**Karen Ami**

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ArtAmiba Studio, Chicago www.artamiba.com

Founder/ Executive Director, The Chicago Mosaic School, 2005-Present

**Education.**

MFA, School of the Art Institute Chicago, 1995, Sculpture, Ceramics

BFA. Tufts/Boston Museum School, 1986 Sculpture, Meso-American Art History

Post Baccalaureate Diploma. Boston Museum School, 1985

Independent Study: Mexico, 1984, Ireland, 1985, Ecuador and Costa Rica, 1986-1987, Nevis, West Indies, 1994, Italy, 2004

**Selected Exhibitions.**

**2019**

“Savage Liasons”, GoCM Gallery Chicago, IL, Nov-Dec ’19

“Savage Liasons” at SOFA CHICAGO, Oct 2019

“BiblioMosaico” Ravenna, Italy October 2019

Mosaic Arts International, The Parthenon Museum, Nashville, TN Jan-May ‘19

**2018**

“The Text” SOFA Chicago/ GoCM Gallery, Chicago IL November ‘18

“The Text”, GoCM Gallery, Chicago, IL

“Marks That Make”, GoCM Gallery Chicago Sept ’18- Nov ‘18

“Debut”, GoCM Gallery, Chicago IL July-Sept 18

**2017**

“Variations”, GoCM Gallery/SOFA, Chicago, IL, November ‘17

“GoCM @ Gallery 1070” Chicago IL November ‘17- January ‘18

 “Birth Marks” Solo Exhibition , SXU Gallery, Chicago, IL Sept ‘17

“Meditations on Suffering” at Chicago Sinai Synagogue, Illinois, June ’17

“Cuyler’s Last Stand” GoCM Chicago, Illinois January-February ‘17

**2016**

“International 2016” Kyoto, Japan, December

“Organic”, Prairie State College, Illinois, November-December

“Manucripts” Chartres, France October - November

“Savage Curiosities” GoCM Chicago, Illinois, September-November

“ A Passover Story”, The Museum of Bibical Art, Dallas, Texas, April

**2015**

 “Six by Six”- Atelier De Luca, Ravenna, Italy October- January 16

“Mosaici Dal Mundo” RavennaMosaico, Ravenna, Italy Oct-Nov

“Mosaics Abroad” Traveling Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan, 2015-2016

“BiblioMosaico” Ravenna, Italy; Riga, Latvia; Obernai, France 2014-2016

“Pictor Imaginarius”, Museo di Fiume, Nazzano, Italy, May

“MAI Invitational at The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA March- April

 “Prix Picassiette 2014”, Chartres, France, October- November

“Noir et Blanc”, Parlay le Monial, France, June-August

 “Museum of Archeology Aquileia”, Aquileia, Italy, March- April

**Selected Collections.**

Chicago Sinai Synagogue, The Museum of Bibical Art, Dallas Texas, Columbia College, Chicago; CoolGlobes Permanent Collection, USA; Severino Mosaic Collection, California;

Anshe Emet Synogogue, Chicago; TransArt Project, Istanbul, Tel Aviv, Amsterdam, Paris, Moscow, Tokyo, New York, London; City of Chicago

“Tesserae” Clauiano, Italy, March-April

“Tesserae” Gradisca d”Isonzo, Italy, March- April

“Learning Curve”, GoCM Gallery, Chicago Illinois, January

**2013**

“Mosaic Yarismasi Competition”, Zeugma Museum, Gaziantep, Turkey, October

“Ardore”, Chapel St Eman, Chartres, France, October

“Bibliomosaico”, Ravenna Italy, October

“Mosaics dal Mundo” RavennaMosaico, Ravenna, Italy, October-November

“INTERSTICES”, Sucy en Brie, France June

“Pictor Imaginarius”, Museo di Fiume, Nazzano, Italy, April

“Inside/Out II”, Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago, April

**2012**

 Prix Picassiette, Chartres, France October

“Open Walls” City of Chicago 44th Ward Office, Chicago, November

“Transformations”, Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago

“Unbroken”, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Martha’s Vineyard, MA, July

Inside/Out, Gallery of Contemporary Mosaics, Chicago,

 **2011- 1996**

Cool Globes, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2011

SOCA Gallery, Chicago, December- March 2010

Cool Globes, Washington DC, Copenhagen, Geneva, Houston, 2010

OIMC Exhibition, Jerusalem, Israel March 2009

Our Roots Are Showing, CMS Gallery, March 2010

UnCorked, Ethnic Arts Center, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Sept-Nov 2009

Cool Globes, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco California 2009

An Ancient Language- A Modern Translation, Granville Center for the Arts, Garland Texas, Sept-Oct 2009

Ahlmquist Gallery, Winnetka IL 2009

Womanmade Gallery, Chicago, 2008

CMS Gallery, Chicago, 2006, 2007

Cool Globes, Washington, DC, 2008

CoolGlobes, Chicago, 2007

Vietnam Veterans Museum, Chicago 2006

Ellipse Art Center, Arlington, VA, 2005

Museo ItaloAmericano, San Francisco, 2004

ARC Gallery, Chicago 2004

TZ Gallery, Chicago, 2004

Uncommon Ground, Chicago, 1999

SAIC Gallery, Chicago, 1996

Artemesia Gallery, Chicago, 1995

Lannon Gallery, Chicago, 1991

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 1996

Cyclorama Boston, 1996

Selected Publications.

Chicago Tribune, January 2019

Chicago Magazine July 2018

Chicago Woman Magazine February 2018

Chicago Times September 2017

Edgeville Buzz, Chicago, March 2017

Edgewater News, Chicago, June 2016

Grout Magazine, Summer 2015

Midwest Magazine, June 2015

Groutline, May 2015

Mosaique Magazine, April 2014

Mosaique Magazine, January 2013

Groutline- Ask a Pro, January 2013

Center Square Journal , May 2012

Grout Magazine, March 2012

Groutline; 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Houston Magazine, October 2009

LXTV Interview, September 2009

Profitable Glass Quarterly, October 2009

Complete Pebble Mosaic Handbook, Maggy Howarth, 2009

Timeout Magazine Chicago, October 2006

Chicago Tribune, September 2005

Mosaic Art and Style, JoAnn Loctov, 2005

CAC News, 2001

ARC Chicago: 30 years, 2001

Chicago Tribune: February 1996

New Art Examiner, April 1991; March 1990

Selected Lectures. Presentations.

SAMA Annual Conference, Nashville, TN April 2019

SOFA Chicago 2018, Navy Pier, Chicago IL November 2018

19th Century Charitable Association, Oak Park IL, March 2018

SOFA Chicago, Navy Pier Chicago November 2017

Chicago Public Library November 2017

Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL October 2017

Edgewater Arts Festival September 2017

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, May 2016

Chicago Public Library, November 2015

British Association of Modern Mosaic, Symposium at Kings College, London, October 2014

Society of American Mosaic Artists, Annual Symposium, Tacoma WA

“Passion, Process and Purpose”- April , 2013

Prix Picassiette Symposium, Chartres, France 2012

Chicago Public Libraries – 2012/2013 Lecture Series

Featherstone Center for the Arts, Oak Bluffs, MA, 2012

Mosaic Association of Australia/New Zealand, 2011 Symposium, Adelaide Australia

Society of American Mosaic Artists, Annual Conferences, 2007-2012

Mosaic of Art Radio, February, 2010

MAANZ Symposium, Brisbane Australia, October 2009- Keynote Address

*“Beyond Our Pieces; The importance of partnerships, education, and artisanry in contemporary Mosaics,* Coverings-Chicago, May 2009

*“Relevance of Art Education in Public Arts”*

South Suburban College, April 2008

Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Artists Month, 2008-2012

*Guest Artist Lecture Series* School of the Art Institute of Chicago,

Continuing Ed Dept, September 2007, 2008

*Mosaic Arts Educational Presentation*

Chicago Mosaic School, November 2007-2012 *“The Marvel of Mosaics”*

Loyola University, February 2006

*Guest Artist Presentation*

Harold Washington College, October 2006

*“Survey of Contemporary Mosaic Arts”*

Associations.

Association of International Mosaic Artists (AIMC)

The Society of American Mosaic Artists (SAMA)

The British Association of Modern Mosaic (BAMM)

Tile Heritage Foundation (THF)

Chicago Artists Coalition (CAC)

The Chicago Mosaic School (CMS)

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)