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Education - Residency

- 2013 - 2017** **Massachusetts College of Art and Design - Boston, MA**
BFA - Concentrations in Sculpture and Studio for Interrelated Media
- 2016 & 2015** **Haystack Mountain School of Craft - Deer Isle, ME**
Mini Residency, one week
- 2013** **Salem Art Works (SAW) - Salem, NY**
Glassblowing and Blacksmithing Workshop, one day
- 2012** **New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) - Fredonia, NY**
School of Visual Arts (SVA), one month

Solo Exhibitions

- May 2024** **Caffe Ladro with LoCal Arts, Seattle, WA**
- April 2024** **Highline Heritage Museum, Burien, WA**
- 2019** **Auburn City Hall Gallery, Auburn, WA**
- 2014** **Caldwell Lake George Library, Lake George, NY**

Group Exhibitions

- 2023** **Treasures in Miniature:** MIVAL Gallery, Mercer Island, WA
- 2023** **Around the Square:** Studio 103, Seattle, WA
- 2022** **What Mask are you Wearing?:** Side Rail Collective Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2020** **Small Expressions:** Northwind Arts Center, Port Townsend, WA
- 2020** **Abstractions:** Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Cape Cod, MA
- 2019** **Meline Saftalyan & Vanessa Baird:** Art Gallery at Lynnwood City Hall, Lynnwood, WA
- 2018** **Graduating Senior Exhibition:** Bakalar and Paine Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017** **Studio for Interrelated Media Senior Exhibition:** Godine Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017** **Restored:** Student Life Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017** **Line Form - YES:** Student Life Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2016** **All School Show SIM Department:** Godine Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2015** **^To Interpretation:** Student Life Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2015** **The Haystack Show:** Student Life Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2013** **The Hyde Museum Juried Art Show:** The Hyde Museum, Glens Falls, NY
- 2013** **Chestertown Youth Visions Juried Art Show:** Chestertown, NY

Public Art

- 2023** **10' x 10' Outdoor Mural - Greenlake Senior Living, Renton, WA**

2020 **3' x 20' Outdoor Residential Mural**, *Greenwood, WA*

Donations - Benefits

2023 **Chop Challenge - Columbia City Gallery**, *Seattle, WA*

2023 **Burien Arts Vision**, *Burien, WA*

2023 **Around the Square**: Studio 103, *Seattle, WA*

Curation - Productions

2023 **a sticky melty hot start to summer - Side Rail Collective Gallery**:
Seattle, WA

2021 - 2023 **Holiday Art Market and Craft Alley - Side Rail Collective Gallery**:
Seattle, WA

2022 **Sensory Market - Side Rail Collective Gallery**: *Seattle, WA*

2022 **Bloom/ Blooming - Side Rail Collective Gallery**: *Seattle, WA*

2021 **Seep/sopping D.M Potwin - Gallery Baird & Side Rail Collective Gallery**:
Seattle, WA

2019 **Untitled No.1 - Gallery Baird & Side Rail Collective Gallery**: *Seattle, WA*

2018 **Launch Party for Lance, Leach & Poullice by artist Feral Maz**: *Boston, MA*

2016 **Studio for Interrelated Media Alumni Day Event**: *Pozen Center, Boston, MA*

2013 **Senior Art Show**: *Lake George Central School, Lake George, NY*

Grants - Awards

2013 **Curator's Choice - Hyde Museum Juried Art Show**, *Glens Falls, NY*

2013 **Second Place Scholarship - Fort Edward Historical Society**, *Fort Edward, NY*

2013 **Highest Score (5) - Ap Studio Art 2D**, *New York State*

Markets - Art Walks

2024 **Art By Design - Northwest Art Alliance**, *Seattle, WA*

2021 - 2024 **Georgetown Art Attack**, *Seattle, WA*

2021 - 2023 **Backyard Market**, *Seattle, WA*

2023 **210 Night Market**, *Seattle, WA*

2023 **Spring Equinox Market**, *Seattle, WA*

2022 **Pioneer Square Art Walk**, *Seattle, WA*

2022 **Handmade Holiday Market - Second Use**, *Seattle, WA*

2022 **Mercer Island Art Uncorked**, *Mercer Island, WA*

2022 **Cutie Fest**, *Seattle, WA*

2022 **PhinneyWood Art Sale & Stroll**, *Seattle, WA*

Shops

- April 2024** **Postmark Center for the Arts Gift Shop**, Auburn, WA
- Present - 2023** **Big Whale Smalls**, Seattle, WA
- Present - 2023** **Fancy**, Seattle, WA

Related Experience

- Present - 2019** **Member** - Side Rail Collective, *siderailcollective.com*, Seattle, WA
- Present - 2018** **Installer and Fabricator** - Signs of Seattle, Seattle, WA
- 2019 - 2022** **Founder & Director** - Gallery Baird, *gallerybaird.com*, online art gallery
- 2018 - 2017** **Gallery Assistant** - Bakalar and Paine Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2018 - 2017** **Event Installer** - Art of the Event, *Wilmington, MA*
- 2018** **Volunteer** - ArtForma, nonprofit, Seattle, WA
- 2017 - 2013** **Member** - MassArt Iron Corps, Iron Casting Group, Boston, MA
- 2017** **Art Installer and Handler** - Harvard Carpenter Center, Boston, MA
- 2016** **Internship** - Candice Ivy, artist, *candiceivy.com*, Boston, MA
- 2015** **Volunteer** - Artisan's Asylum, artist work space, Somerville, MA