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BIRTHPLACE

Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA
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EDUCATION

1985 **MFA** in sculpture, University of Houston
1976 **BFA** in painting, University of Houston

EXHIBITS OF NOTE

2013 **FUR BITTEN**, The Art Car Museum, Houston, TX
2013 **FUR BITTEN**, The Nave Museum, Victoria, TX
2013 **WESTERN SEQUELS: ART FROM THE LONE STAR**, Tophane-I Amire Culture & Art Center, Istanbul, Turkey
2012 **WESTERN SEQUELS: ART FROM THE LONE STAR**, The Athens School of Fine Arts, Rentis, Greece
2012 **ESPOUSED**, Museum of South East Texas, Beaumont, TX
2012 **SWIRL**, ACU Downtown Gallery, Abilene, TX
2011 **ITCHY ACRES IN SAN ANTONIO**, a group exhibit of Houston artists at Gallery Nord
2010 **CAMP TOWN DADA**, Nau-Haus Gallery, Houston, TX
2008 **WILDLY DOMESTIC**, G Gallery, Houston, TX,
2008 **AMISTAD**, Museo de Arte Moderno del Peru, Trujillo, Peru
2007 **AMISTAD**, Museo de la Nacion, Lima, Peru
2005 **FALL FORWARD**, Redbud Gallery, Houston, TX,

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014 **TRUE NORTH**, Outdoor sculpture exhibit along Heights Blvd. Houston, TX April thru November
2013 **AGRESTIS ANIMI**, Houston Arts Alliance Gallery, Houston, TX
2013 **MYTHS**, Rudolph Blume Fine Art, Artscan Gallery, Houston, TX
2013 **NCEA POINT OF VIEW**, D.M.Allison Gallery, Houston, TX
2011 **OBJECTIVITY**, D.M. Allison Gallery, 2709 Colquitt, Houston, TX
2011 **SCRATCH-OFF**, a group exhibition of the Itchy Acres Artists' Community, HCCS Central, Houston, TX
2010 **ABILENE REUNION EXHIBITION**, Center for Contemporary Arts, Abilene, TX
2010 **DISTRICT 18**, Nau-haus Gallery, Houston, TX
2010 **SMACKDOWN 2**, Mighty Fine Arts Gallery & El centro College, Dallas, TX
2009 **ART IN THE PARK**, Arts Assembly of Midland, Windlands Park, Midland, TX
2009 **GREAT TEXAS SCULPTURE ROUND-UP**, Beeville Art Museum, Beeville, TX
2007 **ART ON THE GREEN**, Kemp Center for the Arts, Wichita Falls, TX
2007 **LU**, Art Car Museum, Houston, TX
2006 **ABILENE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION**, 2006-2008 Abilene, TX
2005 **ROOT SQUARED**, Gallery 125, CACHH, Houston, TX.
2005 **CARTER ERNST**, ArtScan Gallery, Houston, TX
2003 **ANIMALS**, Art Car Museum, Houston, TX
2002 **1-45 COMBINED**, Lowell Collins Gallery, Houston, TX
2002 **PETCENTRIC**, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
2001 **ARTCRAWL**, Mother Dog Studios, Houston, TX
2000 **SCULPTORS MAKING PRINTS**, Tembo Cerling Print Studio, Houston, TX
2000 **JOURNEY: SCULPTURE 2000**, Allen Parkway, Houston, TX
2000 **HOUSTON SCULPTURE 2000**, One Houston Center, Houston
1999 **THE LAST SCULPTURE SHOW**, Redbud Gallery, Houston, TX
1999 **OBJECTS OF DESIRE**, ArtScan Gallery, Houston, TX
1998 **18TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT**, Nelson Park, Abilene, TX
1998 **CROSSING LINES**, Sam Houston Center, Huntsville, TX
1997 **THE MONEY SHOW**, Lesikar Gallery, Houston
1997 **THE ARTFULL GARDEN**, premier exhibition, Houston, TX
1996 **SPACE 111**, Project Row House exhibit, Birmingham, AL
1996 **OCOTILLO GALLERY**, Houston, TX
1995 **FULL HOUSE**, Project Row House installation w/ P Kittelson, Houston, TX
1995 **KNOWN & UNDERKNOWN**, One Allen Center, Houston
1995 **THE CREST HARDWARE SHOW**, Brooklyn, NY

*complete exhibition list extends to 1983

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PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

- 2010 TAKE-OFF, an outdoor sculpture for Houston's Hobby International Airport. The sculpture is based on a simple fractal branch design that is repeated 126 times to form a large 30' nest elevated by 3 massive supports. *Sponsor: City of Houston in collab. w/ artist Paul Kittelson.*
- 2010-
2009 EMERSON ELEMENTARY SPARK PARK, Houston, TX. Multiple bench walls featuring student's art tiles; a 5' ceramic color-wheel brightens the flag pole base. A ceramic eagle mosaic guards the school entrance. *Sponsor: SPARK*
- 2007 GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SPARK PARK, Houston, TX. Large concrete books embellished with student's ceramics form a casual outdoor seating area. Two whimsical towers tiled w handmade ceramics create an informal stage. A retaining wall with art tiles defines the adjacent playground. *Sponsor: SPARK*
- 2005 ROOT SQUARE HERITAGE LANTERNS, Root Square Memorial Park, Houston, TX (adjacent to Toyota Center). Permanent installation comprised of 5 perforated stainless steel towers, 12' h with LED lighting. The towers, resembling chess pieces on a grid, are reminiscent of the Victorian homes that once occupied the area. *Sponsor: Houston Arts Alliance, in collaboration w artist Paul Kittelson.*
- 2005 THE STOOP PROJECT, Project Row Houses, 3rd Ward, Houston. A stepped outdoor seating area comprised of 2 concrete stoops placed back-to-back and embellished with children's hand-made ceramics, topped with a tile checkerboard for playing games. *Sponsor: PRH.*
- 2003 OUR WORLD, Dodson Elementary School, Houston. An outdoor student mural project comprised of 8 4'X4' painted panels. *Sponsored by The Orange Show Foundation for Visionary Art.*
- 2002 EVERYDAY POLITICS, 7.5' X 11.5' X 8.5' A large steel armature in the shape of a dog covered with approx 3,500 plastic grocery sacks collected from the Houston community. *Sponsor: the artist; created for Buffalo Bayou Art Park, Houston, TX.*
- 2001 MONUMENT TO THE ART CAR CAPITOL OF THE WORLD! A 13' column covered with spiraling rows of ceramic art cars. *Sponsor: the artist with assistance from CACHH.*
- 2000 Animal illustrations on ceramic tile for the **Children's Zoo**, Houston, TX
- 1999 BROCK SPARK PARK, 2 additional artwalls, Brock Elementary, Hou, TX. *Co-sponsored by MECA & SPARK*
- 1998 NICHOLAS BROODO MEMORIAL PLAYHOUSE, Shlenker School, Houston. A multi-functional playhouse that provides a stage, a store, a home & a place to play games featuring the students' ceramics. *collaboration with Paul Kittelson.*
- 1997 PASSAGE, A permanent sculpture installation at UHD for the student life building consisting of a 28" neon-lit canoe hanging vertically in the entrance way, a time-line mosaic beneath, and a paddlewheel kiosk just inside the foyer. Houston, TX. *Sponsor: University of Houston System, in collab with artist Paul Kittelson.*
- 1997 WORLD TRAVELLERS: KIDS' ROW REVISITED, Project Row Houses, Houston. Art workshops w/ children focused on art installations in the children's playhouses. *Sponsor: CACHH.*
- 1996 KIDS' ROW, Project Row Houses. A series of 5 playhouses echoing the actual Row Houses with children's artwork installed in each. *Sponsor: CACHH.*
- 1996 DOUGLASS SPARK PARK, A brightly painted steel entrance featuring cut-outs of the students' artwork that are featured in the adjoining four ceramic murals inside the park. Douglass Elementary, Houston. *Sponsor: the NEA through MECA w/SPARK, in collab w/ P Kittelson*
- 1994 BOOKSCAPE, Will Rogers Elementary, Houston. 20' x 20'. Large cast concrete books with children's ceramic artwork form an outdoor seating area. *Sponsor: SPARK*
- 1992 DISCOVERY WALL, student's ceramic project. Brock Elem, Houston, TX *Sponsor: MECA*
- 1991 THE ARTIST TREE, A 16' wooden tree comprised of free-form shapes of wood painted by the community at-large for the Houston downtown library. *In collab w/ Paul Kittelson.*
- 1991 FACES & PLACES, 61' artwall with student's masks, Brock Elem, Houston, TX *sponsor: MECA*
- 1989 THE CHILDREN'S BRIGADE, 15 brightly painted toy soldiers, 12' in height constructed from over 300 children's paintings on wood. Wortham Theatre, Houston, TX. *A collab w/ Paul Kittelson.*
- 1989 HOUSE OF TILES, hand-made art tiles with donors' names cover a ticket booth. 6th Ward Park, Hou, TX
- 1988 WALL OF YOUTH, 8' x 61' wall patterned with children's ceramics and life-casts of their faces. 6th Ward Park, Houston, TX. *Sponsor: MECA, in collaboration with Paul Kittelson.*

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SUMMER 2012 ART ENVOY, US EMBASSY, Riga, Latvia

University Level

SPRING 2014 HCCS CENTRAL: Sculpture 1
FALL 2009 UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON: Illustration 1
FALL 2005 HCCS, PINEMONT: Art history 1
FALL 2004 HCCS, SW: Sculpture 1 & 2
SPRING 1996 COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND, 3-D design
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1993-1995 UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON: visiting assistant professor, sculpture
FALL 1992 HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SE: art appreciation
FALL 1990 N HARRIS COUNTY COLLEGE, art history
FALL 1988 N HARRIS COUNTY COLLEGE: drawing instructor
1984-1985 UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON: teaching fellow (drawing)

Working with Youth

2013- 2014 MECA Mosaic Arts teacher
SPRING 2011-13 ART STUDIO ON THE BOULEVARD, Houston, TX: private art classes
2008 - 2009 EMERSON ELEMENTARY, ceramics classes for SPARK project
2007 GARDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY, ceramics classes for SPARK project
SUMMER 2006 CASE Arts Program, Harris County Dept Education
SPRING 2005 PROJECT ROW HOUSES: The Stoop Project; art classes w/ middle school students
2002-2003 THE ORANGE SHOW FOUNDATION, outreach at Dodson Elementary
1996-2002 PROJECT ROW HOUSES, art-after-school programs
SPRING 2001 THE ORANGE SHOW; outreach theater production at Henderson Elementary
SUMMER 1999 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER: ceramics instructor
FALL 1998 BROCK ELEMENTARY, ceramic classes for SPARK
SPRING 1998 SHLENKER SCHOOL: ceramic classes for playhouse project
SUMMER 1998 MECA, 2 week artist residency, summer arts program
MAY 1998 AWTY INTNL SCHOOL: found object sculpture project w/ students
1992-97 WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS: collaborated w/ writers in HISD schools.
SPRING 1996 SPARK PARK classes at Douglass Elem
1993-1994 WILL ROGERS ELEMENTARY, Houston, SPARK ceramic classes
SUMMER 1992 COMBINING DREAMS, THE ORANGE SHOW Outreach: artists/ writers
collaborated weekly at daycare centers dev. curriculum/ conducting classes.
SUMMER 1992 SUTTON ELEMENTARY, Houston, TX ESL ceramics/ painting program
1991-1992 BROCK ELEMENTARY, through MECA: clay classes conducted for wall projects.
1988-1989 MECA SUMMER PROGRAM, Houston, TX
1988-1992 TIAE: TX INSTITUTE FOR ARTS IN EDUCATION: teaching artist.
1985, 1986 MEAOP: Migrant Education Advancement Opportunity Program

AWARDS

2009: Houston Airport Systems finalist & winner
2008: Individual Artist Grant Award, Houston Arts Alliance.
2001: CACHH Project Grant Recipient. 1997:CACHH Project Grant recipient.
1996: NEA Arts in Education Grant through MECA.
1996: CACHH Artist Project Grant recipient.
1994: CACHH Artist Project Grant recipient.
1989: Holiday Art Competition winner, Houston
1988: MECA Art Comp winner for 6th Ward Park

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