

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

2009-2012	Vermont College of Fine Arts. <i>Master of Fine Arts (Visual Art) February 2012.</i>
2000-2003	Ventura College (Ventura, CA)
1994-1996	University of California at Santa Barbara. <i>Bachelor of Arts Degree (Art Studio) 1996.</i>
1995	Ventura College (Ventura, CA)
1976-1977	College of Creative Studies at University of California, Santa Barbara (CA)
1974-1977	Art Studio at University of California, Santa Barbara (CA)
1973-1974	Santa Barbara Art Institute (Santa Barbara, CA)
1970-1972	Pasadena City College (Pasadena, CA)
1966-1967	Pasadena City College (Pasadena, CA)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021	<i>Volunteer artist/activist</i> for Meer: ReflEction. Organization dedicated to increasing earth's albedo, through advanced technology, to head off catastrophic temperature rise.
2016-2020	<i>Creator and lead artist</i> for The Fillmore Lions Club Centennial Mural Project (Fillmore, CA).
2016-2018	<i>Advisor/Instructor</i> on video exhibition, collaboration with Michelle Glass, Director of Education and Fillmore High School LEOS Club, Santa Paula Art Museum (Santa Paula, CA).
2016-2020	<i>City of Fillmore Arts Commissioner</i> (Fillmore, CA).
2015-2016	<i>Concept Artist.</i> Fillmore Lions Club Centennial Mural Project (Fillmore, CA).
2015-2016	<i>Volunteer Art Instructor, Meditation Instructor,</i> City of Fillmore Active Adult Center (Fillmore, CA).
2014	Landmark Forum Advanced Graduate (Los Angeles, CA).
2014-2019	<i>Member,</i> Lions Club of Fillmore, California.
2014-2016	<i>Consultant, Special Projects Manager, Artist in Residence,</i> Fillmore Equestrian Center (Fillmore, CA).

2013-2019 *Educational Volunteer & Mentor, One Step A La Vez Teen Wellness Center (Fillmore, CA).*

2013-2019 *Director, One Step A La Vez Fillmore Food Share Program (Fillmore, CA).*

2013-2019 *LEO Advisor, Fillmore High School LEOS Club (Fillmore, CA).*

2013-2017 *Director, Black Stallion Studio Community Events (Fillmore, CA).*

2013-2015 *Educational Volunteer, Santa Clara River Restoration Project at USCB Environmental Studies Department, US Fish & Wildlife, Fillmore Unified School District (Fillmore, CA).*

2011 *Founding Member, Unequal Wealth Distribution—UWD Social Process Art Project.*

2010 *Curator for Working Artists, Ventura Art Walk Exhibition (Ventura, CA).*

2008 *Creator, Curatorial Project, “A Mirror in Which to Dwell,” a group portrait exhibition for Ventura County Arts Council Hall of Administration Gallery (Ventura, CA).*

2006 *Member, Drawing Workshops, Oxnard College (Oxnard, CA).*

2003-2008 *Founder and Co-Owner, Registrar, Curator at Upfront Gallery Contemporary Art (Ventura, CA).*

## **AWARDS**

2019 *First Place, People’s Choice, Fillmore Arts Commission First Annual Art Invitational (Fillmore, CA).*

2019 *Second Place, Juried, Fillmore Arts Commission First Annual Art Invitational (Fillmore, CA).*

2011 *Merit Award, Vermont College of Fine Arts (Montpelier, VT).*

2009 *Merit Award, Vermont College of Fine Arts (Montpelier, VT).*

2008 *Third Place, 2008 Los Angeles Biennial Juried Exhibition, The Department of Cultural Affairs and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery Associates; Mark Greenfield, Director (Los Angeles, CA).*

2007 *Jack Richeson Award, Pastel Society of America (New York, New York).*

2006 *Third Place, Ventura County Fair Professional Arts Category (Ventura, CA).*

2005-2006 *Artist Fellowship Grant, City of Ventura Artist Fellowship Program (Ventura, CA).*

2005 *First Place (Category, Figurative) Millard Sheets Art Gallery Foundation, Contemporary Fine Art Competition and Exhibition (Los Angeles, CA).*

2003 *Artist Fellowship Grant, City of Ventura Artist Fellowship Program (Ventura, CA).*

1999 *Artist Fellowship Grant, City of Ventura Artist Fellowship Program (Ventura, CA).*

1997 *Artist Fellowship Grant, City of Ventura Artist Fellowship Program (Ventura, CA).*

1972 *Honors Certificate for Superior Achievement in Drawing, Pasadena City College (Pasadena, CA).*

## **SELECTIVE CREATIVE COLLABORATIONS**

- 2018 Global Consciousness Project (GCP), an ongoing Public Practice collaboration with Dr. Roger Nelson, Princeton University.
- 2015 Big Brothers and Sisters Music & Group Art Exhibition, Black Stallion Art Center (Fillmore, CA).
- 2014 Public Practice, Youth Sustainable Garden and Group Art Exhibition, Black Stallion Art Center (Fillmore, CA).
- 2011 Public Practice, Unequal Wealth Distribution (UWD) discussion group (Ventura, CA).
- 2006 Synchronicity Works Creative Project including Children's Curriculum with mathematician J.J. LeTourneau, Ph.D.
- 1999 Millennium Video: Humans as Species. Collaboration with author Leonard Shlain.

## **PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

- 2004 "Self-Portrait I" City of Ventura Municipal Collection.

## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2019 Fillmore Arts Commission First Annual Art Invitational (Fillmore, CA).
- 2019 Fillmore Packinghouse Creative Solo Exhibition (Fillmore, CA)
- 2018 Global Consciousness Project (GCP) Public Practice Collaboration with Dr. Roger Nelson, Global Consciousness Project Director.
- 2018 Fillmore Packinghouse Creative Solo Exhibition (Fillmore, CA).
- 2017 Fillmore Packinghouse Creative Solo Exhibition (Fillmore, CA).
- 2016 Ninth Annual "Art About Agriculture" Exhibition, Santa Paula Art Museum (Santa Paula, CA).
- 2016 "Summer of the Horse" – Black Stallion Arts Center Group Show, Artist's Guild of Fillmore (Fillmore, CA).
- 2016 "Enchanted Loom -- Worlds in Collision Sutra" solo exhibition at 525 Gallery (Ojai, CA).
- 2016 M5ARTS 'Art Hotel' Inaugural International Exhibition, city of Sacramento (CA).
- 2016 "Via 126" Artist's Guild of Fillmore Exhibition, Ventura College (Santa Paula, CA).
- 2015 Group Exhibition, Ojai Art Center (Ojai, CA).
- 2011 "Occupy Ventura" Group Exhibition at Bell Arts Art Center. (Ventura, CA).
- 2011 Ventura County Museum of History and Art Myths and Urban Legends Group Exhibition (Ventura, CA).
- 2011 Ventura County Artists and Musicians Protest Group Exhibition (Ventura, CA).
- 2011 Ventura County Museum of History and Art "Four Masters" Colleagues and Friends Group Exhibition (Ventura, CA).

- 2010 Ventura Arts Council Working Artists Ventura.  
WAV Group Exhibition (Ventura, CA).
- 2010 Group Exhibition "Spatial Conditions" 643 Project Space; Christine Moria,  
Curator (Ventura, CA).
- 2010 Solo Exhibition entitled, "Levitation" Ventura College New Media Art  
Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2009 "Locals Only" Exhibition, California State University-Channel Islands,  
Ventura Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2009 "On the Shoulders of Davids" – an exhibition showcasing works by artists  
who have directed their own artist-run exhibition spaces; Ichiro Irie,  
Curator. (Los Angeles, CA).
- 2009 Solo Exhibition entitled "Cocoon" at Studio Channel Islands Art Center,  
California State University-Channel Islands (SCIAC). (Ventura, CA).
- 2008 Self-Portrait Group Exhibition, "MyFaceSpaceBook" at i-5 Gallery, The  
Brewery Los Angeles; Curators Mat Gleason and Maria Koosed (Los  
Angeles, CA).
- 2008 Hispanic Heritage Group Exhibition, McNish Art Gallery Oxnard College  
(Oxnard, CA).
- 2008 "Post Cards from The Art Edge" at i-5 Gallery, The Brewery Los Angeles  
(Los Angeles, CA).
- 2008 Los Angeles Juried Exhibition, Los Angeles Municipal Gallery (Los  
Angeles, CA).
- 2008 "2 Dollar Bill" Group Exhibition at i-5 Gallery, The Brewery Los Angeles  
(Los Angeles, CA).
- 2008 Art Installation/Agora Foundation Fundraiser at Behavioral Sciences  
Technology (BST) Headquarters (Ojai, CA).
- 2007-2008 New Paintings, Solo Exhibition at McNish Gallery, Oxnard College  
(Oxnard, CA).
- 2007 New Paintings, Solo Exhibition at 643 A Project Space (Ventura, CA).
- 2007 Participating Artist, Ventura Artists Studio Tour Exhibits (Ventura, CA)
- 2007 FAR Group Exhibition at MarYork Gallery (Los Angeles, CA).
- 2007 Group Exhibition at i-5 Gallery, The Brewery Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2007 Group Exhibition at Thousand Oaks Performing Arts Center (Thousand  
Oaks, CA).
- 2007 Ojai Museum of Art and History Group Exhibit (Ojai, CA).
- 2007 "Music for Camille" Artist Union Gallery Group Exhibition, Ventura Music  
Festival (Ventura, CA).
- 2007 "Music for Camille" for touring exhibition (Ventura, CA).
- 2006 2006 Ventura Music Festival Commission "Music for Camille" (Ventura,  
CA).
- 2006 City of Ventura Municipal Fellowship Exhibition; Nathan Larramendy,  
Curator (Ventura, CA).
- 2006 Viridian Artists 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Robert Rosenblum, jurist (New  
York, New York).

- 2006 "Chaos" Exhibit at Long Beach Arts Gallery, Darlene D. DeAngelo, jurist (Long Beach, CA).
- 2006 Ventura Music Festival Instruments Sculpture Commission (Ventura, CA)
- 2005 "Snap to Grid" Group Exhibition at Los Angeles Center for Digital Art (Los Angeles, CA).
- 2005 New Botanical Studies at Joni Pence Interiors Studio (Ventura, CA).
- 2005 New Digital Works at PhotoVentura (Ventura, CA).
- 2005 "Focus on the Masters" Ventura Artists Studio Tour at Upfront Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2005 Taboo Group exhibit at Studio Montclair; Jerry Saltz, jurist (Montclair, NJ).
- 2004 Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery Open (Los Angeles, CA).
- 2004 Selected artist acquisition for City of San Buenaventura Municipal Art Permanent Collection (Ventura, CA).
- 2004 "Snatch" erotic group show at Upfront Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2003 "Foundations" Two-Person Show concurrent with featured Harvest Artwalk artist and Art City Studios founder, Paul Lindhard, at San Buenaventura Artist Union Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2003 Avant Garde Photography Juried Show (New York, NY).
- 2003 Artist Fellowship Showcase, City of San Buenaventura Cultural Affairs hosted grant recipient's exhibition (Ventura, CA)
- 2003 Benavidez/Pedziwiatr Two-Person Show at Upfront Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2003 "Love War" exhibit at San Buenaventura Artist Union Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2002 Three exhibitions at Studio Channel Islands Art Center, Cal-State University Channel Islands (Ventura, CA).
- 2002 Group Exhibition at Long Beach Art Center (Long Beach, CA).
- 2002 Stone Works Spring Group Show (Ventura, CA).
- 2002 Art City Group Show (Ventura, CA).
- 2001 Summer Art Walk screening of art video "Rotkejorp" written, directed, produced by Paul Benavidez (screened on Main Street with 10' x 10' aspect-ratio video projection). (Ventura, CA).
- 2001 "Annual Erotic Group Show" at Art City Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 2000 "Sign of the Times" at Art City Group Show (Ventura, CA).
- 2000 V2 Gallery Group Millennium Show at Art City (Ventura, CA).
- 2000 "A Piece at a Time" Millennium Group Show at Watts Towers Art Center; Mark Greenfield, Director (Los Angeles, CA).
- 1999 Presentation of "Millennium Video: Humans as Species" for Millennium Art Walk for Ventura (a recycling 8-minute computer generated digital/flash outdoor video projection of a 20' x 15' aspect ratio with amplified soundtrack and internet chat-room hosted by Leonard Shlain, author of "Art and Physics," "The Alphabet Versus the Goddess," and "Sex, Time and Power.") (Ventura, CA)
- 1999 Recipient of City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Commission for "Millennium Video" (Ventura, CA).

- 1999 V2 Gallery Group Show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1999 “Gaia, Goddess of Earth” art installation for the Environmental Art Walk for the City of Ventura (Ventura, CA).
- 1998 Ventura Summer Art Walk special exhibition of “Surrealistic Manage a Trois” art installation (Ventura, CA).
- 1998 “Collaborations” a Three-Person collaboration art installation titled, “Surrealistic Manage a Trois” at Art City Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1998 V2 Gallery Group Export Show (Ventura, CA).
- 1998 V2 Show, San Buenaventura Music Festival (Ventura, CA).
- 1998 “April Fools Show” at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1998 “Synergy” group show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 Ventura Artists Union Juried Show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 “Arcadian Principles” art installation installed in the former Ventura Women Jail Facility, in conjunction with composer Jeff Kaiser’s “Gans Andere” (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 SITE 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Competition; Henry Hopkins, jurist (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 “Mothers in Black, Women in Black” art installation for Ventura Fall Art Walk (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 “We Love Our Country” One-Person Show at three Ventura venues (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 Ventura River Bio-Region Group Show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1997 Spring Art Walk '97, Art City II Group Show (Ventura, CA)
- 1995 “April Fools Group Show” at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1995 Juried Group Show at Carnegie Art Museum (Oxnard, CA).
- 1994 “Changing Paradigm” art installation at The Performance Studio (Ventura, CA).
- 1994 “Painters Ballet” performance piece with Plexus Dance Theater, private celebrity exhibition (Studio City, CA).
- 1993 “Luminescence” group holiday show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1993 “Painters Ballet” performance piece with Plexus Dance Theater, private exhibition for Ventura Arts Council and NEA representatives at Ventura City Hall (Ventura, CA).
- 1993 “Intimate Lies” three-person show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1993 “The Rooster Brings Heresy” set design and installation, a contemporary new music opera by composer, Jeff Kaiser (Ventura, CA).
- 1991 “Artists Respond to War” Group Show at Ventura Arts Council/Momentum Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1991 Group Show at Art City II Gallery (Ventura, CA).
- 1990 “Room With A View” solo exhibition at Art City I Gallery (Ventura, CA).