
SELECTED HONORS & RECOGNITION

2026 - **ArtPop Artist Cohort**

Selected for the 2026 cohort; *Morning Glory* featured on billboards throughout the Charlotte region and in Times Square, Dallas, and Belgium.

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2026 - **Look and See**, Cain Center for the Arts, Cornelius, NC

- **Guiding the Mint: Transformation**, Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC

- **ArtFields**, The Beautique, Lake City, SC

- **13th Annual Winter Juried Exhibit**, Mooresville Arts, Mooresville, NC

2025 - **Kindred Spirits Members' Exhibit**, Mooresville Arts, Mooresville, NC

- **Annual Juried Exhibition**, Artists Collective, Spartanburg, SC

- **12th Annual Winter Juried Exhibit**, Mooresville Arts, Mooresville, NC

2024 - **Annual Juried Art Show**, Union County Arts Council, Union, SC

- **Feel the Heal Exhibition**, The Bascom, Highlands, NC

- **ArtFields**, Green Frog Social House, Lake City, SC

2019 - **NAEA Juried Members Exhibition**, Virtual Gallery, arteducators.org

2018 - **NAEA Juried Members Exhibition**, Virtual Gallery, arteducators.org

2017 - **Annual Juried Show**, Arts Council of York County, Rock Hill, SC

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

2026 - **The Hands Project – Invited Artist**

One of 100 artists invited through a peer nomination process to create an original painting incorporating a cast of the artist's own hand. Traveling exhibition in Charlotte, NC; Columbia, SC; and Rock Hill, SC, benefiting foster care.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 - **Annual Arts Council of York County Members Show**, Center of the Arts, Rock Hill, SC
- 2024 - **Works by the Catawba River Art Guild**, Lancaster County Council of the Arts, Lancaster, SC
- **Hot and Cold Exhibition**, Mooresville Arts at the Depot, Mooresville, NC
- **Annual Arts Council of York County Members Show**, Center of the Arts, Rock Hill, SC
- **Works by the Catawba River Art Guild**, Union County Arts Council, Union, SC
- **Local Artists Exhibition**, Piedmont Medical Center, Fort Mill, SC
- 2023 - **Catawba River Art Guild Members Exhibit**, Center of the Arts, Rock Hill, SC
- 2019 - **FMSD Art Educators Exhibit**, Wells Fargo, Tega Cay, SC
- **York County Art Teachers Exhibit**, Center of the Arts, Rock Hill, SC
- 2018 - **FMSD Educators Exhibit**, Wells Fargo, Tega Cay, SC
- **York County Art Teachers Exhibit**, Center of the Arts, Rock Hill, SC
- **Disconnection, The Sketchbook Project Vol. 14**, Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017 - **AP Art Teachers Exhibition**, Curtis R. Harley Gallery, USC Upstate, Spartanburg, SC
- **Educators=Creators**, Olive's Mud Puddle, Fort Mill, SC 29715
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PUBLIC & CORPORATE COMMISSIONS

- 2025 - **Visit York County**
Commissioned to create *Choose Your Adventure in York County* for the cover of the 2025 Visit York County Destination Guide. The painting was also featured in regional tourism advertising and event banners. The original painting is held at Visit York County, Rock Hill, SC.
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PRESS

- 2026 - **ArtPop unveils community works**, WBTV, by Rachel Richardson
- **Big Macs, injury lawyers move aside. These York County artists' works will be on billboards soon.**, The Post and Courier, York County, by Lamaur Stancil
- 2025 - **Meet the Cover Artist**, Explore York County, SC, Destination Guide, Visit York County
- 2024 - **Rising Stars: Meet Kelly Lucarelli**, South Carolina Voyager
- 2023 - **Artist & Designer Kelly Lucarelli Opens New Art Gallery in Downtown Fort Mill**, WCCB Charlotte

EDUCATION

- 2017 **Masters of Art in Teaching: Art, K-12**, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
 AP Art & Design Certification, University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC
- 2000 **Bachelor of Fine Arts: Graphic Design**, Ball State University, Muncie, IN
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023- Present **Teaching Artist**, Luca Studio & Gallery, Fort Mill, SC
 Lead small-group workshops and private instruction for teens and adults in painting and drawing. Courses include acrylic, watercolor, pastels, mixed media, portraiture, landscapes, abstraction, and still life. Programs include homeschool art studio sessions, private art lessons, creative coaching, and specialty workshops.
- 2025 **Watercolor Instructor**, ST-ARTS Summer Program, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
 Taught watercolor to middle school students in the university's summer arts enrichment program for advanced young artists. Instruction focused on a range of watercolor processes including abstraction and expressive landscape painting.
- 2017-2023 **Art Educator**, Fort Mill High School, Fort Mill, SC
 Taught high school visual arts courses including drawing, painting, and portfolio development. Mentored students in creative problem-solving and supported participation in regional and national competitions including Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the Congressional Art Competition, ArtFields Jr., and ArtPop. Organized student exhibitions, community art projects, and museum field experiences, and hosted art education interns from Winthrop University.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-Present **Luca Studio & Gallery** Owner & Studio Artist, Fort Mill, SC
 Operate a working artist studio and teaching space offering workshops, classes, and creative programming for teens and adults. Develop and teach courses in painting, drawing, and mixed media while maintaining an active studio practice.
 Previously presented rotating exhibitions of regional artists.
- 2005-2015 **Luca Design, Inc.**, Owner and Creative Director, Charlotte, NC/Fort Mill, SC
- 2014 **Mythic**, Art Director, Charlotte, NC
- 2003-2005 **Creative Loafing Newspaper**, Account Executive, Charlotte, NC
- 2001-2003 **Red F Marketing**, Graphic Designer, Charlotte, NC
- 2000-2001 **Ruttle Design Group**, Junior Graphic Designer, Cincinnati, OH

COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP

2026-Present **Member, Guild of Charlotte Artists**, Charlotte, NC

2025-Present **Board Member, Downtown Fort Mill Co-Op**, Fort Mill, SC

- **Lead organizer for Third Thursdays Art Crawl**, a recurring downtown arts event connecting local artists, galleries, and businesses. Coordinate communications with the Town of Fort Mill to support downtown arts programming and cultural initiative.
- **Committee Member & Contributing Artist**, Discover Downtown Fort Mill Coloring Book, a community arts initiative promoting local businesses and creativity.
- **Committee Member, Miracle on Main Street** holiday event (2024-Present); coordinate high school volunteers to create handmade props, decorations, and character experiences for the community celebration.

2024-Present **Member, Cultural District Committee**, Fort Mill, SC

Member, Mooresville Arts, Mooresville, NC

2023-Present **Member, Arts Council of York County**, Rock Hill, SC

Member, Catawba River Arts Guild, Rock Hill, SC

- **Website Committee Member & Designer** (2024-2025); collaborated with committee to plan site structure, designed and maintained the guild website, and trained members to update and manage content.
- **Guest Artist Presenter** - Share about my creative professional journey and artistic processes, followed by a short lesson on drawing from imagination (2024).

2025-2026 **Art Juror**, Memory of the Mill Art Competition, Fort Mill History Museum, Fort Mill, SC

Art Juror, Stormwater Art Contest (K-12), Town of Fort Mill, SC

2025 **Art Juror**, Annual Strawberry Festival Art Poster Competition, Town of Fort Mill, SC

Job Shadow Host for Fort Mill School District Student, Luca Studio & Gallery, Fort Mill, SC

2024 **Art Juror**, York County High Schools Art Exhibit, Center for the Arts, Rock Hill, SC

Curator, Art Exhibitions, Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill, SC

- Curated two exhibitions featuring regional artists.

2023 **Volunteer Artist, Stormwater Mural Project**, Kingsley Town Center, Fort Mill, SC