

April Werle

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Lives and works in Missoula, Montana

April Werle is a narrative painter depicting mixed-race identity, memory, and diaspora through haunting, color-drenched domestic scenes. Werle's work is deeply inspired by her parents' arranged marriage and growing up in an immigrant home in Montana. Her recent solo exhibitions include *Our Sometimes Home*, Glacier Art Museum; *I Live With a Ghost*, PlatteForum; and *My Other Half*, The Chase Gallery. Her work has also been exhibited at Brea Gallery and the Montana Museum of Art and Culture. Werle completed a residency at PlatteForum and the Emerging Artist Residency at Centrum. She was awarded the Creative West Artist Fund Award, as well as the ARPA Grant and the Strategic Investment Grant from the Montana Arts Council. Her work has been featured in *New American Paintings* and *Create! Magazine*.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2027 (*forthcoming*) The Family Channel, Bryan Oliver Gallery at Whitworth University, Spokane, WA
- 2026 *Our Sometimes Home*, Glacier Art Museum, Kalispell, MT
- 2025 *I Live With a Ghost*, PlatteForum, Denver, CO
- 2025 *My Other Half*, Chase Gallery, Spokane, WA
- 2024 *Secret Life of a Multicultural Couple*, Bell Projects, Denver, CO
- 2023 *Halo-Halo: The Mixed Children*, Zootown Arts Community Center, Missoula, MT
- 2022 *Mga Hunghong Sa Diwata (Whispers of Spirits)*, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 (*forthcoming*) *A Homecoming*, Gallery of Arts, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
- 2026 *Mixed Feelings: Existing in the Space Between*, Brea Gallery, Brea, CA
- 2025 *Brown Palms, Yellow Balms: Reinventing Caregivers of Color*, SOMArts, San Francisco, CA; curated by O.M. France Viana
- 2025 *19 Under 39*, Montana Museum of Art and Culture, Missoula, MT
- 2024 - 2022 *Co-Flourish Touring Exhibition* by Open AIR, MT
- 2023 *Acts of Liberation*, The Other Art Fair LA, Santa Monica, CA; curated by Taylor Bythewood-Porter
- 2022 *Imaging the Sacred*, Missoula Art Museum, Missoula, MT

Selected Awards

2026 Artist-in-Residence, Open AIR
2025 Artist-in-Residence, PlatteForum
2024 Emerging Artist Residency, Centrum
2024 Artist Fund Award, Creative West
2023 Strategic Investment Grant, Montana Arts Council
2022 ARPA Grant, Montana Arts Council

Selected Bibliography

2026 New American Paintings, Issue 180
2024 Create! Magazine, Issue 47
2024 Artwork Archive, "Why This Artist's 'Hands-on' Depiction of Mixed-Race Stories Is So Powerful"
2024 Art Squat Magazine, Issue 9
2024 Mahalaya, "Between Manila and Montana: April Werle's Artistic Exploration of Mixed-Race Identity, Belonging, and Family"
2024 State of the Arts, Winter Issue. Montana Arts Council
2023 New Visionary Magazine, Issue 8

Selected Artist Talks/Visits

2027 (*forthcoming*) Visiting Artist, Whitworth University
2026 Artist Presentation, Open AIR
2025 Artist Talk, 19 Under 39 Exhibition, Montana Museum of Art and Culture
2024 Keynote Speaker, Asian Student Interracial Association, Montana State University

Professional Affiliations

2023 - Present Asian American Women Artists Association

Education

2017 BFA, University of Montana