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Professional Art Experience

Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI), LSU Chapter, Instructor

2023-Present

Instruct OLLI students, 55 and up, in Begining Oil Painting.

Mid-City Artisans / Gallery 46 / Art Learning Center, Director

2022-Present

Responsible for the gallery's exhibition calendar and directing regional and national calls for art. Coordinate art classes, camps, and art instructors for the Art Learning Center. Additionally, teach a variety of classes including art history, beginning oil painting, acrylic, linocut printmaking, sculpture, and mixed-media collage to adults and children. Provide curriculum and teach art on behalf of the Art Learning Center at a private school for children with special needs.

MBNV Enterprises, Founder

2015-Present

Created a collection of art brands to sell different styles and media of my artwork. Successfully licensed my artwork as well as secured representation through several galleries. Established multiple online outlets to sell my work in addition to participating in various art markets.

The Pink Pagoda, Co-Founder

2010-2015

Co-founded an art and home decor brand that achieved national recognition. Created a streamlined printing process to handle a high volume of international giclee sales. Developed a drop-ship program with multiple vendors to support a successful online store selling imported Chinese porcelain.

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Communications, Studio Art Minor Southern Methodist University

Art Preparator Training

Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

Art Organizations

Louisiana Crafts Guild (Juried Member) Baton Rouge Gallery Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

Board Participation

East Texas Art League – Board Member The Art Studio, Inc. – Board Member, Secretary Mid-City Artisans - Advisory Board Member Dallas Children's Theater – Advisory Board(former), Development Committee

Art Exhibitions

2023

Greater Baton Rouge Arts Council Members+ Show (Featured)

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

East Baton Rouge Library - River Center Mythos (Solo Show)

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

BREC Swamp Spectacular

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2022

Greater Baton Rouge Arts Council Members+ Show

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Art Studio, Inc Mythos (Solo Show)

Beaumont, Texas

The Art Studio, Inc The Alternative Show

Beaumont, Texas

2021

Greater Baton Rouge Arts Council Members Show

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Art Studio, Inc The Alternative Show

Beaumont, Texas **Art Fluent** *STAND*Online Exhibit

Baton Rouge Gallery Surreal Salon 13

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2020

East Texas Art League Fall Members Show – Third Place

Jasper, Texas

The Art Studio, Inc Members Juried Art Exhibit – Second Place

Beaumont, Texas

Envision Arts The Warhol Show

Online Exhibit

<u>2019</u>

RealArt DeRidder Gallery ETAL Members Show

Deridder, Louisiana

The Art Studio, Inc The Alternative Show

Beaumont, Texas

Beaumont Art League Neches River Festival – Special Mention

Beaumont, Texas

East Texas Art League Spring Members Show – Third Place

Jasper, Texas

Greater Baton Rouge Arts Council Shot in the HeArt

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Alchemy Gallery Fifty-Foot Show

Galveston, Texas

<u>2018</u>

East Texas Art League Fall Members Show – First Place

Jasper, Texas

East Texas Art League Spring Members Show

Jasper, Texas

<u>2017</u>

Beaumont Art League Neches River Festival

Beaumont, Texas