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EDUCATION

MFA, Painting
Lehman College, The Bronx, NY
December 2023

Masters of Art Education
Lehman College, The Bronx, NY
May 2020

Bachelor of Science, Visual Arts
SUNY Empire State College,
Saratoga Springs, NY
August 2016

Fine Arts And Illustration Studies
Parsons School of Design, New
York, NY

SKILLS

- Acrylic and Oil Painting
- Extensive Drawing and Illustration
- Clay, Plaster, and Relief Work
- Mosaic and Public Art Installation

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Visual artist and educator exploring the emotional and psychological landscapes of human experience and nature. My work spans painting, drawing, and multi-medium exploration, with recent series focusing on the expressive, resilient forms of the trees in Van Cortlandt Park. I am passionate about fostering creativity, social awareness, and inquiry-based learning through art. I specialize in creating culturally responsive curricula that engage students in meaningful artistic expression and interdisciplinary exploration.

RECENT RECOGNITIONS

- **Met Professional Learning Community (2025–26)** – Honored by The Metropolitan Museum of Art in Recognition of Exemplary Museum Teaching Practice

EXHIBITIONS

- **SULA Public Mosaic Installation** – Directed students in the design and permanent exterior installation of a large-scale school mosaic (2026)
- **Thesis Exhibition**, MFA, (Group Exhibition), Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY – 2024
- **Homecoming (Group Exhibition)**, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY – 2023
- **Virtual Art Gallery: MA Thesis Exhibition**, Lehman College – 2020

STUDENT EXHIBITIONS

- **P.S. Art at The Metropolitan Museum of Art** – Student work selected for citywide exhibition (2025, 2026)
- **Borough Arts Festivals (Manhattan & Bronx)** – Student winners and Seeds Scholarship recipient (2022–2026)

WORK HISTORY

August 2022 - Current

SULA MS 322 - Middle School Art Teacher, New York, NY

- **Granted Tenure (2026)** – Awarded tenure based on consistent, high-quality instruction, pedagogical leadership, and commitment to the school community.
- **Museum Partnerships & Met PLC (2026)** – Completed a yearlong fellowship with the Metropolitan Museum of Art Professional Learning Community, integrating museum pedagogy and historical art practices into the school curriculum.

- Museum Education & Curriculum Design
- Photoshop Digital Design

CERTIFICATIONS

- **3D Graphics & Animation Certificate** – Amrita Multimedia Academy (2007)
- **Anusara Yoga Training (Level 2)** – Laughing Lotus Yoga Center (2001)
- **Certified Yoga Instructor** – Jivamukti Yoga Center (2000)
- **Certified Holistic Health Counselor** – Institute for Integrative Nutrition (1999)

- **Public Art Mosaic (2026)** – Directed the design and permanent installation of a collaborative community mosaic mural on the school facade.
- **Curriculum Design** – Developed and implemented an innovative, standards-aligned visual arts curriculum for grades 6–8, tailoring instruction across plaster sculpture, ceramic clay, relief printmaking, drawing, and painting.
- **Grant Writing & Institutional Collaboration** – Secured the MLL (Multilingual Learners) and SWD (Students with Disabilities) Grant (2024–2025) in partnership with the Lehman College Art Gallery.

March 2017 - June 2022

Lion Charter School, Bronx - Elementary Art Teacher, Bronx, NY

- Created engaging art projects for grades K–3 incorporating storytelling, cultural heritage, and SEL.
- Designed visual displays for school-wide events including **Black History and Hispanic Heritage Months**.
- Integrated literacy and movement into early childhood art activities.
- Contributed to school art showcases and **borough-wide festivals**.

December 2016 - June 2017

Morningside Center For Social Responsibility - Visual Arts Specialist, Bronx, NY

- Taught 3rd grade visual arts afterschool.
- Created curriculum for third grade afterschool.
- Received training in Social and Emotional Learning.

November 2015 - December 2016

Tracie Martyn Spa - Lead Graphic Designer, New York

- Designed online ads and promotional materials using Adobe Photoshop.
- Updated product label artwork using Adobe Illustrator.

January 2000 - January 2016

Freelance - Illustrator

- Designed book covers for independent authors, including *In and Out of Mirrors*.
- Illustrated published children's books, including *The Lawyer Says*, *The Opossum*, and *The Triumph of Amma's Grace*.
- Executed custom, original oil painting commissions.

January 1999 - January 2004

Multiple Yoga Centers - Certified Yoga Instructor, NYC

- Taught yoga classes at premier studios and fitness centers, including Jivamukti Yoga Center, Crunch Gym, Gold's Gym, Ravi Yoga, and Life and Motion.
- Led specialized retreats and workshops focused on meditation, mindfulness, and yogic lifestyle principles.