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Public Artwork

Let's Dance, Brookline! Brookline, MA. 2024.

I was commissioned by the Town of Brookline to create two interactive “dance diagram” sidewalk murals in Brookline Village and Coolidge Corner in collaboration with local choreographers, and led two dance-filled art walks to introduce local residents to the new artworks and their choreographers.

Let's Dance, Lowell! Lowell, MA. 2024.

I was commissioned by the City of Lowell to create a series of eight interactive “dance diagram” sidewalk murals, one in each of Lowell’s residential villages, in collaboration with local cultural groups and choreographers, to create the community’s first citywide public art project. This project culminated with a fun- and dance-filled bus tour of the eight mural sites to introduce residents and visitors to the new artworks and their choreographers.

Birch Street Plaza. Roslindale Village, MA. 2024.

I was commissioned by Roslindale Village Main Street and worked with partners at the City of Boston to design and execute a colorful, dynamic, block-long street mural, spanning approximately 2880 ft², for this popular pedestrian zone and active event space in the heart of Roslindale Village.

Working Tidal. Cambridge, MA. 2024.

I was commissioned by Cambridge Arts to collaborate with local dancer Marissa Molinar on a danceable surface inspired by the movements and rhythms of the Charles River. This ornate, portable diagram remains in the Cambridge Arts collection as an artwork and activity for festival-goers.

Troy Art Block. Troy, NY. 2023.

I was selected as a Traveling Artist for Troy’s inaugural mural festival and created a multi-story color- and texture-forward mural over the course of two fun- and music-filled days in Mural Alley.

Pemberton Mural Project. Cambridge, MA. 2023.

I served as one of two assistants to artist Whitney van Praagh on this large-scale, community-engaged project supported by Cambridge Arts. I assisted with painting, design templating, supplies purchasing, and welcoming over 250 volunteers to our worksite.

Window Murals for Lowell Folk Festival. Lowell, MA. 2023 and 2024.

I was among a cohort of artists selected to paint murals on prominent downtown windows in the Canalway Cultural District ahead of the annual Lowell Folk Festival.

Dance Your Way Downtown. Roslindale Village, MA. 2022.

I was commissioned by the Roslindale Village Main Streets to create a series of eight interactive “dance diagram” murals around Roslindale Village in collaboration with three local choreographers.

Newton Out Doors. Newton, MA. 2021.

I was selected to participate in an outdoor place-making exhibit in Newton Center featuring custom-painted salvage doors from a local historic property.

Puzzle Me, Allston-Brighton! Allston, MA. 2021.

I was commissioned by the Harvard Ed Portal to paint an outdoor mural board in Lower Allston. The busy, playful design featured 44 icons and landmarks from Allston-Brighton’s past and present, paired with an online picture glossary and interactive story map.

Payne Park Mural. Pawtucket, RI. 2020.

I was commissioned by the City of Pawtucket to paint a series of 3 freestanding walls in a newly renovated public park. The 820 ft² mural centered local natural and architectural landmarks and featured a border of painted contributions from local youth artists and residents.

Kerouac Park Container. Lowell, MA. 2020.

I was commissioned by the City of Lowell to paint a 290 ft² shipping container displayed in Kerouac Park. My design highlighted 20th-century industrial and labor history, motifs of local architecture, waterways and botany, as well as cultural points of pride.

Lane Memorial Library Mural. Hampton, NH. 2019.

I created a 280 ft² mural in a public library stairwell leading down to a children's reading room, playfully depicting the wildlife constituents of New Hampshire biomes.

Select Illustration + Mural Clients

Parade Art, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Harvard Office of the Vice Provost for Advances in Learning, ButcherBox, Conservation Law Foundation, Brookline Chamber of Commerce, Charles River Regional Chamber, Amazon Web Services, Puzz, Temple Israel of Boston, Greater Boston JCC, Jewish Arts Collaborative, RisingStars Magazine, Wurzelkinder Brooklyn, and Arnold Worldwide.

Experience + Affiliations

Medford City Councilor at-large, 2022–present; Vice President, 2024–present.

Museum of Fine Arts. Community Arts Initiative Artist Assistant, 2023.

I was assistant to Alexandra Adamo, MFA Community Arts Initiative lead artist, in the lead-up to her six-month exhibit, "From Farm to Craft Table." In this role I provided project management, volunteer coordination, templating and art fabrication assistance.

SpaceUs. Member artist, 2018–2019.

I was a member of a shared studio space community and facilitated workshops and events for members, visitors and the public.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Contract Embroiderer in Textile Conservation, 2018.

I assisted with the completion of two 18th/19th-century armorial tapestry reproductions, which serve as the centerpieces of the renovated Raphael Room.

Exhibitions

2024: Feature at Gray's Hall, South Boston, MA

2022: Vernon Street Open Studios, Somerville, MA

2021: GAP Space featured artist, Bow Market, Somerville, MA

2020: *Guess Who*, TILL Wave Gallery, Watertown, MA

2019: *Face Value*, Dorchester Art Project, Boston, MA

2018: *Feminism Prism*, SpaceUs Annex, Cambridge, MA

More Than a Riot, the Good Gallery at Arnold Worldwide, Boston, MA

Altarations, Dorchester Art Project, Boston, MA

Workshop + Teaching Experience

Art Afternoons at the International Institute of New England. 2024.

As a volunteer, I led a series of programming sessions for IINE youth clients in which I shared accessible mural-related art exercises with a diverse group of teens and young adults.

GAP Space Residency at Bow Market. 2021.

During my summer residency at Bow Market, I offered a variety of experiences including a Potato Stamp-Carving Workshop on National Potato Day, a “Pet Palooza” featuring live pet portraiture, and a cartooning how-to with Arts District Boston.

MFA Boston. 2019.

I was a featured artist at the MFA’s annual Hanukkah celebration and facilitated a “stamp your own menorah” craft activity for over 700 children, parents and young adults.

Hebrew College. 2018.

In collaboration with a rabbinic intern, I co-facilitated “Embroidering Your Jewish Ritual Practice,” a six-week course that paired hand embroidery with text study, as part of the Hebrew College “Maker Mishkan” educational series for young adults.

Stamp-making workshops. 2018–present.

I have facilitated stamp-making workshops for children and adults at a variety of virtual and in-person venues in greater Boston, in collaboration with clients including Isenberg Projects, Make & Mend, Alex Makes Art, the Canopy Room and Colleen’s Diner.

Select Coverage & Press

- 2024** Brookline News. [Step by Step: Local artist paints dance lessons on Brookline sidewalks.](#)
WBZ NewsRadio. [Brookline Debuts Murals Featuring Dance Tutorials.](#)
Lowell TeleMedia Center: [The Lowellian: Let’s Dance Lowell.](#)
- 2020** The Valley Breeze. [Painting of Payne Park mural in progress.](#)
The Valley Breeze. [Winning mural design incorporates iconic Pawtucket architecture.](#)
- 2019** Hampton Union/Seacoast Online. [Lane Memorial Library to Unveil “NH Nature” Mural.](#)
Boston Globe. [My Instagram: Kit Collins.](#)

Education

2015 – B.A. Peace & Justice Studies conferred Cum Laude. Tufts University, Medford, MA.