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SELECT SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Fem-utility Closet, IA&A at Hillyer, Washington, DC
Fem-utility Closet: Louise, Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts (LHUCA), Lubbock, TX
- 2021 Dear Ruth, The Everyday Feminist, Saint Kate, Milwaukee, WI
Pulling at Strands: History, Feminism & the Everyday, Arts@Large, Milwaukee, WI
- 2019 Mobile Home, Var Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
The Everyday Feminist, Ploch Art Gallery, Brookfield, WI
- 2018 The Everyday Feminist, UW-Madison Porter Butts Gallery, Madison, WI
Mopping Up: New Works, Frank Juarez Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Mopping Up, Yardstick, Algoma, WI
- 2016 New Works, Clair E. Smith Gallery, Barrington, IL
- 2015 Serial Influences, Gallerie M, Intercontinental, Milwaukee, WI
- 2014 New Works, Leenhouts Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2013 Moving Mountains, Frank Juarez Gallery, Sheboygan, WI
Up, Down!, River Edge, Thiensville, WI
Coal Piles, Mercy Hill Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2011 Draw, Paint, Carve, EFFJAY PROJEKTS, Sheboygan, WI
- 2009 Impromptu, Cedar Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2006 New Works, Reuss Federal Building, Milwaukee, WI
- 2003 Outline, Konohana, Milwaukee, WI

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 more waiting - just a little bit closer, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
Fem-Utility Closet: Cohabitate, Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, MO
- 2024 Soft Structures Exhibition, Tooth + Nail Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Indiana Green Invitational, Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts, Fond du Lac, WI
- 2023 Sarah Ball Allis Art Museum, Charles Allis Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Absurdity: In Dada We Trust, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
Layers-Material and Meaning, SITE:Brooklyn Gallery, Online Curated by Bridget Donlon
Down Low, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Here & Now: Work From MIAD Faculty, Brooks Stevens Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Sculpture: Motley Cruise, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL

- From This Point Forward: An Exhibition of MIAD Alumni, Gallery at the Ave, Milwaukee, WI
- 2022 Soft Power, Minneapolis College of Art and Design Concourse Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 Roe v. Wade: A Conversation Through Art, newARTspace, De Pere, WI
 3 Faces of Eve, 5 Points Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 TMA Contemporary, Trout Museum of Art, Appleton, WI
- 2021 Flat Files 2021, Collar Works, Troy, NY
 46 Artists for America's First Ladies, Art + Literature Lab, Madison, WI
 Constant Practice, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI
- 2020 Made in Paint, The Sam & Adele Golden Gallery, New Berlin, NY
 Existing in Thought, Scout Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 Tension in the Ordinary, James May Gallery, Algoma, WI
- 2019 Infaustructure, Opalka Gallery, Sage College, Albany, NY
 Indiana Green, Cedarburg Cultural Center, Cedarburg, WI
 (un)Told Stories, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD
 Body of Work, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI
 39th Annual Secura Fine Arts Exhibition, Trout Museum of Art, Appleton, WI
 MKE Influencers, VarWest Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 Place of the Artist, The Milwaukee Jewish Artists' Laboratory, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 The Everyday Feminist: Doing the Dishes, Main Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 The Book Club: What Would We Do with Lynne Tillman?, Frank Juarez Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 Bricks, Books, & Other Things, Wauwatosa Public Library, Wauwatosa, WI
 Recall, Remake, Reduce, West Bend Library, West Bend, WI
- 2017 The Jump Off, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI
 Inside Job, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI
 MARN Mentor/Mentee Exhibition, Var Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 FJG Inaugural Exhibition, Frank Juarez Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 Eruption, Madison Public Library, Madison, WI
- 2016 Wisconsin Artists Biennial, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI
 Detroit Biennale, Museum of New Art, Armada, MI
 94th Annual All Media Exhibition, Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI
 Indiana Green: Then/Now, UW-Sheboygan, Sheboygan, WI
 CultureJam MKE, Redline, Milwaukee, WI
- 2015 Error As Architecture: A Study of Play and Happenstance, Jazz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 Eruption, Racine Arts Council, Racine, WI
 Preservatif, Marshall Arts Gallery, Memphis, TN

- 2014 Forward 2014, Charles Allis Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Kinetic Hues, The David Adler Music and Art Center, Libertyville, IL
Branding Creativity, UW-Parkside, Kenosha, WI
- 2013 Salt, ArtPrize, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2012 Schemata, UW-Sheboygan, Sheboygan, WI
SRAM pART Project, Cedar Lake Theatre, New York, NY
The Abstract Show, Brickton Art Center, Park Ridge, IL
Indiana Green, EFFJAY PROJEKTS Gallery, Sheboygan, WI
Abstraction: The Language of Art, Cedarburg Cultural Center, WI
- 2011 Things on Strings, Milwaukee Artist Resource Network (MARN), Milwaukee, WI
Indiana Green, Juarez Invitational, Sheboygan, WI
Best of Open Canvas, Pritzlaff Building, Milwaukee, WI
- 2010 Indiana Green, Juarez Invitational, Sheboygan, WI
Milwaukee Artist Marketplace, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
- 2008 Around the Coyote Festival, Chicago, IL
Hidden River Art Festival, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI
- 2007 Aqua Miami, Hotcakes Gallery, Miami, FL
Artist Marketplace, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Paradise Remixed, Cream City Collectives, Milwaukee, WI
- 2006 Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Hidden River Art Festival, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI
Around the Coyote Fall and Winter Festival, Around the Coyote, Chicago, IL
Curator's Choice Exhibition ATC Winter Festival, Chicago, IL
Artist Marketplace, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
ArtWalk, Riverwest Artists Association, Milwaukee, WI
- 2005 Eight Counties, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
Company Man, Milwaukee Artist Resource Network, Milwaukee, WI
Artist Marketplace, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
ArtSplash, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI
ArtWalk, Riverwest Artists Association, Milwaukee, WI
- 2004 Around the Coyote Festival, Around the Coyote, Chicago, IL
ArtWalk, Riverwest Artists Association, Milwaukee, WI
- 2003 Hide House Gallery Night, Milwaukee, WI
Members Exhibition, Walker's Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI

PROJECTS

The Everyday Feminist — November 2017 - PRESENT

Collaborative that labors to ensure all genders' political, social, and economic equality.

Recent activations include:

The Everyday Feminist: Dear Eva, Art Institute of Chicago
The Everyday Feminist: Inhabit Gratitude, Winter Carnival, Lynden Sculpture Garden

CORPORATE COLLECTIONS AND PUBLIC ART ACQUISITIONS

Arts@Large
Littler Mendelson
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Northwestern Mutual
Mandel Group
Tax-Air
Marcus Corporation's Saint Kate Arts Hotel
Milwaukee Area Technical College
West Bend Mutual Insurance Company

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

2024 Villa Terrace Art Museum Artist Residency, Milwaukee, WI
2022 Finalist Mary L. Nohl Established Artist Fellowship, jurors: Jadine Collingwood, Thomas James, Kimi Kitada
Conversations in Practice Residency, Oxbow School of Art & Artists' Residency
Artist in Residence, Elmwood Elementary, New Berlin, WI
2021 Artist in Residence, Arts@Large, Milwaukee, WI
2019 Sam & Adele Golden Foundation for the Arts Residency, jurors: Susan Hapgood, Creighton Michael, Karen Wilkin
2017 Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Fund Award
2016 Finalist Mary L. Nohl Established Artist Fellowship, jurors: JoAnne Northrup, Valerie Cassel Oliver, Julie Rodrigues Widholm
2014 Artist in Residence, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
2013 Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Fund Award
2012 Artist in Residence, Mandel Group Creative Studio, Milwaukee, WI
2007 Jurors' Choice Award, Hidden River Festival, Brookfield, WI
2006 Curator's Choice Exhibition, Around the Coyote Winter Festival, Milwaukee
2003 Wisconsin Arts Board Community Collaboration Grant

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2023 A New Vision: A Review of Milwaukee's Sarah Ball Allis Art Museum, New City Art
Spotlight on Women at Sarah Ball Allis Art Museum, Shepherd Express
2020 Made In Paint, Color Catalog, The Sam & Adele Golden Gallery
2018 Praxis Interview Magazine, Yale Radio
Artful Investigation, M Magazine, January

- Mopping Up, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Tap, January 14
Mopping Up, Color Catalog, Frank Juarez Gallery
- 2016 Wisconsin Artists Biennial, Color Catalog, Wisconsin Visual Artists
Indiana Green: Then/Now, Color Catalog, Frank Juarez Gallery
- 2015 Volume 29, Studio Visit Magazine V. 29, pp. 144-145
- 2014 Featured on Structure and Imagery, A Contemporary Art Blog by Paul Benke
Indiana Green 5th Year Anniversary, Color Catalog, Frank Juarez Gallery
- 2013 Up and Close – Their Art. Their Stories. Directed by Kidder Films
Book Cover, *Masquerades & Misdemeanors*, Hartford Avenue Poets

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee — Adjunct Associate Professor,
First-Year Experience
August 2018 - PRESENT
Design and enhance the Fabrication and Research, Process, and Connection
curriculum to be inclusive and serve the needs of the students. Acted as Fabrication
Team Lead fostering collaboration between faculty, August 2021-December 2022.

Arts@Large, Milwaukee — Artist Educator

January 2016 - PRESENT

Design and teach accessible and equitable arts curriculum for K4-12th Grade,
collaborate with Milwaukee Public Schools classroom teachers and principals to meet
the needs and desires of students and schools. Mentor and team teach with emerging
artist educators.

BOARD SERVICE

Artworks for Milwaukee 2015-2017

Milwaukee Artist Resource Network, Advisory Board Co-Chair 2013-2016

Milwaukee Artist Resource Network 2008-2012

Arts@Large 2006-2013

Riverwest Artists Association 1996-2002

EDUCATION

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI — Bachelor of Fine Arts

August 1993 - December 1996