
Nikki Painter

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Born 1980, Virginia

EDUCATION

2009- 2007 MFA in Studio Art, American University, Washington, DC

2002- 1998 BFA in Painting and Printmaking, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, *Pattern Gardens*
2018 Shockoe Artspace, Richmond, VA, *Shape Shifting*
2015 Fine Arts Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Marinette, Marinette, WI, *Site Cycle: Moments and Versions*
Rueff Gallery, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, *Site Cycle: Moments and Versions*
Twelve21 Gallery, Orlando, FL, *Deconstructing Reality*
2013 Civilian Art Projects, Washington, DC, *Neon Planar*
2012 COOP, Nashville, TN, *Space Spells*
2011 Civilian Art Projects, Washington, DC, *Site/Schema*
2010 Rawls Museum Arts, Courtland, VA, *Alternating Realities*
2009 Civilian Art Projects, Washington, DC, *Debrisclapes*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, VA, *Spare Parts*
Northwest Arts Center, Minot State University, Minot, ND, *INT'L All Media 2025*
The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, Glen Allen, VA, *Environment at Risk*
Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, *RVA4CERF+ Exhibition and Auction*
2024 University of Mary Washington Galleries, Fredericksburg, VA, *Mid-Atlantic New Painting 2024*
Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA, *Cut Paste Create: The Art of Collage*
Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, *The Art of Collage*
2023 Slow Ready, The Gallery, Cheriton, VA, *Holiday Works on Paper*
The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, Glen Allen, VA, *Environment at Risk*
Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, *Teeny Tiny Trifecta*
The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE, *Color Speaks*
Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC, *The Barlow Gilotty Collection*
2022 Shockoe Artspace, Richmond, VA, *FEAST!*
Artlink, Fort Wayne, IN, *Nocturne*
Indiana University Kokomo Art Gallery, Kokomo, IN, *Drawn*
Crooked Tree Arts Center, Traverse City, MI, *Small Worlds*
Zeitgeist Gallery, Nashville, TN, *Art of the South*
BUOY Gallery, Kittery, ME, *Garden Party*
Stay Home Gallery, Paris, TN, *Wax & Wane*
2021 Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA, *Made in Virginia*
Artspace Gallery, Richmond, VA, *ThinkSmall 11*
Dodomu Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, *Heatwave (virtual)*
Gormley Gallery, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD, *32nd National*

- Drawing and Print Exhibition*
- 2020** Shockoe Artspace, Richmond, VA, *The Things We Build*
 St. Louis Artists' Guild, Clayton, MO, *New Perspectives in Drawing and Painting (virtual)*
 Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences, Loveladies, NJ, *Works on Paper 2020: National Juried Exhibition*
 Gallery5, Richmond, VA, *Dreams (virtual)*
- 2019** The Broad Gallery for Women in the Arts, Richmond, VA, *She Blooms in the Winter*
 Shockoe Artspace, Richmond, VA, *CURRENT 2019*
 McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA, *Strictly Painting 12*
 Barrett Arts Center, Poughkeepsie, NY, *Juxtaposition: Contemporary Collage*
 Crooked Tree Arts Center, Traverse City, MI, *Fresh Cuts: The Art of Papercraft*
- 2018** Plant Zero Project Space, Richmond, VA, *Environment at Risk*
 Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA, *Young + Artful*
 Charles Taylor Visual Arts Center, Hampton, VA, *Virginia Artists*
 Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, WV, *Exhibition 280*
 Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA, *Sign of the Times*
 Maitland Arts & History Museum, Maitland, FL, *Women of the Research Studio: Past and Present*
- 2017** 1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA, *CURRENT 2017*
 Daegu Arts Center, South Korea, *15th Annual Exchange Exhibition of AOH*
 Artspace Gallery, Richmond, VA, *ThinkSmall 9*
 Taubman Museum, Roanoke, VA, *Homeward Bound*
 1708 Gallery/Black Iris, Richmond, VA, *Cabin Fever*
- 2016** Linden Row Inn/1708 Gallery Satellite Space, Richmond, VA, *Art Among the Ruins*
 Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY, *Funhouse*
 Grand Gallery, McNeese University, Lake Charles, LA, *29th Annual McNeese Works on Paper*
- 2015** The Gallery at NOVA-Woodbridge, Northern Virginia Community College, Woodbridge, VA, *Material/Method: Contemporary Practices in Painting*
 FAB Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, *Space Jam*
 Sediment, Richmond, VA, *The Soul and the Pawn Shop*
- 2014** Artisphere, Arlington, VA, *Washington Project for the Arts' SELECT: 2015*
 Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art, Reston, VA, *LineWorks: Drawing Redefined*
 Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY, *Ecstatically Quiet*
 Project 4, Washington, DC, *Centerfold Artist*
 Museum of Contemporary Art Arlington, Arlington, VA, *CSA: 40 Years of Community-Sourced Art*
- 2013** Volume, Bethlehem, PA, *Volume Recap Show*
 Alter Space, San Francisco, CA, *Practicing to Pretend*
 Delicious Spectacle, Washington, DC, *Unfettered*
- 2012** McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA, *Edges and Grids*
 Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, Maryland, *The Sum of the Parts*
- 2011** Scope Miami/Civilian Art Projects, Miami, FL
 Rawls Museum Arts, Courtland, VA, *Episodic Narrative*
- 2011** Artspace, Richmond, VA, *Radius 250*
- 2010** Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC, *RE-VISION: American University Alumni*
 Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA, *New Waves 2010*
- 2009** Scope Miami/Civilian Art Projects, Miami, FL
 Transformer/X-Initiative, New York, NY, *No Soul For Sale*
 New American Paintings, The Open Studios Press, Boston, MA, *Mid-Atlantic States #81*
- 2008** Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC, *RESULTS*
 Randall Scott Gallery, Washington, DC, *Quasi-Painting*
 F.U.E.L. Collection, Philadelphia, PA, *Grand Small Works*
 Transformer and Heineman Myers, Washington, DC, *Paper Trail*
 Civilian Art Projects, Washington, DC, *Quart Bag*
 Paperwork Gallery, Baltimore, MD, *Paper Airplane*
 Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC, *NINE*
- 2006** Gallery 5, Richmond, VA, *Urban Scrawl*

SELECTED AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2024** Artist Fellowship Residency, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Amherst, VA
- 2023** Shirley Holden Helberg Grant for Mature Women, National League of American Pen Women, Washington, DC
Fellowship for Works on Paper, Virginia Commission for the Arts, Richmond, VA
- 2021** Purchase Prize, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, MD
- 2020** Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Visual Artist Relief Fellowship, Richmond, VA
Selected Artist for WINDOWS by Golden Triangle BID, Washington, DC
- 2017** Artist Residency, Maitland Arts & History Museum, Maitland, FL
- 2016** Artist Residency, Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA
- 2015** Adjunct Research Assistance Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2014** Artist Residency, Jentel Foundation, Banner, WY
- 2010** First Runner Up in New Waves 2010, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2009** Mellon Research Grant, American University, Washington, DC
Wolpoff Purchase Award, American University, Washington, DC
- 2006** Artist Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESS

- UPPERCASE Magazine**, Issue 64: Transform, Uppercase Publishing, Inc., Calgary, AB, January, 2025.
- Washington Post**, Kriston Capps, "AU Museum Spotlights Two of the D.C. Art Scene's Keenest Observers," March 14, 2023.
- NOT REAL ART**, Morgan Laurens, "Q+Art: Dimensional Drawings: Nikki Painter Constructs Tiny, Self-Contained Worlds," November 29, 2021.
- All She Makes Magazine**, Issue 3, Erika B. Hess, "Studio Visit Interview with Nikki Painter," November, 2021.
- Commonwealth Times**, Aaron Royce, "'She Blooms in Winter' Plants Garden-worthy Art in The Broad Gallery," February 4, 2020.
- Shockoe Artspeak**, Ryan Lauterio and Garreth Blackwell, "Shape Shifting: a Talk with Nikki Painter," iTunes, February 6, 2019.
- Orlando Weekly**, Richard Reep and Jessica Bryce Young, "Orlando's 2018 exhibitions snapped our eyes wide open," December 26, 2018.
- Just Add Watercolor: Inspiration and Painting Techniques from Contemporary Artists**, Helen Birch, Chronicle Books, 2015.
- Washington City Paper**, Louis Jacobson, "Neon Planar and Offerings at Civilian Art Projects: Two DC artists find occasional beauty in decay," September 2013.
- Freehand: Sketching Tips and Tricks Drawn from Art**, Helen Birch, Chronicle Books LLC, San Francisco, CA, 2013.
- San Francisco Arts Quarterly Online**, Matthew Marchand, "Practicing to Pretend at Alter Space, San Francisco, Part 2 of 2," August, 2013.
- Washington Post**, Michael O'Sullivan, "Going Out Guide Art Review: The Sum of the Parts," March 8, 2012.
- New American Paintings**, Mid-Atlantic States Competition #81, The Open Studios Press, Boston, MA, April 2009.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Notre Dame of Maryland University**, Baltimore, MD
Capital One Corporate Art Collection, Richmond, VA
Katzen Museum, American University, Washington, DC