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Artist Statement:

As a professional artist, I call on memories and experiences to evoke mood and narrative in my artwork. Artistic inspiration comes from childhood memories and the desire to capture sacred moments. I enjoy connecting with people by creating universal human experiences using mixed media, oil painting, and figurative drawing. In my work I explore the delight of discovery and its relationship to identity.

Exhibitions:

2025 For the Love of Art

ArtCentre of Plano; Plano, Texas

2025 Dia de Muertos- The Happiest Memories

Bath House Cultural Center; Dallas, Texas

2025 Sheltering-A sense of place

Art on Main; Dallas, Texas

2025 Women in Art-Letting in the Light

Art on Main; Dallas, Texas

2024 Community Potluck: The Cedars Union All-Member Exhibition

Arts Fort Worth; Fort Worth, Texas

2024 Women in Art - A Joyful Journey

Art on Main; Dallas, Texas

2022 A Journey in Line and Color

Bath House Cultural Center; Dallas, Texas

2021 8th Annual Texas Juried Show

Art Space 111 online exhibit

2019 First Come First Served

Fort Works Gallery; Fort Worth, Texas

2018 Dia De Los Muertos

Bath House Cultural Center; Dallas, Texas

2018 Convergence, A Group Exhibition

Art Space; Dallas, Texas

2017, 2016 Fall Studio Exhibition

O'Keeffe Studio; Richardson, Texas

2003 Advanced Placement Teacher Show

Collin Community College; Plano, Texas

1994–2014 Plano ISD Faculty Show

Plano ISD Administration Building; Plano, Texas

Skills:

Art Instructor

Certified Art Education Teacher K-12 grades

- Certified Advanced Placement 2D Design Teacher
- Certified Advanced Placement Drawing Teacher
- Certified International Bachelorette Art Teacher
- Curriculum Development
- Teacher training
- Museum education field trip coordination
- Workshops for artists and teachers
- Organizing end of year art show
- Parent Conferences

High School Visual Art Department Head

- Hiring and scheduling teachers and substitutes
- Securing funding for teacher workshops at National Conferences
- Budget and art supply inventory
- Coordinating and scheduling Art School Visits
- Writing College Recommendation letters
- Lead Teacher for O'Donnell Foundation AP Art Grant for Plano East Sr. High

Figure Drawing Group Facilitator

- Coordinate schedule and collect funds for models
- Hire and provide guidance for models

- Acquire venues, furniture, easels, tables and chairs

Memberships:

- The Cedars Union Community Member
- Local Arts Clubs:
 - o Dallas Art Club, Artists Out and About, Urban Sketchers
- Museums:
 - o Dallas Museum of Art, Nasher Sculpture Center, Meadows Museum

Education:

- 1997 Masters of Art Education, University of North Texas
- 1982 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Stephen F. Austin State University

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2006–2014 Art Instructor Plano East Sr High

- Art Department Team Leader
- Taught International Baccalaureate Art, Advanced Placement 2D Design, and Art 2
- Directed art competitions, including VASE, Youth Art Month, Dallas Museum of Art Young Masters and Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation
- Prepared students for college by scheduling guest speakers from various art schools and writing recommendation letters

- Sponsored National Art Honor Society and after school student Art Club

2000–2006 Plano West Sr. High

- Taught Advanced Placement Drawing Portfolio and Art II
- Coordinated various local student art shows and displays
- Directed art competitions, including VASE, Youth Art Month, Dallas Museum of Art Young Masters, and Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation
- Prepared students for college by scheduling guest speakers from various art schools and writing recommendation letters
- Co-sponsored Art Club and National Art Honor Society

1999–2000 Plano Senior High School

- Taught Advanced Placement General Portfolio and Art III
- Sponsored Art Club and National Art Honor Society
- Taught Art I & II

1998–1999 Clark High School

- Taught Art I & II
- Led STAND committee for at-risk students

1996–1998 Carpenter Middle School

- Taught Design and Sculpture to students in sixth and eighth grade
- Instructed faculty in a week-long Summer Institute on Discipline Based Art
- Taught two-day seminar on Art Museums and Curriculum Connections with field trips to five area museums
- Received Getty Grant to implement Discipline Based Art
- Implemented computer technology and software into the art room
- Presented student art show at Mervyn's and served on STAND committee
- Staged Fine Arts Night Fundraiser

1994–1996 Mitchell Elementary/Huffman Elementary

- Taught first through fifth grade students basic art concepts and techniques with exposure to various mediums
- Worked closely with core teachers to implement art into other curriculum areas
- Conducted summer training for teachers, including tours of the Dallas Museum of Art
- Coordinated Fine Arts Night with 1st-4th grade teachers to promote Cultural and Artistic Awareness
- Taught Design, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Mixed Media, Sculpture, and Ceramics to first through fifth grade students

1991–1994 Watauga Middle School

- Taught Design, Drawing, Painting Printmaking, Mixed Media, Sculpture, and Ceramics to sixth through eighth grade students
- Planned and implemented museum field trips and district art shows
- Sponsored Art Club and various art-related community service projects including murals

1987–1990 North Richland Jr. High

- Taught Art I & II and yearbook publication classes
- Served as a Care Team Teacher, working with at-risk students