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## SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** **Epiphany Center for the Arts**, Wunderkammer, Chicago, IL  
**Riverside Arts Center**, *Expedition Spectrum*, Riverside, IL
- 2022** **[Salonlb.]**, *Simple Pleasures & Silver Linings: An Unseen Universe*, 10-year retrospective, Chicago, IL
- 2021** **Krasl Art Center**, *Boom Bloom with Nikki Renee Anderson*, St. Joseph, MI
- 2018** **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum**, *Hidden Worlds*, Chicago, IL [catalog]
- 2016** **Lois Lambert Gallery**, *Galactic Lagoons*, Santa Monica, CA
- 2014** **Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory**, *Negentropy with Bruce Riley*, Batavia, IL  
**Comfort Station**, *Fieldnotes*, Chicago, IL  
**Lubeznik Center for the Arts**, *Aquatic Kaleidoscope*, Michigan City, IN  
**South Shore Arts**, *Galactic Lagoons*, Munster, IN
- 2013** **Firecat Projects**, *Glow*, Chicago, IL  
**Union League Club**, *Protean Cosmos*, Chicago, IL
- 2012** **Adventureland Gallery**, *Amusements: Works on Paper*, Chicago, IL [catalog]  
**Ann Tower Gallery**, *Paracosmos*, Lexington, KY
- 2009** **Art Institute International Minnesota**, *Aquatic Landscapes*, Minneapolis, MN
- 2008** **Function+Art**, *Metaphoric Landscapes*, Chicago, IL  
**University of Illinois**, *Interior/Exterior*, Chicago, IL  
**Macomb Center for the Arts**, *Micro Macro with Sharon Massey*, Clinton Township, MI
- 2007** **Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art**, *Micro Macro*, Midland, MI
- 2006** **Ai-Gallery**, *A Closer Look with Ben Myers*, Chicago, IL  
**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center**, *Interior/Exterior*, Birmingham, MI  
**Mott Fine Art Gallery**, *Interior/Exterior*, Flint, MI
- 2002** **Galerie Soleil**, *Contortion*, Lexington, KY

## PUBLIC ART

- 2024** Finalist Design, *Cultivating Wonder*: terrazzo floor, CDB: AIA, SIUE Health Science Building, Edwardsville, IL  
City of Chicago DCASE Pre-Qualified Public Art Roster with 58 artists. *also in 2023, 2019*
- 2023** Finalist Design, CDB: Art-in-Architecture, Environmental Protection Agency/Sears, Springfield, IL  
Finalist Design, *Wonderwall*, CDB: Art-In-Architecture, Jefferson Terrace, Springfield, IL
- 2019** Finalist Design, *The Senses*, CDB: Art-In-Architecture, Triton College Health & Science, River Grove, IL
- 2018** Direct Art Purchase, *Elemental*, CDB: Art-In-Architecture, Illinois Math & Science Academy, Aurora, IL
- 2017** Mural: two 114-foot walls, *A Kaleidoscope of Hidden Worlds*, Chicago Public Art Group,  
Fullerton & DuSable Lake Shore Drive Underpass, Lincoln Park: Chicago, IL
- 2016** Mural, *X Marks the Milky Way*, Wabash Arts Corridor at Roosevelt & Wabash, downtown: Chicago, IL
- 2015** Finalist Design, *Micro Macro*: terrazzo floor, CDB: AIA, UIUC Bioprocessing Research Lab, Urbana, IL

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** **Dock 6 Art & Design 16**, Chicago, IL  
**Chicago Cultural Center**, *Hi-Buddy*, Chicago, IL, *also in 2022, 2023, 2024*  
**North Park Village Nature Center**, *Intertwined*, Chicago, IL
- 2024** **SoNA Contemporary Art**, *Lightness & Being*, Chicago, IL
- 2023** **Hyde Park Art Center**, *Not Just Another Pretty Face*, Chicago, IL [catalog] *also in 2019, 2016*  
awarded 5 private commissions in triennial recurring exhibition  
**Brushwood Center**, *Connecting to Our Common Ground*, Riverside, IL  
**Evanston Art Center**, *Horizons*, Evanston, IL  
**Reeves Art Center**, *Through the Looking Glass: Art+Science*, curated by Nicole Lampel, Woodstock, GA  
**Beverly Arts Center**, *Stardust: Artists Inspired by Life- from the Cellular to the Celestial*, Chicago, IL  
**Addington Gallery & Curators Gone Rouge**, *Small but Mighty*, Chicago, IL, *also in 2022*

- Elephant Room**, 12 x 12, Chicago, IL, *also in 2022*
- 2022 Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory**, *pARTicles 2*, Batavia, IL *also in 2021, 2020*
- 2021 Gallery 263**, *Flora*, juried by Mark Dion, Cambridge, MA
- 2020 Rockford Art Museum**, 76<sup>th</sup> *Midwestern Biennial*, juried by Jim Dempsey, Rockford, IL [catalog]  
**Hofheimer Gallery**, *The Bear Project*, Chicago, IL  
**Monmouth Museum**, 41<sup>th</sup> *Annual Exhibition*, Lincroft, NJ
- 2019 Evansville Art Museum**, *From the Light of the Silvery Moon*, Evansville, IN  
**Bridgeport Art Center**, 7<sup>th</sup> *Annual Exhibition*, Chicago, IL—Third Prize
- 2017 Art Science Gallery**, *Life As We Know It*, Austin, TX  
**Chicago Cultural Center**, *Pride and Perils of Chicago's Public Art*, Chicago, IL
- 2015 American University Museum**, *Locally Sourced*, Washington, DC  
**National Museum of Mexican Art**, *Bestiary*, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Packer Schopf Gallery**, group show, Chicago, IL  
**Angela Meleca Gallery**, group show, Columbus, OH  
**Andrew Rafacz Gallery**, *Inside/Within Anniversary*, Chicago, IL
- 2013 La Luz De Jesus Gallery**, *The Bus: 29 Hooligans from Chitown*, Los Angeles, CA  
**Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art**, *Ten x Ten*, a song and print collaboration, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Mission Cultural Center**, *You Are Beautiful*, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 Art on Track**, a mobile art installation on CTA train, curated by D. Addington & S. Blackman, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Ai-Gallery**, *The Bridge Art Fair*, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- 2005 South Bend Regional Museum of Art**, *Biennial 23*, juried by Aron Packer, South Bend, IN, [brochure]  
**Kresge Art Museum**, *Above and Below*, MFA Thesis exhibition, E. Lansing, MI

## SELECTED GRANTS, RESIDENCIES, & PROJECTS

- 2023** Still Inspired at Athenaeum Center, **Wonder**, performance of my paintings as dance
- 2021** Illinois Arts Council, Individual Artist Support Artist Project Grant
- 2021, 2017** City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs (DCASE), Individual Artist Program Grant
- 2015** Artist-in-Residence, printmaking focus on etching, Hoofprint Workshop, Chicago, IL
- 2015** Endangered Species Print Project, Coral Alliance, San Francisco, CA & Chicago, IL
- 2010, 2009** City of Chicago DCASE, Community Arts Assistance Program Grant
- 2005** MSU College of Arts & Letters Degree Completion Fellowship including tuition waiver & stipend
- 2004** MSU College of Arts & Letters one-month study abroad residency (self-directed), Tokyo, Japan

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- NewCity Magazine, *Luminous Imaginings: A Review of Robbins at Epiphany*, Susan Aurinko, Aug 2025.
- Making Space: 162 *Chicago Artists' Studios Photographs & Interviews*, Mark Ballogg, book Oct. 2023.
- Daily Northwestern, *EAC exhibit 'Horizons' challenges traditional landscape art*, Rose Carlson, Oct. 2023.
- Visualist with Bad at Sports, *Top V. Weekend Picks*, 12/15-12/21 2022.
- Newcity Art, *60wrd/min COVID Edition: BOOM BLOOM*, Lori Waxman, May 2021.
- Artspiel.com, *Artists on Coping- Artist Interview*, Melissa Stern, May 2020.
- Ahtcast, *Artist Audio Interview: Renee Robbins Part One & Two*, Philip J. Mellen, Jan. 2020.
- Chicago Gallery News, *Revealing Colorful Worlds*, Franck Mercurio, Oct 2018.
- PBS WTTW, Chicago Tonight, *New Mural Brightens Lake Shore Drive Underpass*, Mark Vitali, Aug 2017.
- Orion Magazine, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue, *Endangered*, Dec 2017.
- Chicago Magazine, *Chicago Became an Outdoor Museum*, Jason Fournberg, Dec 2017.
- Chicago Magazine, *How to Buy Art: Go Deep on a Genre*, Jason Fournberg, Sept 2017.
- Public Art in Chicago, *Chicago Celebrates 2017 as Year of Public Art*, Jyoti Srivastava, Nov. 2017.
- DNA info, *Huge 'Hidden Worlds' Brighten Fullerton Underpass at Lake Shore Drive*, Tex Cox, Sept 2017.
- Fox 32, *Artist Creates Impeccable Murals Along Lake Shore Drive*, Aug 2017.
- Inside/Within.com, *Renee Robbins' Macro-Biotic Breeds*, Kate Sierzputowski, Jan. 2014.
- Chicago Gallery News, *Chicago's Young Artists: What does the future hold?*, Kevin Nance, May - Aug. 2013.

## EDUCATION

- 2005 MFA**, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY—Studio Art, East Lansing, MI
- 2002 BFA**, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY—Studio Art, Lexington, KY