

ARTIST STATEMENT

Desire, fragility, and insatiable yearning lurk beneath the surface of what we see. My work skims the underside of that hard lake. Having never believed that the characterizations of beauty and beast are mutually exclusive, I instead examine the conflict that exists between the inner and outer lives of human experience. I am drawn to stories of figures whose feral nature proves crucial to their survival. My practice blurs and disrupts boundaries between the human and natural world. Through the work, I portray opposing forces, subject matter both gentle and abrasive, fantastic and real, utopian and dystopian.

We constantly refashion our sense of self from fragments of personal experience, from what the world perceives, from the mythology we have created of our pasts in trying to piece them together, and from what withers or flourishes inside. I hope to provoke the viewer to question everything, and only believe half of what can be seen.

RESUME

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EDUCATION

MFA Candidate, Maine College of Art (MECA), Portland, ME (expected 2019)
BFA, Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, GA
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2017 Presidential Merit Scholarship, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2015 Jentel Artist Residency Program, Banner, WY
- 2013 Residency, The Ragdale Foundation, Lake Forest, IL
Residency, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), Amherst, VA
- 2012 Residency, Ucross Foundation, Sheridan, WY
Residency, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), Amherst, VA
- 2011 Residency, The Hambidge Center, Rabun Gap, GA
- 2009 Residency, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), Amherst, VA
- 2000 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Professional Fellowship

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Above Ground, Welcome Gallery, Charlottesville, VA (forthcoming)
- 2016 Garage Sale, The Garage, Charlottesville, VA
- 2014 Strawberry Letter 23, {Poem88} Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2011 California, {Poem 88} at Tanner Hill Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 New Watercolors and Paintings, Livity, Charlottesville, VA
- 2007 Half of What You See, Brenau University Art Gallery, Gainesville, GA
- 2005 It's Not the Heat, It's the Humidity, Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2004 It's Not the Heat, It's the Humidity, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
- 2002 Treat, Solomon Projects, Atlanta, GA
- 1999 Hybrid, Lyons Wier Gallery, Chicago, IL Old, New, Borrowed, Blue, Les Yeux du Monde, Charlottesville, VA
- 1998 Inhabitant, Solomon Projects, Atlanta, GA
Work, SOHO20 Gallery, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Strictly Painting 11, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA (Curated by Anne Reeve)
19th Annual Works on Paper, Long Beach Island Foundation of The Arts and Sciences, Long Beach, NJ (Juror: Jane Panetta)
- 2016 The Fourth Wall, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (Curated by Kristin Calabrese)
Nymphs and Shepherds Come Away: 10 Women Artists Respond to Secular Themes from The Renaissance, {Poem88} Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 MarinMOCA Summer National Juried Exhibition, Novato, CA (Juried by Catharine Clark), forthcoming
B&W: EK Huckaby, Brendan Carroll, Sharon Shapiro, Nikita Gale, In Kyoung Chun and Phillip March Jones, {Poem 88} Gallery, Atlanta, GA
Juvenescence, Silber Art Gallery, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD
MarinMOCA Summer National Juried Exhibition, Novato, CA (Juried by Catharine Clark)
Threesome: Susan Jamison, Tif Robinette, Sharon Shapiro, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
Identimorph, Sharon Shapiro and Jessica Tarr, Catalyst Projects, Washington DC
Threesome: Susan Jamison, Tif Robinette, Sharon Shapiro, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA (Curated by Steve Taylor)
- 2013 5th Annual Juried Art Show, Riverviews Artspace, Lynchburg, VA (Juried by Erin Stover-Sickmen)
Strictly Painting 9, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA (Juried by Margaret Heiner)
Blow-Up, {Poem88} Gallery, Atlanta, GA
BOUND: An Exhibition and Catalogue of the Women's Caucus for Art, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY (Juried by Cora Rosevear)
Re-collections: Five Artists Respond to the L.P. Grant Mansion, Atlanta, GA (Curated by Robin Bernat)
Pretty Woman, Saatchi Online, Web.
- 2012 49th Annual Juried Competition, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA (Curated by Liza Simone, 2nd place award)
Momentum: An Exhibition and Catalogue of the Women's Caucus for Art, Gallery 825, Los Angeles, CA (Juried by Rita Gonzalez)
Mid-Atlantic New Painting 2012 Exhibit, University of Mary Washington Gallery, Fredericksburg, VA
- 2011 The Optimist: an Art Exhibition for World AIDS Day, East Gallery, London, UK (Curated by David Garrard)
No Greater Gods, University of Virginia Law Library, Charlottesville, VA
Works on Paper, {Poem 88}, Atlanta, GA
The American Dream: a Juxtaposition, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
New Waves 2011, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2010 Intimacy Issues, Reed Gallery, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Playful Things, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO
Seeing Double, Attleboro Arts Museum, Attleboro, MA (curated by Kristina Durocher)
- 2009 Mid-Atlantic New Painting 2010 Exhibit, University of Mary Washington Gallery, Fredericksburg, VA
- 2008 Tasty Morsels, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2007 Guilty Pleasures, Spur Projects, Portola Valley, CA
- 2006 Image Feminine, Lawrence Asher Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
New Work, J. Cacciola Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 Inside Out, Hodges Taylor Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2003 30 YEARS: Three Decades of Art at Second Street Gallery, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
Unlikely Portraits, Miller Block Gallery, Boston, MA
Select 2003, Art Auction, WPA/Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 2002 Sugar & Spice, Gescheidle Gallery, Chicago, IL

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EXHIBITION CATALOGS

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Playful Things: Examining the Role of Female Identity in Contemporary Art. Edited by Jeremy Mikolajczak.
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- 2007 Half of What You See. With essay by Debra Wolf. Gainesville, GA: Brenau University, 2007.
- 2006 Image Feminine: Laurent Dareau, Sharon Shapiro, Daena Tittle. Edited by James Panozzo. Los Angeles, CA: Lawrence Asher Gallery, 2006.
- 2004 It's Not the Heat, It's the Humidity. Edited by Leah Stoddard. Charlottesville, VA: Second Street Gallery, 2004.
With essay by Jerry Cullum, "Reimagining the Humidity Index: Notes on New Drawings and Paintings by Sharon Shapiro."
- 2003 Select 2003 Art Auction. Edited by Amy Moorefield. Washington, DC: Washington Project for the Arts/Corcoran Gallery of Art, 2003.

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

The Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (MOCA GA), Atlanta, GA
The Tullman Collection, Chicago, IL
Brenau University Gallery, Gainesville, GA
Stan Topol & Associates, Atlanta, GA
King & Spalding, Atlanta, GA
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, Atlanta, GA
Ms. Chassie Post, New York, NY
Ms. Carol Cole-Levin, Greensboro, NC