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## **Education**

*2018-2022 Bachelor of Arts and Science, double-major in Studio Art and Music Technology, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts*

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Clark University on May 22, 2022, with a GPA of 3.64 on a 4.0 scale

*Courses Include:* Drawing and Sculptural Practice, Audio Art and Recording Practice, Musical Acoustics, Music Theory I and II, Music History, Art History, Jazz Ensemble, Fine Arts and Studio Art Practice

*2014-2018 Graduate of Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, Sudbury, Massachusetts*

## **Work Experience**

*2022-present Part-time employee at Claytime Paint-Your-Own-Pottery Studio in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts*

- Responsibilities include loading and unloading kilns, glazing pottery with clear glaze and underglaze colors, handling unfired, fired and bisque-fired earthenware clay pottery, maintaining the quality of glazes, pottery, and displays, customer service and retail sales, inventory management, helping customers achieve their artistic vision, cleanliness and store/studio management, opening and closing

*2022-present Gallery and Shop at the Worcester Center for Crafts in Worcester, Massachusetts*

Gallery Preparator - *July 2023 through present*

Gallery and Shop Attendant - *July, 2022 through present*

Intern - *January, 2022 through May, 2022*

- After my Gallery internship at the Worcester Center for Crafts (January to May, 2022), they hired me to continue working in their gallery and shop as an attendant. This included working in the store as cashier and retail assistant, helping run operations at the Krikorian Gallery, and a year-long apprenticeship under their part-time Gallery Preparator. Presently, as Gallery Preparator, my responsibilities include installing and deinstalling exhibitions in the gallery, working in teams with rotating curators and fabricators, proctoring exhibitions, arranging ceramics, artwork, and jewelry for sale, photographing ceramics and artworks, retail sales, and upkeeping the Handcrafted Shop.

- At the Worcester Center for Crafts, I have installed, arranged, constructed, deinstalled, and proctored the following art exhibitions in the Krikorian Gallery:
  - *Still*, a two-person exhibition featuring work by Anne Greene and Emily Sandagata (2022)
  - *Realism Reboot* curated by Kat O'Connor, featuring the work of Ri Anderson, Lisa Barthelson, Madge Evers, Joan Clarkin Konuk, Kat O'Connor, Roger Palframan, and Cristi Rinklin (2022)
  - *Artists on Fire* curated by Juniper Rag, featuring work by over 45 artists who each had at least three pieces, as well as work by John Pagano (2022)
  - Annual "Hot Night in the City" Art Festival, 2022 and 2023, featuring the *Artists on Fire* opening, the Mary & Van Aroian Community Gallery, and 50+ local vendors selling their work
  - *Out of Bounds* curated by Anna McNeary, featuring the work of Maxime Jean Lefebvre, Yizhak Elyashiv, Nancy S. McCormack, Mariana Ramos Ortis, Carrie Scanga, Imin Yeh, and Anna McNeary (2022)
  - *Interlaced* a two-person exhibition featuring new works by Emily Sandagata and Robin Reynolds (2023)
  - *Artists on Fire II* curated by Juniper Rag, featuring work by over 45 artists, most of whom had up to three pieces each, including wall-hanging 2D and 3D pedestal sculpture (2023)
    - This was the first show where I completely lead the installation and deinstallation. All previous installations were under my apprenticeship.

*May 2019-September 2019* Office Assistant at S. Strock & Company Inc. in *Chelsea, Massachusetts*

*2017-present* Freelance Visual and Recording Artist

- I have sought out and sold many commissioned and original artworks through my own skills in networking, communication, retail and customer relations, including at art marketplaces and bazaars.
- I have written, produced, engineered, and published several albums and EPs independently across many musical projects, both as a musician/instrumentalist and as primary producer and engineer.
- I have exhibited my visual artwork in a number of galleries.

## **Experience**

Regarding Fine Art and Gallery Exhibition

- *2023-present* Ceramics Department at the Worcester Center for Crafts in *Worcester, Massachusetts*

Studio Assistant - *September, 2023 through present*

Intern - *May, 2023 through August, 2023*

- Responsibilities include loading and unloading kilns (electric and gas), glazing pottery from student workshops, clay recycling and reclaiming, studio maintenance, cleaning, organizing, handling greenware, bisque-fired, and stoneware clay pottery, student relations, advising students
- B.A. in Studio Art consisting of eight semesters in related courses.
- A portfolio of over 90 works, exhibited at L.S.R.H.S, Clark University, and across Massachusetts.
- Group exhibitions I have exhibited work in:
  - *Open Doors*, Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery at Worcester State University in Worcester, MA (September 7th through October 14th, 2023)
  - *The Worcester Bazaar*, Market at 100 Grove Street in Worcester, MA, (August 26th, 2023)
  - *The Eleventh Annual "ONE" Member's Exhibition at ArtsWorcester*, Worcester, MA (July 27th through August 27th, 2023)
  - *Sensory Play II* at The White Room by Creative Hub Worcester in Worcester, MA (April 29th through May 27th, 2023)
  - *Strut* at ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA (January 12th through February 12th, 2023)
  - *Art Sampler* at Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA (November 3rd through November 19th, 2022)
  - *2022 Mary Schein Fall Salon* at Kathryn Schultz Gallery, Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA (September 15th through October 14th, 2022)
  - *Bouncy House Time Machine* curated by Doménica Dillon at JMAC, Worcester, MA (September 14th through October 6th, 2022)
  - *Black & White* at ArtWorks Gallery, Ware, MA (August 6th through 28th, 2022)
  - *The Tenth Annual "ONE" Member's Exhibition at ArtsWorcester*, Worcester, MA (July 14th through August 21st, 2022)
  - *Playing Games* at ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA (May 12th through June 29th, 2022)

- *18th Annual College Show* at ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA, online
- Received two Finalist and one Honorable Mentions Awards from Teravarna while exhibiting in their online exhibitions “Open,” “Animal,” and “Flowers”
- Awarded a Cultural Sector Recovery Grant for Individuals for my visual art creativity and musical practice from the Mass Cultural Council and Worcester Arts Council (2023)
- Participated in five Clark student art exhibits.
- Completed student workshops and/or college-level classes in acrylic painting, oil pastel, ink and watercolor, charcoal drawing, pastel drawing, pencil drawing, drawing, ceramics, and woodworking.
- Two semesters of art history with a focus on analysis and historical context.
- Participated in L.S. AP Studio Art program and 2-week artist showcase.

#### Regarding Music and Audio Recording

- B.A. in Music Technology consisting of eight semesters in related courses.
- Established drum player and sole engineer/producer of numerous drum set recordings since 2015.
- I have performed (drums) in and worked in recording studios since 2013. Includes projects at Q Division Studios with the Real School Academy, The Real School of Music, Berklee College of Music, and more in various home studios; and live performances of my own (drums, bass, guitar, and vocals) and with colleagues since 2010.
- I have completed a five-week Berklee summer program as a musician with a focus on drums and production.
- Producer, engineer and musician behind over five full-length albums and five short-length EPs spanning many music projects.

#### Regarding Retail, Sales, Customer Service and Teamwork

- As I work at the Worcester Center for Crafts and Claytime I continue to hone my skills in sales and customer service, retail, office responsibilities, teamwork, and communication when it comes to running consumer business.
- I have sought out and sold many commissioned and original artworks, as well as my audio engineering and production skills, through my own skills in networking, communication, retail and customer relations.
- While working in the office of S. Strock & Company Inc. in 2019 I honed skills in team building and coworker relations, effective teamwork, sales and customer service, office assistant responsibilities and busy work, daily tasks, and responsibilities.