

# Kylee McKinney

## Artist

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## Education

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### 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

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## Professional Experience

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### 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.

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## **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

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## 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.

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## Skills

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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.

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## 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.