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# 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-Marquette, 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*  
American University Museum, 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, *15<sup>th</sup> 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** American University Museum, 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** American University Museum, 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*  
 American University Museum, 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  
**American University Museum**, Katzen Arts Center, Washington, DC