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Education

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. BFA 1977
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, 1981
Art Students League of New York, NYC 1982-83

Public Art: The Looking Glass Art Project

Erie Downtown Partnership/ International Institute of Erie, Erie School District, “I Am, I Will Be, Erie’s Future” Acrylic on Polytab, 32’ x 24’, Palace Center, 915 State St., Erie, Pa, 2018

Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, “Garden to Table” 12’ x 30” Mural, Acrylic on Polytab fabric, 18th and Hickory, Erie, Pa., 2017

Martin Luther King Center, Erie, Pa. “Let the Children Sing” 17’ x 30’ Mural, Acrylic on Polytab fabric., 312 Chestnut St., Erie, Pa. 2017

Church of the Covenant, “Creation”, 5’ x 70’ Mural, Acrylic on Polytab fabric, 7th and Myrtle St Playground, Erie, Pa., 2017

Art and Industry, Community public art project funded in part by Artworks Grant, National Endowment of the Arts, United Way of Erie County, Erie Arts and Culture, Pa. Council of the Arts and Erie County Technical Center, Three public art pieces celebrating Erie Pa’s industrial Heritage, *Three Installations include:*

-*Fruits of Labor*, Metal, repurposed material, 20’x40’, 13th and Holland St., Erie, Pa, 2016

-*Setting the Stage for Erie’s Future*, Erie Playhouse Rehearsal Hall, 27’x30’ mural, Acrylic on polytab fabric, E. 12th St, Erie, Pa, 2016

-*The Path of Innovation*, Stainless Steel and mixed media, 9’ x 70’, 12th and Greengarden, Erie, Pa., 2016

Snoops Neighborhood Watch Mural Project, Erie, Pa. Design, fabricate and Install four outdoor community murals celebrating ethnic diversity and heritage. *Polish Heritage*, acrylic on ploy tab, 8’x 15’, 2015, *Nepal Heritage*, acrylic on polytab, 8’ x 12’, 2015, *Somalia Heritage*, acrylic on cinder block, 8’ x 9’, 2015, *Bhutan Heritage*, acrylic on polytab, 25’ x 22’, 2015

Rouse Home, Design, fabricate and install 2 murals at Rouse Estate. “Letters to the Universe” One mural located in the lobby at the Rouse Home, 8’ x 9’ oil on panel. One mural on exterior wall of Rouse Suites, 22’ x 8’, Acrylic on Polytab 2014

Seasons of Flight,Housing and Neighborhood Development Services, St Joseph’s Apartments , W. 6th and Maryland, Erie, Pa., Acrylic on Ploytab, mosaic on hardboard, 18’x40’, 2016

“Ribbons of Life, Love and Hope” Housing and Neighborhood Development Services, Villa Marie Apartments, Erie, Pa.

Mixed media, including acrylic on polytab, mosaic on hardboard. 25’ x 18’, 2014

“Works” Lifeworks Senior Center, Erie, Pa., acrylic, wood, metal, plaster, 6’ x 9’, 2013

“Life”, Lifeworks Senior Center, Erie, Pa., mixed media on high density foam, polytab and metal, 6’ x 12’, 2012

“Lets Move Outside”, Designed and Fabricated fifteen individual trail markers for fifteen communities throughout Erie County, Pennsylvania, Steel, limestone, glass and acrylic, 48” x 30” , 2011, 2012, www.letsmoveoutside.org

Solo Exhibitions

#words#framed, Octagon Gallery, Patterson Library, Westfield, Ny, 2019

I Read the News Today, Oh Boy!, Galeria, Erie Insurance Group, Erie, Pa., 2018

Far From Home, Glass Growers Gallery, Erie, Pa., 2017

Another World, Galeria, Erie Insurance Corporate Gallery, 2015

Persons of Interest, Urraro Gallery, Erie, Pa., 2014

Head in the Clouds, Kelly Run Gallery, Cambridge Springs, Pa., 2013

In the Box, Erie Art Museum, Ronald E. Holstein Gallery, Erie, Pa, 2011

Galeria, Erie Insurance Group, Erie, Pa. 2010

Human Nature, Urraro Gallery, Erie, Pa. 2006

Bridges Past and Present, Urraro Gallery, Erie, Pa. 2005

Paintings from my World, Glass Growers Gallery, Erie, Pa. 2004

Two Person Exhibits

Side Show by the Seashore, Tom Ferraro and Justus Cotterill, 1020 Holland, Erie, Pa 2010

The Color of Shape, The Shape of Color, Tom Ferraro and Passle Helminski, Urraro Gallery, Erie, Pa 2008

Two Young Artists, Tom Ferraro and Brian Gormley, Kelleher Gallery, NYC, NY 1982

Selected Group Exhibits

Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, 106th Annual Exhibition, Taras W. Matla, Acting Director, University of Maryland Art Gallery, Juror, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2018

Erie Art Museum, 95th Annual Spring Show, Wendy Maruyama, Juror, 2018

Hoyt Art Center, New Castle, Pa, National Juried Exhibition, Reto Thuring, Cleveland Museum of Art, Juror, 2018

NPAA Biennial, West Erie Plaza, Erie, Pa., 2017

Bayfront Gallery, Erie, Pa, 2012-2017

92nd Annual Spring Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, Pa., 2015

NPAA Biennial, Under the Clock, Boston Store, Erie, Pa., 2015

91st Annual Spring Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, Pa., 2014

NPAA Biennial at Lovell Place, NPAA invitational exhibition, 2013

Featured Artist, Graffiti Gallery, Oil City, Pa, 2013

Freedom , Cummings Gallery, Mercyhurst University, Invitational Exhibit, 2012

Creative HANDS, NPAA invitational Exhibition, Housing and Neighborhood Development, 2012

Archived Exhibit, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh , David Bowers, Juror, Fein Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pa., juror's award, 2012
Timeless, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Juror: Amanda Donnan, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 2012
Panorama, Erie Summer Festival of the Arts, Shuster Gallery, Gannon University, Juried Exhibition, Erie, Pa., June 2012
NPAA Campbell's Stonewall Gallery, Invitational Exhibition, Venango, Pa, 2012
NPAA Mercyhurst University, Invitational Exhibition, Cummings Gallery, Mercyhurst University, 2012
101st Annual Exhibition, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Society of Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, Pa., Fo Wilson, Juror 2011
Inside/ Outside, Goggleworks, Reading, Pa, 2011
NPAA Biennial, Erie/Meadville, Invitational, 2011
100th Annual Exhibition, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museum of Art, Al Minor, Donald Miller, jurors, 2010
New Directions' 10, Barrett Art Center, 26th Annual National Juried Exhibition, Nat Trotman, juror, Poughkeepsie, NY, 2010
The Mercantile Show, The Mercantile Building, Erie ,Pa 2010
AAP Past/Present, traveling juried exhibit, Seton Hill University, Robert Morris University, Westminster College, 2010
Nuts and Boltz, Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists Association, 1020 Holland, Erie, Pa. 2009
Friends of Mercyhurst, Mercyhurst Old Main, Erie, Pa. 2007-2013
NPAA Winter 2009, Rotunda Gallery, Westfield, NY, 2009
Candid, New Art Center, New York, NY, 2009
Growth, Cohen and Grimbsly LLC, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2009
Three Rivers Arts Festival, Liberty Ave Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pa, 2009
October Evenings , Heeshorn Gallery, Meadville, Pa. 2004, 2005, 2009
Earth and Fire, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2008
Cannabis, New Art Center, New York, NY, 2008
NPAA in Brooklyn, Lucky Gallery, Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY 2007
79 North, Heeshorn Gallery, Meadville, Pa. 2007
NPAA Invitational, Mercyhurst College Cummings Gallery, Erie, Pa. 2007
Influx, Pittsburgh Technical Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa. 2007
Ruth Jageman Panorama, Raymond Blasco Memorial Library, Erie, Pa 2006, 2007, 2008
New Art Center, MiWAA Group Exhibit, NYC, NY 2007
Butler Institute of Art/Salem, AAP Group Show, Salem, Ohio 2005
2005 Hoyt Regional Art Show, Hoyt Institute of Fine Art, New Castle, Pa. 2005
AAP Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, Hoyt institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, Pa. 2005
81st Annual Spring Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, Pa. 2004

Publications AND MEDIA

Looking Glass Art Projects

Lake Erie Lifestyle Magazine, 12th Street Story, Abby Badach, December 2016

Erie Times News, To Fully Understand Erie, Start with the Art, Pat Bywater, October 19, 2016

Erie Times News, Sculpture celebrates Erie's Fruits of Labor, Jack Hanrahan, August 18th, 2016

Erie Times News, Art at Work, Christopher Millette, June 11th, 2016

Erie Times News, Community Art, Sarah Crosby, July 4th, 2015

Blogs: America for the Arts / National Endowment of the Arts

Other Publications and Media

Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Marylynn Pitz, Local Artists Talents Exhibited in AAP Exhibition, September, 17th, 2018

Showcase, Erie Times News, Karen Rene Merkle, May, 2017

Showcase, Erie Times News, They're Watching You, Karen Rene Merkle, November, 2014

Showcase, Erie Times News, The Sky's the Limit, Karen Rene Merkle, August 8th, 2013

Pittsburgh Tribune, TIMELESS, Kurt Shaw, August 1st, 2012

Erie Reader, Visual Experiences: IN THE BOX, Luke Gehring, November 2, 2011

Showcase, Erie Times News, IN THE BOX, Karen Rene Merkle, October 27th, 2011

Pittsburgh Tribune, Associated Artists Centennial Exhibit, Kurt Shaw, August 8, 2010

Pittsburgh Post Gazette, THE LANGUAGE OF ART, Mary Thomas, August 1, 2010

WQLN Radio, All Things Erie, Interview with Tom Plye, February, 1012

WQLN Radio, A CANVAS OF POSSIBILITIES, Interview with Kim Young, July 2010

Showcase, Erie Times News, ART RENEWAL, The Mercantile Show, Karen Rene Merkle, June 2010

Showcase, Erie Times News, BEAUTIFUL, BEASTLY, Side Show by the Sea Shore, Karen Merkle, May 2010

Erie Life Magazine, Speculum Mundi: Erie Arts, January 2010

Showcase, Erie Times News, Visual Arts Review, the Year 2009, Dec. 31st, 2009

Showcase, Erie Times News, SKY'S THE LIMIT, Nuts & Boltz, Karen Rene Merkle, August 2009

Showcase, Erie Times News, FROM MOTORSHOP TO ARTS SPACE, Karen Rene Merkle, August 27th, 2009

Lake Erie Lifestyle Magazine, Art Erie, February 2009

Erie Life Magazine, An Artistic Passion, May 2008

Looking Glass Art Project video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dd5awke91AM>

Professional Affiliations

Co-director, Northwestern Pennsylvania Artist Association (NPAA) 2008-2016

Standards committee chairman, NPAA 2006-2008, 2015

Associated Artists of Pittsburgh 2005-current

Culture Spark, Erie, Pa

Pa. Counsel of the Arts, Erie Arts and Culture, Teaching Artist 2010-current

Trustee, Board of Directors, Erie Arts and Culture, 2014-Present

Interim Executive Director, Erie Arts & Culture, May-September 2018

Related Work/ Professional Experience

Artist in Residence, Strong Vincent Middle School, Erie School District, Erie, Pa., 2018

Artist in Residence, Emerson-Gridley School, Erie School District, Erie, Pa., 2017

Artist in Residence, Erie Art Museum, Kids as Curators, 2013, 2015, 2016

Adjunct faculty, Mercyhurst University, North East, 2009-2014

Juror, Associated Artist of Pittsburgh, New member screening, 2013

Teaching Artist , Lifeworks Erie, LIFE 2012,2013, 2015

Artist in Residence, Ridgeway Area High School, 2013

Artist in Residence, Wattsburgh Area Schools, Medal of Honor Foundation, 2012, 2013

Artist in Residence Program, Erie School District, 2010-2011

Artist in Residence, Art in Action, ArtsErie, Penncrest School District 2011

Visiting Artists Series, Slippery Rock University 2009

McCain Fund, grant recipient, ArtsErie for NPAA Nuts & Boltz Exhibition, 2009