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BACKGROUND

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, Cum Laude - Wesleyan College
- Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture, with graduate Honors – Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
- Teaching Fellowship in Sculpture, VCU-teaching medical students fine arts credit
- Art Instructor, University of Richmond
- Art Specialist, Arts and Crafts Center, Ft Dix, NJ
- Director, Arts and Crafts Center, Bolling AFB, DC
- Master of Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- Military Experience - 30 Year Army and Air Force Veteran

RE-EMERGING ARTIST

- Making art full-time and helping veterans discover art after military retirement
- Former resident artist at District Clay Center
- Teaching and assisting residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in DC and Active Duty, Disabled, PTS Veterans, retired military, and Wounded Warriors in their creative therapeutic art endeavors at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and DC's Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center and their Community Living Center
- Founding member UnitingUS.org to help active duty, veteran military and their families create, exhibit and sell their art

RECENT ART EXHIBITIONS AND COLLECTIONS

Work exhibited and sold in exhibitions and purchased for governmental and private collections

- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (Also serve on the Arts and Health Advisory Board and coordination for Annual Healing Arts Festival)
- Anacostia Art Center
- Shenandoah Art Center
- Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, two works awarded Honorable Mention
- Regional Art Exhibitions in 2018 and 2020, solo exhibitions, 2016, 2017, 2019
- Veterans Administration Medical Center, Washington, DC
- Capitol Hill Art Workshop
- Gallery O on H Street, solo exhibitions (Exhibition planned Summer, 2022)
- Iona Senior Services Center/Community of Hope
- Alexandria Humane Society
- Del Ray Artisans Gallery
- Community Forklift
- Bender Gallery, Jewish Community Center, Rockville
- Touchstone Gallery

- Latham and Watkins Law Offices
- Results Gym
- Takoma Park Community Center
- Joan Hisakowa Gallery
- Mayvin Corporate Office
- National Institutes of Health Atrium and Pediatric Unit permanent collection
- DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities for AFP15, AFP17, AFP18, AFP19, and AFP21 Exhibitions for consideration for purchase for their Art Bank Collection
- National Women's Military Memorial and Museum
- La Meridiana International School of Ceramics, Certaldo, Italy

AWARDS

- Art Fellowship Program Grant, DC Commission of the Arts/Humanities, 2021
- 1st Place (10x) Department of Veteran Affairs Regional Competition, 2014 – 21
- 1st Place at the National Veterans Administration's Creative Arts Festival in Buffalo, New York my art chosen over 2,000+ Entries, 2017

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS OF NOTE

- Attended Ceramic Workshops with noted international clay artists at La Meridiana International School of Ceramics, Certaldo, Italy, 2015-2019 to learn new techniques and applications
- Member, National Council on the Education of Ceramic Arts

COLLECTIONS

- Three artworks purchased by the DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities and are displayed in DC Government Buildings through Art Bank Grant
- Seven works purchased by the National Institutes of Health following my Solo Exhibition (purchased for their Pediatric Unit)
- Work in permanent collection at Iona Senior Services Center/Community of Hope
- Work represented in private collections in Washington, Los Angeles, New York City, Stuttgart, La Meridiana International School of Ceramics , Certaldo, Italy
- Work owned: Peter Sagal, NPRs Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me and Chef Jose Andres
- Work requested and created as ornaments for Vice President Kamala Harris' Christmas tree

LEADERSHIP

- Former Capitol Hill Art League Board of Directors
- Former Resident Clay Artist, District Clay
- Founder of UnitingUS.org and assisting Disabled Veterans and Active Duty members nationwide with the exhibition and sales of their art and obtaining supplies for their creative endeavors as part of their healing processes
- Summer Residency - La Meridiana 2021
- Volunteer Principal Investigator for National Endowment for the Arts/Creative Forces Grant Application for \$1M for tailored art workshops/exhibitions for (1) Young Marines, (2) active duty/veteran, (3) Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) (Decision TBD Apr 22)