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Education

Maine College of Art
Master of Fine Arts, May 2006
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Fine Arts, December 2000

Shows

2023 ArtPrize: Exhibited my Cityscape series of abstract watercolors at Monroe Community Church located at 1020 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids MI 49503 from Sept 14- Oct 1 2023.

2023 Artwork Central: Exhibited my War in the Ukraine series at University Art Gallery, at CMU in Mt. Pleasant MI for Artwalk Central 2023 August 1-26.

2023 Story walk show: “Lost Baby Penguin” series exhibited as a story walk with all the original paintings accompanied by the story text so that visitors could walk through the gallery and read the story with the paintings. Exhibited at Art Reach’s Morey Family Gallery located at 111 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 from July 1- 24.

2022 ArtPrize: Exhibited an installation of medicine cabinets and poetry about mental health awareness entitled “When You Look at Me Can You Tell I’m Sick?” At DeVos Place located at 303 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 from Sept 15- Oct 2. This was the 2nd time I exhibited this piece (see below) but this time I printed the poetry on banners that I was able to hang on the hanging system at DeVos.

2022 Artwork Central: “Climate Change Series,” Exhibited 10 watercolors about climate change- both the alarming effects and some more positive paintings about healing and renewal. Exhibited at Art Reach’s Morey Family Gallery located at 111 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 from August 9- 27 2022.

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2021 Artwalk Central: “Dragon Story,” exhibited 9 abstract watercolors about a dragon who is awakened by some noisy birds and then decides to come up from her slumber beneath the earth to meet and hang out with them and some larger birds. Exhibited at the University Art Gallery at CMU from August 3- 28th 2021.

2019 Artwalk Central: “When You Look at Me Can You Tell I’m Sick,” An installation of medicine cabinets stenciled with the words in the previously mentioned title. The medicine cabinets were filled with empty prescription bottles of psychiatric medicine from my husband, Josh Tourangeau, who suffers from mental illness. The wall behind the medicine cabinets was wallpapered with photocopies of his handwritten poetry. The exhibit was meant to bring awareness and respect for the hidden illnesses that many people face. Installation was located at the University Art Gallery at CMU August 5-31st of 2019. It was a finalist for the People’s Choice Award.

2018 Festival of the Banners: Exhibited a banner featuring a paintbrush painting a landscape with a house and a sunburst sun into existence from out of the darkness, entitled “Creating Something out of Nothing.” Banner was hung on M 20 right before Leaton Rd.

2015 Festival of the Banners: Exhibited a banner of a tall skinny Victorian house painting with a sunburst sun taking up most of the background. Banner was hung in the Isabella County Building.

2013 ArtWalk at Central Michigan University Art Gallery: Schedules Project: A Collection of Weeks and Days. An installation of my work schedules from Home Depot written on the backs of my Home Depot business cards and clipped together in a kind of curtain with binder clips. There were 12 rows of schedules, one for each month. The project documented about 3 years of schedules. The shadows were beautiful too.

2013 Solo Exhibition at Art Reach: Solo Show at Art Reach Center of Mid Michigan at 111 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Exhibited 13 large scale photographs of cardboard miniatures and 2 cardboard miniature sculptures. Sold 3 photos. Also featured on Destination Michigan in April 2013 with an interview in the gallery about my show.

2009 Solo Exhibition at Art Reach: Solo Show August 2009 at Art Reach Center of Mid Michigan 319 S. University Avenue Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

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Exhibited several large scale digital prints of my Miniature House series photographed against the background of my current home Timber Creek Apartments. Also included were several new large oil paintings of animate houses and a cardboard house-bird sculpture.

2006 MFA Thesis Exhibition: May 14- 27, 2006. Portland Yacht Services 58 Fore Street Portland, Maine 04101. Exhibit included four miniature cardboard houses viewable only through magnifying and shrinking lenses, "Kitchen" photo montage, and five 22" x 36" digital prints of miniature house interiors.

In My Backyard 2005: July 3, 2005. 138 Bayview Street Yarmouth, ME 04096. Hosted by Susan Bickford. Exhibited an outdoor installation entitled "Traveling Blind Structure," a triangular piece composed of painted screen doors, hand-made blinds which had lived in the windows of several different people, a chair and a book documenting the blinds travels.

First Friday Art Walk: June 3, 2005, 7-10pm. Open studio at 73 Oak Street Portland, ME 04101. Featured "Nest" installation, a triangular blue green padded resting space intended to inspire daydream and reverie.

Northwood Gallery: May 24-June 7, 2004. Solo show of oils and watercolors. Contact person Mariana Prosic-Dvornic. Northwood Gallery, 102 East Main Street Midland, MI 48640.

Art Reach Art Walk 2004: May- June 24, 2004. "Door" exhibited in front window of Pickwick Office Supply at 121 S. University Avenue Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Fall Salon 2003: October 8- 25, 2003. One print exhibited. Limner Gallery 870 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10001.

Art Reach: July 30- August 24, 2002. Solo show entitled "The Evolving Fantasy." Art Reach Center of Mid Michigan 319 S. University Avenue Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Studio 23: July 30- August 25, 2002. One realistic watercolor exhibited. Studio 23, The Arts center 901 Water Street Bay City, MI 48708.

The Creative Process: May 30 31, 2002. 3-D multi-media object displayed in exhibit made from a set list of materials for the Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council, Maine Street Gallery 338 Maine Street Ketchikan, AK 99901.

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Spring Salon 2002: March 13-30, 2002. One watercolor exhibited. Limer Gallery 870 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10001

Gifts of Art: September 10- October 25, 2001. Solo show. Two oil paintings sold. University of Michigan Health System lobby Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Auctions

Dart for Art 2023: donated a watercolor “Fox Meets Wolf,” to Dart for Art art auction at Crooked Tree Art Center located at 461 E Mitchell St, Petosky, MI 49770. This auction was hosted July 12 & 13 2023.

Dart for Art 2022: donated a watercolor “Wise Bird Teaches the Choir” to Dart for Art art auction at Crooked Tree Art Center located at 461 E Mitchell St, Petosky, MI 49770.

Art Reach 26th Annual Benefit Auction for the Arts 2009: October 23, 2009, donated “Fallen Lamp,” digital photograph of mixed media sculpture, 2008.

The Best of the Best Art Auction: March 22, 2005. Donated two oil paintings. 4th annual auction to benefit the Red Cross and local participating artists held at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club 3686 E. River Road Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

The Dan Breidenstein Memorial Art Auction: March 25, 2003. Donated oil painting, “Awakening.” 3rd annual art auction to benefit the Red Cross and local participating artists. Held at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club 3686 E. River Road Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

The 19th Annual Auction for the Arts: September 24, 2002. Donated large oil, “Life and Death,” and small transfer print, “Ingrid’s World.” Art Reach’s annual art auction held at Celebration! Cinemas 4935 E. Pickard Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

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Art Fairs

Harvest of the Arts 2023: Upcoming art fair hosted by Artisans Row where I will run a booth selling my watercolors, prints, stickers, candleholders, jewelry etc. located at the Shepherd High School October 7-8 2023.

Market for the Arts 2023: Ran a booth selling my watercolors, prints, stickers, candleholders, jewelry etc. in downtown Mt. Pleasant, MI August 19-20th.

Summer Craft Show 2023: Ran a booth selling my watercolors, prints, stickers, candleholders, jewelry etc. at Medilodge of Mt. Pleasant June 9th.

Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Craft and Vendor Show 2023: April 28- 30 2023. Ran an art booth outside Shepherd High school in the bus loop. Sold prints, books, stickers, jewelry, magnets, postcards and original watercolors.

Market for the Arts 2022: Ran a booth at an outdoor art festival hosted by For Arts Sale in downtown Mt. Pleasant, MI on August 13th and 14th. Art booth featured original watercolors, books, prints, tiny painting jewelry, postcards, stickers and magnets.

Harvest Art Fest 2021: Ran a booth at the Artisan Row event Harvest Art Fest at Shepherd High school Oct 16-17. Art booth featured original watercolors, postcards, thank-you cards, books, masks, custom face masks and magnets.

Festival: Artisan's Row at The Maple Shepherd Syrup Festival- art sale in my driveway featuring original watercolors, canvas prints of original watercolors, postcards, books, customized face masks and magnets.

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Books

2 Books: 2023 The Magic Boat, a children's book in my 3 Little Birds series where the three little birds get their magic boat from a wizard bird that their dragon friend Amber introduces them to and the journey they take to get there. Written and illustrated by myself, edited by Josh Tourangeau. The 2nd book is called The Stained Glass Rorschach and is a coffee table art book of the watercolors I have made since my last coffee table art book in 2021. I ran a Kickstarter in March 5-26 2023 to finance a print run of 100 copies of each book. 48 backers raised \$3018. This book was self-published through blurb.com

Book: 2022 Lost Baby Penguin, A children's story about friends working together to solve big problems. This is the sequel to 3 Little Birds. Illustrated with vivid watercolors the artist. Story also by the artist, edited by Josh Tourangeau. Self-Published though blurb.com. 100 Copies of this book were purchased though a Kickstarter Campaign that ran August 8- September 3 2022. 48 backers helped raise \$2831.

Book: 2022 3 Little Birds, A children's story about friendship, loss, and reunion featuring 3 adorable little birds and the other animal friends they meet. Illustrated with vivid watercolors. Story also by the artist. Self-published on blurb.com 100 copies of this book were purchased through a Kickstarter Campaign that ran from January 18- Feb 28 2022. 60 backers helped raise \$3153.

Book: 2021 The Story Continues, A follow up coffee table book featuring 47 abstract watercolors by the artist in 2020- 2021. Self-published on blurb.com

Book: 2020 Abstract Watercolors 2020, a coffee table book of 45 abstract watercolors created by the artist in 2020. Self-published on blurb.com

Book: 2020 The ToothBrush War, a children's book about the "washies" and the toothbrushes going to war over the children's attention. Self-published on blurb.com

Book: 2019 The Girl Who Wanted to be an Artist, a children's book which I wrote and illustrated about my quest since childhood to be an artist, the

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