

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2009-2012	Vermont College of Fine Arts, Visual Arts. <i>Master of Fine Arts, MFA Degree, 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)
1967-1966	Pasadena City College (Pasadena, CA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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	<i>Educational Volunteer & Mentor,</i> One Step A La Vez Teen Wellness Center (Fillmore, CA).
2013-2019	<i>Director,</i> One Step A La Vez Fillmore Food Share Program (Fillmore, CA).
2013-2019	<i>LEO Advisor,</i> Fillmore High School LEOS Club (Fillmore, CA).
2013-2017	<i>Director,</i> 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

- 2022 Studio Channel Islands Art Center (Camarillo, CA). The Next Big Thing, group exhibition.
- 2022 Arc Gallery (San Francisco, CA). Face to Face, group exhibition.
- 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.
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- 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 17th 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 2nd 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).

