

# Michelle Dahl

Artist



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## EDUCATION

- Sierra Community College  
A.S. in Studio Arts, 2019

## AWARDS

Apr 2025 | Brea Gallery  
**Newcomer Award**

March 2025 | Teravarna  
**Talent Award - Figure**

Feb 2025 | Rocklin Fine Arts  
**1st Place Oil Painting**

2025 | Planned Parenthood Mar Monte  
**Artist in Residence**

May 2019 | Ridley Gallery  
**Purchase Award**

May 2019 | Sierra College Library  
**Dean's Choice Award**

## COLLECTIONS

**Ridley Gallery, Permanent Collection**  
Rocklin, CA, USA

## AFFILIATIONS

- National Oil and Acrylic Painters (NOAPS)
- Oil Painters of America (OPA)
- Portrait Painters of America

## ABOUT

Raised in a rural environment, I came to art as a means of exploration and connection. My work draws on mythology and personal narratives of adversity, particularly the hero's journey. I view art as an act of resilience, offering understanding beyond language. After a severe injury in 2013, my focus turned inward to themes of emotional transformation. Light plays a central role in shaping the form and psychological narrative. Working in oil, I use both direct painting and glazed layers, pairing strong draftsmanship with intuitive color relationships and restrained surreal elements to support emotionally driven narratives. My work has been exhibited throughout California, Washington, and London and has received recognition including the Ridley Gallery Purchase Award and a 2025 Artist-in-Residence with Planned Parenthood.

## SELECT EXHIBITS

### Solo Exhibitions

2024 | The Catalyst "Trojan Horse" Stockton, CA, USA  
2024 | Arthouse Gallery "Incandescent Umbra" Sacramento, CA, USA  
2022 | The Art Studios "100 Portraits" Sacramento, CA, USA

### Group Exhibitions

2025 | Mall Galleries "164<sup>th</sup> Society of Women Artists International" London, UK  
2025 | Brea Gallery "Made in California" Brea, CA  
2025 | Richeson Gallery "Richeson75 Still Life & Flowers" Online  
2025 | Gallery 1075 "Women History Month" West Sacramento, CA  
2025 | Teravarna Art Gallery "9<sup>th</sup> Figurative" Online  
2025 | Rocklin Fine Arts "RFA 2025 Juried Show" Rocklin, CA  
2024 | The MACC "National Mother Lode Art Exhibit" Rancho Cordova, CA  
2024 | A Space In Between, Sacramento, CA  
2024 | Northern CA Dance Conservatory "Synthesis" Roseville, CA  
2023 | The Catalyst "Dia de los Muertos" Stockton, CA  
2023 | Crocker Art Museum "Big Names, Little Art" Sacramento, CA  
2022 | The Spanish Fly "In Bloom" Sacramento, CA  
2022 | The Catalyst "Celebrating Women in Art" Stockton, CA  
2021 | Willapa Heritage Foundation "Hearts for the Arts" South Bend, WA  
2019 | Sierra College Library "Friends of the Library Book Art" Rocklin, CA  
2019 | Ridley Gallery "Student Art Show" Rocklin, CA

## PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, Chris D, *Painting Outside the Lines: Sacramento artists aim to inspire the next generation of women*, The State Hornet; Arts & Entertainment. March 17, 2025. <https://statehornet.com/2025/03/womens-history-month-artists-gina-grice-michelle-dahl-west-sacramento-community-center/>

Vonderschmitt, Andrew, *A New Art Joint in Town*, Artist Interview, The Mountain Democrat, USA. January 17, 2025. [https://www.mtdemocrat.com/prospecting/a-new-join-in-town/article\\_9e625c0a-ce06-11ef-a4aa-f387183da559.html](https://www.mtdemocrat.com/prospecting/a-new-join-in-town/article_9e625c0a-ce06-11ef-a4aa-f387183da559.html)

*Michelle Dahl: Life's Faces*, Artist Interview, Aurum Journal, UK. August 28, 2022, <https://aurumjournal.wixsite.com/creative-space/post/michelle-dahl-life-s-faces>

## TEACHING

- Guest Speaker. *Origins of my Art and Business*, Women's History Month Artist Talk, Woodland Community College, Woodland, CA. 2024.
- Teacher, *Portraits with a Limited Palette*, Independent Artist Studio, Sacramento, CA, 2025
- Teacher, *Alla Prima Workshop*, The Catalyst Gallery, Stockton, CA, 2023
- Moderator, Organizer, *Career Creatives*, Panel Discussion, CLARA Auditorium, Sacramento, CA, 2023
- Teacher, *1<sup>st</sup> Mondays Workshop*, The Art Studios, Sacramento, CA, 2022