

# LAUREN IACOPONI

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## SUMMARY

Lauren Iacoponi has a decade of experience working as a fine art professional. Iacoponi excels in independent curation, exhibition coordination, and promoting fine art. Iacoponi is keenly interested in developing living artists and actively promotes the work of emerging mid-career and under-represented artists. For more information, visit: [www.laurenike.com](http://www.laurenike.com)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **2024 Curatorial Assistant**, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL

December 2024 - present

- Support exhibition preparations, including installation and coordination of didactic materials
- Organize and curate in-house exhibitions
- Write and edit curatorial copy
- Work with exhibitions team to select exhibition proposals and oversee the coordination, presentation, installation, and delivery of exhibitions (8 contemporary exhibitions annually, and 2 exhibitions curated from works in UIMA's permanent collection)
- Assist with collection management and research
- Assist with new acquisitions and budget tracking
- Intern management
- Work with Development Coordinator to research, write, and acquire grants

### **2023 Director of Exhibitions**, DEPS, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL

September 2023 - June, 2024

- Oversee the coordination, presentation, installation, and delivery of exhibitions and public art projects for Glass Curtain Gallery, c33 Gallery, Hokin Gallery, Wabash Arts Corridor (WAC) and the Arcade
- Organize and curate exhibitions and public art for the department
- Serve as a liaison between Department of Exhibitions and Performance Spaces (DEPS) and internal/external parties to finalize exhibition details, including contracts, timeline, shipping, press materials, installation, reception, and other decisions concerning exhibitions
- Oversee exhibition and public art involvement in campus-wide events such as Manifest, Orientation, Open House, and Columbia Weekend
- Work with Strategic Communications and External Relations to write press releases and attract critical attention
- Work with the exhibitions team to develop new programming, playing an active role in acquiring and developing exhibition proposals and selecting artists for WAC
- Write and edit a range of texts in conjunction with exhibitions, including but not limited to essays, labels, promotional texts, and content for publications, website content, press releases, and fundraising materials
- Work with designers to create related print, web, installation, and advertising materials
- Work with Executive Director and Exhibitions Coordinator to research, write, and acquire grants

**Exhibitions and Collections Manager**, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL

May 2023 - September 2023

- Develop and oversee exhibitions in our main galleries and historic home, the McCormick House.
- Tasked with scheduling, budgets, research, loan coordination, shipping and insurance, installation design, and fabrication.
- Research and write interpretive materials relating to exhibitions and programming.
- Recruit and oversee contracted preparators, part-time staff, interns, and volunteers relating to the exhibitions and collections.
- Manage the museum's permanent collection and software.
- Design museum's promotion materials such as flyers, posters, exhibition take-aways, special event invitations and associated materials.
- Give lectures and tours of the museum's campus, including off-site lectures and presentations.
- Interact with the Board of Directors, museum patrons and members, galleries, collectors, and artists.

**2020 Curatorial Assistant**, Johalla Projects, Chicago, IL

January 2020 - 2021 (Freelance)

- Source artwork for corporate, private, and public art collections
- Develop proposals and project briefs
- Liaison between artists and client
- Assist with event programming

**Art Sourcing Services**, Freelance, Television, and Video

- Sourced artwork for the set design of *Single Drunk Female*, Fox Television Series (2021)
- Sourced artwork for Tim Klein Framed (2020 - 21)

**2019 Chicago Representative**, Boccara Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2019 - 2023 (Freelance)

- Boccara is an International Art Dealing Agency with a global network of galleries and exhibition spaces
- Boccara Fine Art specializes in Modern and Contemporary Art from the 20th and 21st Century
- Boccara exhibits in over fifteen International Art Exhibitions a year, from New York and Miami to Hong Kong and Shanghai
- Responsible for consulting on corporate, private, and public art collections
- Responsible for signing and representing new artists
- Developing proposals and project briefs
- International art sales

**2017 Exhibition Coordinator, Co-Curator**, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

2017 - 2019

- Curate exhibitions
- Hang Shows
- Responsible for creating and managing the website
- Creating and curating shareable content
- Building and managing social media profiles and presence
- Writing and distributing Rubberneck newsletter

**2014 Studio Director**, Darryll Schiff Fine Art, Chicago, IL

October 2014 – 2019

- Coordinate communications for the studio
- Procure art for architecture firms and interior design firms
- Handle promotions, marketing, and social media
- Write press releases
- Conduct research
- In-studio design work
- Project and exhibition planning
- Develop project briefs
- Handle sales and acquisitions
- Coordinate art fairs in New York and Miami
- Co-curate En Foco Gallery exhibitions
- Manage En Foco Gallery Artsy

**2016 Instructor**, 3D Design, School of Art and Design, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

2016 - 2018

- Curriculum Writing
- Lesson plans
- Lecture presentations
- Demonstrations
- Lead group discussions
- Statement writing
- Lead critique

**2015 Graduate Research Assistant**, Fiber Program + Sculpture, School of Art and Design, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

2015 - 2018

- Graduate Assist Fiber Installation, Paper Making, Sculpture I + II and Surface classes
- Supplement lesson plans through readings, demonstrations, and presentations
- Manage and write a blog for Recycled / Re-seen special topics fiber course
- Conduct Research
- Lead group discussions
- Train on Hollander Beater
- Classroom preps + Shop tech

**2014 Gallery Sales Associate**, Hoypoloi Gallery, Chicago, IL

2014 - 2015

- Responsible for sales and acquisitions
- Managed inventory, balanced register, and keyholder for gallery

**2014 Gallery Assistant**, Art Alliance: The Provocateurs

- Gallery assistant for a pop-up exhibition curated by Shepard Fairey

**VOLUNTEER + COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES**

**2021 Board Member**, Dispatch Gallery, Online counterpart to Unpacked Mobile Gallery

January 2021 - 2023

- Co-curate and organize *CONNECTION* - video, sound art, and performance art virtual exhibition
- Design promotional materials
- Conduct interviews
- Host panel discussions
- [www.dispatchgallery.org](http://www.dispatchgallery.org)

**Gallery Manager**, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL

January 2021 - present

- Host gallery hours
- Design promotional materials
- Co-manage social media accounts
- Write and distribute gallery newsletter
- Manage website
- Collaborations with gallery director
- Conduct research
- Exhibition writing
- Merchandise sales
- Assist with opening receptions and gallery programming
- Assist with art fairs; Members of New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA Miami, New York)
- [www.cleanergallery.com](http://www.cleanergallery.com)

**2020 Founder**, Purple Window, Co-op Gallery and Public Art Initiative, Chicago, IL

March 2020 - present

- Director of Purple Window Gallery inside Mana Contemporary Chicago (est. September 2022)
- Curate gallery exhibitions, facilitate co-curated exhibitions, install exhibitions, and coordinate events and programming including opening receptions, artist talks, and pop-up events
- Facilitated *Hello Neighbor*, a series of satellite exhibitions held in domestic and storefront windows to showcase artwork to the outside world during shelter in place.
- Documentation images, artist statements, and personal narratives regarding *Hello Neighbor* can be found on our blog: [www.purplewindowgallery.com](http://www.purplewindowgallery.com)
- *Hello Neighbor* exhibitions took place across the United States in Illinois, Washington, West Virginia, Indiana, Iowa, California, Arizona, North Carolina, Ohio, Massachusetts, and New York. Exhibitions took place outside of the US in England, France, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and Australia.
- Co-facilitator of Purple Window, Community Mail Art Initiative *Hello USPS*, Chicago IL
- *Hello USPS* is documented and shared on Purple Window's Instagram account [@purplewindowgallery](https://www.instagram.com/purplewindowgallery)

**2019 ACRE Artist in Residence Staff**, Chicago, IL, and Stueben, WI

Seasonal / Summer 2019

- Duties include maintaining facilities for resident artists
- Liaison to visiting/professional artists

**2019 Creator**, Opening Night Chicago | [@openingnightchi](https://www.instagram.com/openingnightchi), Chicago, IL

- Manage Instagram and Twitter for [@openingnightchi](https://www.instagram.com/openingnightchi)
- Promote art exhibitions in Chicago and outside the city limits

- Post 3-5 images from the openings I attend each week
- Post 5-10 openings each week in Instagram stories and on Twitter, listing: Exhibition title, exhibiting artists, curators, gallery location, and time of opening
- Created in March 2019, the account has promoted over 130 exhibitions, with over 1,400 followers, acting as a resource to discover exhibitions happening in the Chicagoland area. The account is a visual tool to experience all of the art Chicago has to offer.

**2018 Guest Speaker**, Northern Illinois University's Second Annual Arts Convocation, DeKalb, IL

- Unpacked Mobile Gallery - A dynamic communication network directed at multiple audiences

**2017 Director, Co-Founder**, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, DeKalb & Chicago, IL

Seasonal / Summers 2017 - Present

Mobile Gallery Community Initiative - exhibit public art in a moving truck - travels to Chicago neighborhoods

- Curate exhibitions
- Install shows
- Responsible for fundraising and grant writing
- Collaborate with Chicago galleries, nonprofit organizations, and public spaces
- Build and manage gallery website
- Create and curate shareable content
- Build and managing social media profiles and presence
- Write and distribute gallery newsletter
- <https://www.unpacked-mobile-gallery.com/>

**2015 Wabash Arts Corridor Operations Manager**, Darryll Schiff Fine Art

2015 - 2016

- Initiated successful Kickstarter Campaign funding a 24' x 56' photo mural for the Wabash Arts Corridor located at 710 S. Wabash Chicago, IL

**2016 Web Developer**, Recycled, Re-Seen Class, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

- Responsible for creating and managing "Recycled, Re-Seen" blog for Northern Illinois University's collaboration with visiting artist Barbara Hashimoto:  
<http://recycledreseen.blogspot.com/>
- Blog promoted the collaborative work, "Inclusions", shown at NIU Art Museum

**2016 Volunteer Fabrication**, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

- Assist in building Sabina Ott's *who cares for the sky?*
- An 8,000-cubic-foot mountain made out of polystyrene, canvas, cardboard, and wood

## INTERNSHIPS

**Art Consultant Intern**, DeGroot Fine Art, Chicago, IL (5-month internship)

- Assist with promotions, marketing, and social media
- Conduct research
- In-studio design work
- Studio visits

**Gallery Intern**, Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, IL (8-month internship)

- Manage the gallery twice weekly during business hours
- Coordinate communications for the gallery
- Assisted with public workshops, artist talks, and pop-up exhibitioins

Aided in decision making for the following exhibitions:

- Ojero: A Character of Culture, Sam Kirk, January 2013
- Urban Penumbra, Ray Ferrer, February 2013
- Memories, Missy Dahl, April 2013
- Breaking the Line, Keelan McMorrow, April 2013
- Alter Egos, Joseph "Sentrock" Perez May 2013
- Coltan, Rahmaan Statik, June 2013
- Just a Moment, Lewis Taylor, August 2013
- Multicultural America, Sam Kirk, September 2013

**2013 Artist Assistant** to Chicago Artists Tatjana Jovancevic, Sam Kirk, and Rahmaan Statik  
2013 - 2014

- Manage file organization and online documentation
- Handle promotions, marketing, and social media
- Write press releases
- Conduct research
- In-studio prep work
- Exhibition planning

## **F R E E L A N C E   W R I T I N G**

**2022 Contributing Writer**, New Art Examiner

- Freelance writer for Visual Arts in Chicago
- <http://www.newartexaminer.org>

**2020 Contributing Writer**, Sixty Inches from Center, Chicago IL

- Freelance writer for Visual Arts in Chicago
- <https://sixtyinchesfromcenter.org>

**Contributing Writer**, Chicago Artist Writers, Chicago, IL

- Freelance writer for Visual Arts in Chicago
- <https://chicagoartistwriters.com>

**Content Creator**, APOTH Creative, Chicagoland area, IL

- Author of APOTH blog
- Conduct research and interviews to develop marketing campaigns
- Consult on written media for APOTH clientele
- Write copy for newsletters and online promotion

**Content Creator**, Odyssey, Chicago IL

2017 - 2019

- Freelance writer for Chicago's Art and Culture
- Responsible for platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Creating and curating shareable content

- <https://www.theodysseyonline.com/>

**2016 Contributing Writer**, Third Coast Review, Chicago IL

- Freelance writer for Visual Arts in Chicago
- <https://thirdcoastreview.com>

**2014 Contributing Writer**, DEFINEART, Chicago IL

2014 - 2016

- Co-author the blog "DEFINEART"
- <http://schiffphotography.blogspot.com>

**2013 Contributing Writer**, Discovering Art in Chicago, Chicago IL

2013 - 2014

- Co-author the blog "Discovering Art in Chicago"
- <http://discoveringartinchicago.blogspot.com/>

## EDUCATION

**2018 MFA**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Certificate in Art History

**2014 BFA**, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

Minor in Art History

## HONORS / AWARDS

**2025 Ragdale Creative Sabbatical**, Ragdale Foundation, Lake Forest, IL

**2017 The Chicago Academy for the Arts Alumni Grant**, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL

**John X. Koznarek Memorial Scholarship**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

**2016 Recipient of Northern Illinois University Fellowship**, School of Art & Design Division

One of six competitive University Fellowships given includes stipend and tuition waiver

**Jonathan Ryan Lee Studio Art Scholarship**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

**2015 Graduate Tuition Waiver**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Graduate Research Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

**2014 Academic Scholarship**, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

**Albert P. Weisman Scholarship**, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

**Dean's List Student, Columbia College**, Chicago, IL

**2010 National Honor Society**, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

**2024 Purple Window Gallery Collective**, Artdose Magazine, Vol 37

**2023** *'There Is Time To Grow Old' Opens at Purple Window Gallery* [Create! Magazine, Blog](#)

**2020** *Purple Window Gallery: A Quarantine Initiative Brings Public Art to Our Windows* [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

**2019** *The Insider's Guide to the Gallery Scene You Don't Know About*, Chicago Magazine

**2018** *Art & Life Lauren Iacoponi*, [Voyage Chicago Thought Provokers Series](#)

**2017** *Mobile Museums and Galleries*, Ph.D. Thesis, San Francisco Art Institute, Bertha Rodriguez

**2014** *Columbia College BFA Show Catalog Essay*, Corey Postiglione

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Purple Window Co-Op Board

Unpacked Collective

Dispatch Gallery (Online Programming)

Sixty Inches from Center

College Art Association (CAA)

Wabash Arts Corridor Committee

Graduate Arts Association, Northern Illinois University

## SELECTED JURYS EXPERIENCE

**2024** The Morton Arboretum's Ninth Annual Wine & Art Walk Juried Art Competition

**2023** The Morton Arboretum's Eighth Annual Wine & Art Walk Juried Art Competition  
Chicago Academy for the Arts Annual Winter Exhibition

**2022** The Morton Arboretum's Seventh Annual Wine & Art Walk Juried Art Competition

**2021** Side Street Studio's 8th Annual Juried Competition: You Are Not the Boss of My Art  
The Morton Arboretum's Sixth Annual Wine & Art Walk Juried Art Competition

## EXHIBITIONS CURATED

**2024** *Fuzz: Textile x Sound*, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Stochastic Book Fair*, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2023** *Seasons Creep Under a Shading Tree*, Mies Van Der Rohe's McCormick House, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL

**2022** *Home Grown*, Unpacked Mobile Gallery, MdWfair 2022 at MANA Contemporary Chicago  
*Window Shopping*, Co-curated, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

*In Good Hands*, Co-curated, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Orientation*, Co-curated, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL



*Picture Day*, Co-curated, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*BOCCARA ART Booth*, Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, Palm Beach, FL

**2021** *Short Term Infinity*, BOCCARA ART, Miami, FL

**2021** *CONNECTION*, (Co-curated with Board Members) Dispatch Gallery, Virtual Exhibition

**2020** *Relic, Ritual, and Remedy*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Darryll Schiff: Confluence*, Solo Exhibition at Koehnline Museum of Art, Des Plaines, IL

*Chicago Spring*, Purple Window Gallery: Window Art Installation, Chicago IL

**2018** *Mental*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Equal Parts*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*I Live In The Ocean*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Maktub*, Co-Curator, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Decaturade*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Southern Drawl*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Impromptu*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*In The Near Distance*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Milk Spilt*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Come As You Are*, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, DeKalb, IL

**2017** *Unpacked*, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, DeKalb, IL

*Unpacked*, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Discontent*, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL

*Putt-Putt in the City*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Do You Love Me Now?*, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**2024** *Pantone Chalk Purple*, Beco Gallery, Kansas City, KA

*69 for 69: A Magnetic Fields Art Show*, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL

**2023** *Art Community and Design Culture*, Hokin Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Purple Window Gallery Members Show*, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN

*Purple Window Gallery Artists*, The Records Department, Woodstock, IL

**2022** *Orientation*, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2020** *Sleepover*, Ground Level Platform, Chicago, IL

**2019** *12 x 12: 10 Year Anniversary Show*, Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, IL

*2019 Terrain Biennial Group Show*, curated by Ari Norris, DeKalb, IL

**2018** *Nitty-Gritty*, MFA Thesis Group Exhibition, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL

*To The Highest Bidder*, Backspace Gallery, DeKalb, IL

**2017** *L'Exposition a Critiques*, Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL  
*MFA Preview Exhibit*, NIU Chicago Center, Chicago, IL *Chicago Unpacked*, Group Exhibition, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Last Call*, Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL

**2016** *The Opposite of SATT*, Gallery UNO Berlin, Berlin, Germany  
*Why Are You Here?*, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL

**2015** *Confluence*, First Year MFA Show, Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL.  
*Junk Mail (Inclusions)*, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, DeKalb, IL  
*Modern Individuality*, High Cross Art Studio, Urbana, IL  
*Achromatic Vibrancy*, Elephant Room Gallery Chicago, IL

**2014** *Who's Afraid of Red*, Curated Group Exhibition, Studio Oh!, Chicago, IL  
*Portfolio Center Sponsored Industry Night*, Columbia College, Chicago, IL  
*Open Studios Critique*, Columbia College, Chicago, IL  
*Manifest Urban Arts Festival*, Hokin Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*BFA Show*, Curated Group Exhibition, A+D Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2013** *Fine Art Thesis Exhibition Mini Show*, C33 Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Less Than a Foot Show*, C33 Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Street Team Curated Exhibition*, Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2010** *Studio Art Fall Show*, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL  
*Studio Art Spring Show*, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL

**2009** *Studio Art Fall Show*, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL  
*Studio Art Spring Show*, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Chicago, IL

## **SOLO + TWO - PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

**2024** *There Is No Lack of Void*, Lauren Iacononi & Naomi Elson, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2023** *There Is Time to Grow Old*, Lauren Iacononi & Rebecca Griffith, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2018** *Serial Time*, Solo Exhibition, University Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Everyone Wants a South Facing Window*, Solo Thesis Exhibition, Unpacked: Mobile Gallery, Jack Arends Art Building & Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL

## **JURIED EXHIBITIONS**

**2014** *38th Annual Art Exhibition*, Beverly Arts Center, Chicago, IL  
Jurors: Edra Soto, Alberto Aguilar

## PUBLICATIONS

### March 2024

*Regin Igloria: Seven Skins*, Catalog Forward for Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, IL (available in print)

### March 2023

*Chicago Archives + Artists Project: Interview with David Maruzzella* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

*Chicago Archives + Artists Project: Interview with Natasha Mijares* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

### June 2022

*Review of High Cube Wide Turn at Ignition Project Space* - [New Art Examiner](#)

### May 2022

*Review of A Vibe Called Death: The Black Afterlife at Cleaner Gallery + Projects* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

### July 2021

*Tim Klein: Instances That Might Go Unseen* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

### April 2021

*My Linh Mac: Life After F-1* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

### March 2021

*The Edge of Equilibrium: Chicago Art Community 2017-2021* - Manchester University Press

### February 2021

*Threadless: A Profile on Chicago Artist Naomi Elson* - [APOTH Blog](#)

*Chicago Gallery Highlights: February 2021* - [APOTH Blog](#)

### December 2020

*Freelance Writing: Where to Start?* - [APOTH Blog](#)

### November 2020

*Torrential Hag: Mel Cook and Kelly Reaves at Cleaner Gallery + Projects* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

### October 2020

*Introducing Lauren* - [APOTH Blog](#)

*October Visual Art Picks by Lauren Iacononi* - [Chicago Reader](#)

*Fruitless: Paintings by Christian Campos* - [Chicago Artist Writers](#)

### September 2020

*Roland Santana: the gum beneath your shoe at Baby Blue Gallery* - [Sixty Inches from Center](#)

### May 2018

*Unpacked Brings 'Everyone Wants a South Facing Window' to NIU Campus* - [Odyssey](#)

**March 2018**

*Nitty-Gritty Coming to ARC Gallery - [Odyssey](#)*

*Artist Talk - [Odyssey](#)*

**February 2018**

*The Impressionist Photo - [Odyssey](#)*

**January 2018**

*Milk Spilt Opening at Rubberneck Gallery - [Odyssey](#)*

*Unpacked Mobile Gallery Comes to Northern Illinois University's Convocation - [Odyssey](#)*

*Exciting Art That Deserves Your Attention in 2018 - [Odyssey](#)*

*Four Chicago Art Events That You Need to Check Out, Stat - [Odyssey](#)*

**December 2017**

*Best Chicago Museums - [Odyssey](#)*

*Exclusive Studio Visit With Artist Claire Burke Dain - [Odyssey](#)*

**November 2017**

*13 Videos About Visionary Female Artists That Will Inspire You - [Odyssey](#)*

*Rubberneck Now Open On Chicago Ave - [Odyssey](#)*

**October 2017**

*An Artist's Work Inspired By Mental Health - [Odyssey](#)*

**September 2017**

*Chicago's Only Mobile Gallery In A Truck Is Back - [Odyssey](#)*

**August 2017**

*Seven Great Texts To Launch Your Art Career - [Odyssey](#)*

*Chicago's First Floating Museum - [Odyssey](#)*

*Public Art Chicago - [Odyssey](#)*

**July 2017**

*The Importance Of Repetition In Art - [Odyssey](#)*

*The Hottest New Block On The Chicago Art Scene - [Odyssey](#)*

*All The Must-See Art Openings In Chicago This Summer - [Odyssey](#)*

*The Best Festival In Someone Else's Backyard - [Odyssey](#)*

**June 2017**

*How To Grow Your Professional Art Career - [Odyssey](#)*

*Descending To Heaven: One Of Chicago's Most Up And Coming Artists - [Odyssey](#)*

*Allen Moore: Building Community Through Art - [Odyssey](#)*

*Why You Should Take That Unpaid Internship - [Odyssey](#)*

**May 2017**

*Chicago's Mobile Gallery 'Unpacked' Continues To Provide New Space For Artists - [Odyssey](#)*

*Unpacked: Our Gallery In A Truck - [Odyssey](#)*

**February 2016**

*Descending to Heaven (and Into the Wabash Arts Corridor)* - [DEFINEART](#)

**October 2015**

*Help Descending to Heaven Rise* - South Loop Chronicles

**September 2015**

*Darryll Schiff to Join The Wabash Arts Corridor* - [DEFINEART](#)

**July 2015**

*A Reflection on The Selfie* - [DEFINEART](#)

**June 2015**

*Chicago Art: Hometown Heroes* - [DEFINEART](#)

**May 2015**

*Halation, Light, Art* - [DEFINEART](#)

*Traipse* - Halation International Photography Magazine

**April 2015**

*Action, Abstraction, Transition* - [DEFINEART](#)

**February 2015**

*Color Composition* - [DEFINEART](#)

**January 2015**

*Art and Sensation* - [DEFINEART](#)

*Fine Art and the Passage of Time* - [DEFINEART](#)

**December 2014**

*One Family: Three Incredible Artists of the 21st Century* - [DEFINEART](#)

**November 2014**

*McArthur Binion* - Kavi Gupta Press

*Momentum* - [DEFINEART](#)

*Introduction* - [DEFINEART](#)

**October 2014**

*Confluence* - [DEFINEART](#)

**February 2013**

*Tony Fitzpatrick* - [Discovering Art in Chicago](#)

**January 2013**

*Gallery 27* - [Discovering Art in Chicago](#)

## CULTURAL EVENTS COORDINATION

**2024 Stochastic Book Fair Readings** at Purple Window Gallery, Open Mic Readings  
**Queer Joy Readings** at Purple Window Gallery, Readings by Rainn Thomas, Mondeaux LaVante, Lemmy Ya'akova  
**Doing the Work: Shifting from Self-Doubt to Self-Acceptance & Thriving in Your Potential** at Purple Window Gallery, free workshop hosted by Chicago artist and energy worker Rhonda Wheatley

**2023 Fuzz: Textile x Sound** at Purple Window Gallery, Performances by John Heinze, Hydrosonic Light Show, Nick Meryhew, Allen Moore, Grace Papineau-Couture

**2022 Window Shopping**, Salon Style Exhibition and Art Market at Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL  
**Cleaner Gallery's Second Annual T-Shirt Fundraiser**, Design by Ryan Travis Christian at Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL  
**Print Sale: The Black Afterlife**, Allen Moore at Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL

**2021 Open House** at Cleaner Gallery + Projects with performances by Nad Navillus, Allen Moore, and Lophotrochozoa at Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL

**Cleaner Gallery T-Shirt Fundraiser**, Design by Brandon Oswalt at Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL

**Danielle Hatch and Jenny Rafalson Screening, Artist Talk and Q&A**, "ALL THE SOARINGS OF MY MIND BEGIN IN MY BLOOD" by Danielle Hatch, "Sunset's burning late" by Jenny Rafalson, Connections Series proctored by Lauren Iacoponi, Giselle Mira Diaz, and Shane Elliot Bowers, Dispatch Gallery Online  
**Hal Baum Artist Talk + Q&A**, Connection Series proctored by Lauren Iacoponi and Giselle Mira Diaz, Discussion of Baum's animated music video Buzz Aldrin's Love Song For The Moon composed of over 1,000 hand-drawn frames, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Dis/connect**, Juuso Kuivila animation screening, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Every Choice is a Contradiction to Itself**, Cynthia Post Hunt and Erin Peisert Performance, (Minneapolis, Minnesota and Fayetteville Arkansas, USA) Dispatch Gallery Online

**Ahl Al Medinah, Shurafa' Al Ayn**, Amanda Assaley, and Qais Assali Performance, presented as a table-reading and performative virtual tour exploring language, mistranslation, connections, and disconnections of the culturally appropriated Shriners' Medinah Temple in Chicago, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Going Together**, Bobby Sax, Recorded Sound Art Performance, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Kesha Lagniappe, Fariyah Shah, Jezabeth Roca Gonzalez Film Screening, Artist Talk, and Q&A**, "Come Wash with Me" by Kesha Lagniappe, "And With These Hands" by Fariyah Shah, and "House Tour" & "Cotidiano" by Jezabeth Roca Gonzalez, Connections Series proctored by Lauren Iacoponi and Giselle Mira Diaz, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Theology**, Jian Lin, Recorded Sound Art Performance, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Asphyxia. Plastic. Affective Memory and Waste. Screening, Artist Talk and Q&A**, Connection series proctored by Lauren Iacoponi and Giselle Mira Diaz, Alina Tofan, Alexandru Claudiu Maxim, Georgiana Vlahbei, Teo Radlescu, Dispatch Gallery Online

**One Day We'll Waltz Again**, Millicent Kennedy, Live Performance, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Notation**, Eetu Linnankivi, Film Screening, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Grace DeVies, Jeremy Wong, and Millicent Kennedy Screening, Artist Talk and Q&A**, "Telephone Tango" by Grace DeVies and Jeremy Wong and "One Day We'll Waltz Again" by Millicent Kennedy, Connection series proctored by Lauren Iacoponi and Giselle Mira Diaz, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Meghan Moe Beitiks and Wild Actions Screening and Q&A**, "it is not unusual" by Wild Actions and

“Systems of Pain/Networks of Resilience” by Meghan Moe Beitiks, Connection series proctored by Giselle Mira Diaz and Shane Elliot Bowers, Dispatch Gallery Online

**Sophia Munic Artist Talk + Q&A**, Connection series proctored by Lauren Iacoponi, Discussion of Munic’s project “I Am Here For You”, public art, quarantine projects, and the Minneapolis art scene, Dispatch Gallery Online

**CONNECTION Virtual Gallery Walk Through**, Alexandru Claudiu Maxim, Alina Tofan, Amanda Assaley, Bobby Sax, Cherrie Yu, Cynthia Post Hunt, Danielle Hatch, Eetu Linnankivi, Erin Peisert, Fariyah Aliyah Shah, Georgiana Vlahbei, Grace DeVies, Hal Baum, Jenny Rafalson, Jeremy Wong, Jezabeth Roca Gonzalez, Juuso Kuivila, Kesha Lagniappe, Lin Jian, Meghan Moe Beitiks, Millicent Kennedy, Qais Assali, Sophia Munic, Suture Blue + Royb0t, Teo Radulescu, and Wild Actions, Dispatch Gallery, Virtual Exhibition

**2020 Relic, Ritual and Remedy Artist Talk**, proctored by Lauren Iacoponi featuring Allen Moore, Rebecca Griffith, Judith Brotman, Naomi Elson, Nick Van Zanten, Anne Yafi, Elyse Sawka, José Santiago Pérez, Betsy Odom, Millicent Kennedy, and Ryan Burns, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL

**Hello Neighbor Public Art Initiative**, a series of over thirty satellite exhibitions utilizing domestic and storefront windows to showcase art to the outside world designed and facilitated by Lauren Iacoponi through Purple Window Gallery, Nationwide, in Europe, and Australia

**Hello USPS Mail Art Initiative**, A mail art program designed and facilitated by Lauren Iacoponi and Rebecca Griffith through Purple Window Gallery, Nationwide

**BOCCARA ART: We Talk**, Panel Discussion featuring Liubov Belousova, Darryll Schiff, Lauren Iacoponi, and Evelyn Brader-Frank, Online

**2019 Mayo Curse Mayo Blessing**, Film Premier for Bitchcraft LGBTQ+ Film Collective at Green Ray, Chicago, IL

**2018 ACLU Benefit Show** featuring performances by Gina Palm, Nathan Gallaway, Vik Pandya, Merrit Landstemer, Zetus Lapetus, Meg & TJ, Watermark Duo, Joshua Virtue, and Mollow at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**A Gallery in Memory of Rebecca Bunting**, Memorial Fundraiser at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**ARTI GRAS**, NIU Annual Art Event, Unpacked Event, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

**NIU Annual Winter Arts Convocation**, Keynote speaker, and Unpacked Exhibition at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

**Efflorescence Book Release**, Alexandra Haas at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**ISNXO Book Release**, Ivan Gugel Dawson at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**Drawl**, Rubberneck Reading Series, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**Be There In Ten: Impromptu Stories Told In Under Ten**, Rubberneck Reading Series, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**Ice Cream Soul**, Kolor More Art Event with craft beer and ice cream at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**Alex Knows it All**, Comedy & music based performance art duo at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**Esperus the Janitor**, A Puppet Show by String + Shadow at Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**To The Highest Bidder**, Small Works Auction featuring work by NIU Faculty and Graduate Students, Backspace Gallery, DeKalb, IL

**2017 Milk Spilt Artist Talk**, proctored by Lauren Iacoponi, featuring Sara Law and Marcy Thomas, Rubberneck Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2016 Descending to Heaven WAC Reception**, Darryll Schiff Joins the Wabash Arts Corridor, Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, IL

