



MELANA BONTRAGER | Resume

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EDUCATION

Spring 1999 MA – Creative Arts Therapy,
Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

Spring 1997 BFA – Art/Psychology,
Taylor University, Upland, IN

Spring 1996 Photography/Painting/Drawing,
Studio Art Centers International, Florence, Italy

SOLO/FEATURED EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Modus Operandi*, Walker Fine Art, Denver, CO
- 2021 *Tension and Release*, Walker Fine Art, Denver, CO
- 2021 *Other People's Conversations*, J.Rinehart Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2019 *DeConstructed*, Traumhaus Gallery, Snohomish, WA
- 2019 *Art of Story*, Michael Birawer Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2019 *Drawn Into Story*, Art and Music Collaboration with Moodybear Music, Everett, WA
- 2018 *Landscape Abstracts*, Traumhaus Gallery, Snohomish, WA
- 2016 *Art and Wine*, Wicked Cellars Gallery, Painting and Jazz Collaboration Event, Everett, WA
- 2014 *Fresh Paint Artist Festival*, Featured artist, Everett, WA
- 2012 *Art and Wine*, Wicked Cellars Gallery, Multi-discipline Art Collaboration, Everett, WA
- 2010 *Art, Wine, and Music*, Wicked Cellars Gallery, Everett, WA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Juried Alumni Exhibition*, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 2019 *Salon Style*, J.Rinehart Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2019 *Introductions*, J.Rinehart Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2018 *Holiday Show*, Michael Birawer Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2018 *Arts Bestowed*, Traumhaus Gallery, Snohomish, WA
- 2008-2018 *Fresh Paint Artist Festival*, Juried participant, Everett, WA
- 2018 *Seattle Emerging Arts Fair*, Seattle Art Post, Seattle, WA
- 2018 *Bellevue Art Museum Arts Festival*, Bellevue, WA
- 2018 *Make Your Mark*, Summer National Juried Exhibition, Marin MOCA, Novato, CA
- 2018 *Visual Impressions*, Juried group show, Ryan James Fine Arts, Kirkland, WA
- 2017 *4th Annual Living Mark Exhibition*, Juried group show, Verum Ultimum, Portland, OR
- 2017 *Emerald Spring Exhibition*, Juried group show, Emerald Art Center, Springfield, OR
- 2017 *WAOW Spring Online Exhibit*, Juried group show, WAOW.org
- 2016 *20th Juried Show*, Schack Art Center, Juried group show, Everett, WA
- 2015 *Microcosmos*, Gallery 621, Juried group show, Benicia, CA
- 2015 *Juried Alumni Exhibition*, Taylor University, Juried group show, Upland, IN
- 2013 *17th Juried Show*, Schack Art Center, Juried group show, Everett, WA
- 2011 *16th Juried Show*, Schack Art Center, Juried group show, Everett, WA
- 2010 *Pacific Northwest Abstract Show*, Gallery by the Bay, Group show, Stanwood, WA
- 2009 *Art and Furniture Show*, White Sage Studio, Ballard, WA
- 2009 *Art and Architecture*, collaboration with TeamTroy Realty, Ballard, WA
- 2008 *Art on the Town*, Gallery by the Bay, Bellevue, WA
- 2007 *Spring Show*, Gallery by the Bay, Stanwood, WA
- 2007 *Local Art*, Lowell Artworks Gallery, Lowell, WA

ART COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2022 *Lead Set Painter*, Beauty and the Beast, Providence Classical Christian School, Bothell, WA
- 2010-2022 *H'Arts Auction*, Schack Art Center, Art donation/participation, Everett, WA
- 2016-2020 *Pints and Pumpkins*, Schack Art Center, Commissioned Art pieces, Everett, WA
- 2017 *Theater Set Design*, Commissioned Painted Set, The Dance School, Everett, WA
- 2016-17 *Reflections*--Port Gardner Art Competition, Chair, Everett, WA
- 2016 *Reflections*--Everett School District Competition, Juror, Everett, WA
- 2016 *WAOW*--Women Artists of the West, Associate member
- 2015 *Reflections*—PTSA Mukilteo Art Competition, Juror, Mukilteo, WA
- 2014 *Scholastic Art Awards*, Juror, Snohomish Co, WA
- 2013 *Schack Art Center*, Grant, 2014 art festival poster, Everett, WA
- 2013 *Street Tunes*, Commissioned public art piece, Everett, WA
- 2013 *Washington State Art Educators Conference*, Presenter, Des Moines, WA
- 2011 *City of Everett Art Collaboration*, Commissioned City mural project, Everett, WA