

April Sunami

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EDUCATION

2006-2008 M.A. Art History, Ohio University
1998-2002 B.A. Art History, Ohio State University

AWARDS AND HONORS

2012 Greater Columbus Arts Council and Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District CAP-UP Artist Grant **3rd Place Jurors Choice Award**
2006-2008 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Ohio University

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

2017

Solo Exhibit, Bexley Public Library, Bexley, OH

2016

Dare to Be Heard, Cultural Arts Center, Columbus, OH
Solo Exhibit, North Market, Columbus, OH

PAST EXHIBITIONS

2016

Art 360: Art Hatching Across Ohio, Columbus Museum of Art and the Southern Ohio Museum
Shadowbox: Gallery of Echoes Featured Artist, Columbus, OH
Art Unbound, Carnegie Gallery, Columbus, OH
Black White and Color Show, Vanderelli Room, Columbus, OH
Urban Arts Experience, Truth Gallery, Toledo, OH
Symphony Noir, Toni Johnson Gallery Space, Columbus, OH
Common Cosmology: New Work by Stephanie Rond and April Sunami
Vanderelli Room, Columbus, OH

2015

Remnants, Creative Arts of Women, OSU Urban Arts Space, Columbus, OH
Every Woman, Toni Johnson Gallery Space, Columbus, OH
April Sunami Solo Exhibit, OSU Barnett Center for Arts, Columbus, OH
A Little Bit Closer, Creative Arts of Women, Vanderelli Room, Columbus OH
Black Heritage Through Visual Rhythms, National African American Museum, Wilberforce, OH

Message for Our Time, Creative Women of Color, Martin De Porres Center, Columbus, OH

2014

Pyschenwelic, Second Sight Studios, Columbus, OH

Civil Rights in America, Rhodes State Tower, Columbus, OH

Exchanges, Creative Arts of Women, Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus, OH

Visible/Invisible, Creative Women of Color, Carnegie Gallery, Columbus, OH

Fruits of the Spirit, Creative Women of Color, Broad Street Presbyterian, Columbus, OH

Happy Together, Cultural Arts Center, Columbus, OH

Patterns, Mother Artists at Work, Tacocat Cooperative Studios, Columbus, OH

Something Blue, Solo Show, NX Gallery, Columbus, OH

Where I Dwell, Creative Women of Color, High Road Gallery, Worthington, OH

Journeys, Creative Women of Color, King Arts Complex, Columbus, OH

Inaugural Art Exhibit, Bricker and Eckler Building, Columbus, OH

Sounds of Silence, Creative Women of Color, Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus, OH

Creative Arts of Women 2014 Group Exhibit, Tacocat Gallery, Columbus, OH

2013

Anasyrma: The Female Body and Power, Painted Lady Feminist Museum, Columbus, OH

Portraits of Strength and Beauty, City Hall, Grove City, OH

Landscapes of Our Minds, Creative Women of Color, Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus, OH

Pieces of Caw, Creative Arts of Women, Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH

Transitions, Mother Artists at Work, Carnegie Gallery, Columbus, OH

Art for Community Expression, Roy G Biv Gallery, Columbus, OH

Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition, Cox Fine Arts Center, Columbus, OH

House on Fire, Creative Women of Color, High Road Gallery, Worthington, OH.

2012

Ohio Art League Thumbbox Show, Ohio Art League Gallery, Columbus, OH

Creative Arts of Women Small Works Show, Rays Living Room Gallery, Columbus OH

Junctionview Holiday Open Studio, Junctionview Studios, Grandview, OH

Mother Artists at Work Holiday Group Show, Dames Bond, Columbus, OH

Speak: Women's Voices Passionate and Strong, Martin De Porres Center, Columbus, OH

Columbus Invitational Arts Competition Pop-Up Exhibition, Columbus Performing Arts Center, Columbus, OH
Olde Towne East Home Tour Artist Showcase, Columbus, OH
Speak, Creative Women of Color, King Arts Complex Elijah Pierce Gallery, Columbus, OH
Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH

2011

Divine Chiropractic Solo Exhibition, Columbus OH
Ha's Ha's Pizza Solo Exhibition, Yellow Springs, OH

2010

Hard Labor, Mother Artists at Work, Sean Christopher Gallery, Columbus, OH

2009

Evolution of a Girl Child, Creative Women of Color King Arts Complex Elijah Pierce Gallery, Columbus, OH
Celebrate, Fitzgerald Arts Council Carnegie Gallery, Columbus, OH
Art for Community Expression, Fort Hayes Shot Tower, Columbus, OH
Spectrum: Gathering of Emerging Artists, William H. Thomas Gallery, Columbus, OH

2007

Soul of a Black Woman: Nora Musu, and April Sunami, Kiaca Gallery Columbus, OH
Sistahs of the Arts Group Show, William H. Thomas Gallery, Columbus, OH

2006

Expressions: The Art of Mark Cardwell and April Sunami, Kerouac Gallery, Columbus, OH
Stauffs Coffee Roasters solo exhibition, Grandview Heights, OH

PRESS

Gilson, Nancy. "Eggshells a Canvas for Dozens of Ohio Artists in Columbus Exhibit". Columbus Dispatch. May 31, 2016
Fischer, Jim. "Common Cosmology". Columbus Alive. May 26, 2016
Gedert, Robert. "Artists Celebrate Black History Month". Toledo Blade. February 4, 2016
Gordon, Ken. "Ostrich Eggs to Incubate Benefit Exhibit for Ohio Art League". Columbus Dispatch. August 2, 2015
Shaffer, Jackie, prod. "WOSU Broad and High." *Broad and High*. PBS. WOSU, Columbus, OH, 5 Feb. 2014. Television.
"Good Day Columbus." *Good Day Columbus*. ABC6. WSYX, Columbus, OH, October 20, 2013. Television. Transcript.
Starr, Ann. "Art for Community Expression, Enduring in Columbus." Starr-review.blogspot.com. July 6, 2013.
Starker, Melissa. "Creative Women of Color Live up to Their Name with Latest Show." Columbus Dispatch. March 3, 2013.

Gordon, Ken. "Columbus Metropolitan Library: Staff Shares Hidden Talents". Columbus Dispatch. February 9, 2013.
Evans, Walker. "Local Artist Spotlight: April Sunami." Columbus Underground.com December 24, 2012.
Starker, Melissa. "Vocally Visual: Black Women Make Statements Through Words and Works." Columbus Dispatch. June 3, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009 King Arts Complex Winter Arts Camp, Arts Instructor
2007-2008 Ohio University, Art History Lead Teaching Assistant
2008 Community Development for All People, Free School Guest Lecturer
2007 Central Ohio Girl Scouts, Workshop Leader
2006 Teresa M. Dowd Center Academic Program, Arts Instructor
2005 Triple S. Summer Camp, Arts Instructor

GALLERY EXPERIENCE

2003-2005 William H. Thomas, Gallery Director
2002-2004 King Arts Complex, Cultural and Performing Arts Program Assistant
2002-2002 Columbus Museum of Art, Curatorial Department Intern
2000-2002 Keny Galleries, Gallery Assistant

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

2015- present Eastside Art Initiative Committee Member
2012-present Creative Women of Color, Steering Committee Member
2012-present Creative Arts of Women
2012-2015 Ohio Art League
2012-2014 Harmony on the Southside Co-director
2010-2013 Mother Artists at Work
2010-2012 Columbus International Film and Video Festival board member and Arts Division Chair
2006-2009-Sistahs of the Arts