwin-Williams, Design Product Specialist, Color Specialist

June 2025 - Present, Centennial, Colorado

April 2022 - May 2025, Lone Tree, Colorado

- Coordinate color and design consultations tailored to customer needs across residential and commercial projects.
- Manage scheduling, inventory, and client follow-up to ensure service excellence.
- Train new staff in customer engagement, sales operations, and product knowledge.
- Cultivate long-term client relationships through clear communication and high-quality results.

Dion's, Team Member

June 2020 - July 2021, Aurora, Colorado

- Provided high-quality customer service and collaborated effectively in a fast-paced team environment.
- Ensured compliance with safety, sanitation, and quality standards.

Group Exhibitions

2025

Holiday Art Festival, ArtGym Denver, Denver, Colorado

Human & Animal Connection, CSU Spur, Denver, Colorado

Juried by a panel of CSU Spur staff, scientists, and community members

Monsters, The Three Leaches Theater, Lakewood, Colorado

Freedom Isn't Free, Memento Mori Gallery & Tattoo, Lakewood, Colorado

Of The Lakes; BFA Thesis Exhibition, RedLine Contemporary Art Center, Denver, Colorado

How Raven Stole the Sun; Performance Art Week XL: XIII, David & Fisher Clocktower, Denver, Colorado

Two Sides, One Coin, CU Denver Experience Gallery, Denver, Colorado. Juried by Asher Hoffman, Evan Kosakowski, Maya Rae Taylor, and Vivian Sprague

Guilty, Emmanuel Gallery, Denver, Colorado

Juried by Jann Haworth

2024

How Raven Stole the Sun; David & Fisher Clocktower, Denver, Colorado

The Ties That Bind Us, Pirate Contemporary Art Gallery, Lakewood, Colorado

Juried by Andrew Palamara

OMG! You're So Pretty! Benchmark Theatre, Lakewood, Colorado

2023

Pop Pulp, Memento Mori Gallery & Tattoo, Lakewood, Colorado

Juried by Joe Oliver
Guilty, Emmanuel Art Gallery, Denver, Colorado
Juried by Stella Yu and David Griggs
New Life, Rebirth, Resurrection, Pirate Contemporary Art
Gallery, Lakewood, Colorado
Juried by Kim Dickey

2022

The Outsider Show, Pirate Contemporary Art Gallery, Lakewood,
Colorado

2021

Inclusivity, Pirate Contemporary Art Gallery, Lakewood, Colorado
Juried by Suzanne Faris
Cultural Normalcy, BRDG Project Gallery, Denver, Colorado

Community Work And Volunteering

2025

Art Demonstration Instructor, ArtGym Denver, Denver, Colorado
December 2025, Denver, Colorado

- Taught fabric assemblage, blending two and three-dimensional techniques for image making.
- Provided a safe, positive, and interactive creative experience for families.

Face Painter, Volunteer, Voyager Foundation “Mermaid Royal Ball” Charity event, Downtown Aquarium, Denver, Colorado
July 2025, Denver, Colorado

- Created custom face paint designs for children with chronic medical conditions and special needs.
- Provided a safe, positive, and interactive creative experience for families.

2024

Art Instructor, Volunteer, KinderCare Learning Centers, Denver, Colorado
June 2024, July 2025, Denver, Colorado

- Designed and led age-appropriate art projects to encourage imagination, confidence, and sensory learning.
- Supported early childhood development through creative, hands-on instruction.

Skills

Color Theory
Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects)
Drawing (Graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, pastels, marker, ink)
Painting (Acrylic, Watercolor, Gouache, Oil, Digital)
Composition/Layout, Storyboarding
Illustration (Traditional and digital)
Curation
Installation and Deinstallation
Art writing (art theory, art history, critique, analysis, etc)
Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Outlook)
Customer Service & Public Communication
Event planning, coordination.

Clubs/Organizations,

Artist, Painting, ArtGym Denver, Denver, Colorado

July 2025 - December 2025 Denver, Colorado

- Producing my current body of work, *Told in Color and Form*, reimagining Salish oral stories through painting, printmaking, and mixed media.
- Planning and developing demonstrations, participating in critiques, and vending at art markets.

President, Art Practices Club, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colorado

August 2024 - July 2025, Denver, Colorado

- Curated and installed juried student exhibitions, coordinating with university and gallery partners.
- Planning events between multiple campus departments.
- Organized workshops, art talks, and fundraising events to strengthen the student art community.

Member, Secretary, Art Practices Club, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colorado

December 2021 - May 2024, Denver, Colorado

- Assisted in administrative coordination, communications, and event planning.