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## Public Art Commissions

### **The Strong Place: The River and the People.** Lowell, MA. 2025.

As part of a renovation of St. Louis Park to enhance bioresiliency and mitigate climate hazards, I was commissioned by the City of Lowell to facilitate a youth-involved, environmental justice-themed temporary public artwork. I led workshops where elementary, middle and high school students generated imagery and ideas for the artwork; and I elevated a local Environmental Youth Task Force to serve as the project's art directors. The result of our collaboration is a wind-resistant banner with the Merrimack River serving as a timeline for key cultural, infrastructural, and ecological events through Lowell's history. It is decorated with illustrative elements suggested or rendered by the student artists.

### **Lexington Depot Mural Project.** Lexington, MA. 2025.

I created a new mural for the 10 pillars of the historic Lexington Depot building. Mural development included liaising with Town stakeholders to inform and refine the design of the mural. The artwork centers the historic and contemporary transit uses of the Minuteman Bikeway (formerly the Lexington & West Cambridge Railroad, for which the Depot was a station) and depicts points of pride from throughout the Town's rich cultural history.

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

In collaboration with two local choreographers, I created two interactive "dance diagram" sidewalk murals in Brookline Village and Coolidge Corner, and organized and led two dance-filled art walks to introduce local residents to the new artworks, their choreographers, and their process of creation.

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

I created a series of eight interactive "dance diagram" sidewalk murals, one in each of Lowell's residential neighborhoods, in collaboration with local cultural groups and choreographers, to create the community's first citywide public art project. This project culminated with a guided tour of all 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 dynamic, block-long street mural, spanning approximately 2880 ft<sup>2</sup>, 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.

### **Window Murals for Lowell Folk Festival.** Lowell, MA. 2023, 2024, and 2025.

For three summers, I have enjoyed taking part in Mosaic Lowell's annual window mural series, creating window murals in the Canalway Cultural District ahead of the annual Lowell Folk Festival.

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

I worked with Roslindale Village Main Streets to create a series of eight interactive "dance diagram" murals around Roslindale Village in collaboration with three local choreographers.

### **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 ft<sup>2</sup> mural centers local natural and architectural landmarks. At the end of the mural, I facilitated a community painting day where local youth artists and residents added their own work to a colorful border around each wall.

**Mill City Shapes.** Lowell, MA. 2020.

I was commissioned by the City of Lowell to paint a 290 ft<sup>2</sup> shipping container displayed in Kerouac Park, a popular downtown gathering place and summertime event series site. My design highlighted 20th-century industrial and labor history, motifs of local architecture, waterways and botany, and other cultural points of pride.

**Lane Memorial Library Mural.** Hampton, NH. 2019.

I designed and painted a bespoke 280 ft<sup>2</sup> mural in a public library stairwell leading down to a children’s reading room, playfully depicting the wildlife constituents of New Hampshire biomes.

## Select Mural Clients

Harvard University • Troy Waterfront Farmers Market • Magpie Industries • Parade Art • Harbor Communities Overcoming Violence • Temple Israel of Boston

## Select Illustration Clients

Brooks Running • Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center • Charles River Regional Chamber • Arnold Worldwide • Brookline Chamber of Commerce • ButcherBox • Conservation Law Foundation • Amazon Web Services • Greater Boston JCC • Puzz LLC • Jewish Arts Collaborative • RisingStars Magazine • Alex Makes Art • Wurzelkinder Brooklyn • International Institute of New England

## Professional Experience

**Medford City Council.** City of Medford, MA. 2022–2025.

I was elected to Medford City Council in 2022, and in my second term I served as Vice President. My accomplishments in office included a Housing Stability Notification Ordinance; Community Control over Public Surveillance Ordinance; updated zoning for two major corridors; reform of the City’s budgeting process; and a suite of new/updated policies to assist the City’s rodent mitigation efforts.

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

I was assistant to MFA Community Arts Initiative lead artist Alex Adamo for her six-month exhibit “From Farm to Craft Table.” I helped with project management, volunteer coordination, and fabrication.

**Pemberton Mural Project.** Cambridge, MA. 2023.

I served as co-lead assistant 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.

**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.

## Press

- 2025** Lexington Observer. [Lexington's new outdoor murals honor its history and diversity.](#)
- 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.](#)

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2025** *Friend Shaped*, Gray's Hall, South Boston, MA
- 2021** GAP Space featured artist, Bow Market, Somerville, MA

## Presentation and Talks

- 2025** "Art and Food as Part of an Urban Commons," panel respondent supporting featured speaker Mary Mattingly. Tufts University, Medford, MA, April 10, 2025.

## Community Roles and Volunteering

### **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.

### **Mosaic Lowell Mini-Grants.** Community juror, 2024.

I was invited to be a juror for Mosaic Lowell's quarterly mini-grants administration, which involved evaluating grant proposals on the basis of their programmatic eligibility and public benefit.

### **Mosaic Lowell Window Art Info Session.** 2024.

I co-facilitated a panel for prospective muralists applying to Mosaic Lowell's annual window art festival, sharing painting & application advice for inexperienced muralists.

### **SpaceUs.** Member artist, 2018–2019.

As part of this shared studio space community I facilitated workshops and events for members, visitors and the public. My favorite program from this time was facilitating "Creative Entrepreneur Group Therapy" sessions: resource-sharing, pep talks, guest speakers, and venting over snacks.

## Workshops + Teaching Experience

### **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.

## Education

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

## References

Available upon request.