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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

<i>the nighttime has so much to say.</i> Fringe Salon, Philadelphia PA	2023
<i>Within This Vessel.</i> 1517StudioC, Philadelphia PA	2019
<i>Through all those wires we were dancing.</i> Tjaden Experimental Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca NY	2009

GROUP EXHIBITIONS & PROGRAMMING

<i>Common Space / Espacio Común: 10 Years of Practice with Amber Art & Design.</i> curated by José Ortiz Pagan, public programming by Amber Art. Icebox Project Space, Philadelphia PA	2023
<i>WTF: What's on Artists' Minds Today?</i> Imperfect Gallery, Philadelphia PA	2023
<i>Get in Where You Fit In: an Amber Art group show.</i> Cherry Street Pier, Philadelphia PA	2022
<i>Amber Art at Casa Mexico,</i> Casa Mexico, Philadelphia PA	2021
<i>Community Patterns.</i> Main Line Art Center, Bryn Mawr, PA	2020
<i>1517 Anniversary Show.</i> 1517 StudioC, Philadelphia, PA	2019
<i>Sky, Water & Death.</i> Distillery Gallery, Boston, MA	2014
<i>PaintBox: Hold tight to each other.</i> Allston, MA	2013
<i>Allston Rock City Art Tour.</i> Refuge Cafe, Boston, MA	2012
<i>Through all those wires we were dancing (2).</i> The Museum School with Discover Roxbury, Boston, MA	2012
<i>Shift.</i> Goosefish Press, Boston, MA	2012
<i>The tracks were so loud I could barely hear you [installation].</i> Linwood Square, Boston, MA	2011
<i>Human-Powered Works.</i> Fourth Wall Gallery, Boston, MA	2011
<i>Art Brew.</i> Chestnut Terrace Gallery, Boston, MA	2010
<i>Hazard-U.s.</i> Tjaden Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	2008

COMMUNITY MURALS

<i>Love Letter to What Holds Us Up,</i> with Walls for Justice at St Mark's Church. Philadelphia, PA	2023
Collaborations w/ Amber Art: murals at Howe, McCloskey, Fidler, Ellwood, Pennypacker Schools. Philadelphia	2019
<i>Ellwood artists.</i> Ellwood Elementary School. Philadelphia, PA	2019
Mural assistant to Ernel Martinez, Amber Art & Design, Philadelphia, PA	2016
<i>Boston Dreams.</i> DYS Metro Program. Boston MA	2012
<i>Our City.</i> DYS Metro Program. Boston MA	2012
<i>Human-Powered Works.</i> Fourth Wall Gallery, Boston, MA	2011
<i>We are L.R.C. Learners.</i> Agassiz Elementary School. Boston, MA	2010
<i>There was much in the branches/We are buried.</i> Wadzilla Mansion, Boston, MA	2010

OFFERINGS

Murals | Design | Commissioned paintings & drawings | Installation Support

PUBLICATIONS

<i>The Connection Between Public Space and Cultural Resources: Amber Art & Design Reflections.</i> Community Development Innovation Review. Art Place, Policy Link, & Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	2019
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Bartol Foundation: Teaching Artist training workshops, various	2016 - 2019
Art Sanctuary Teaching Artist Council Training	2018
Create Justice: national convening of artists and administrators working in the juvenile justice system	2017 - 2018
Community Word Project Teaching Artist Training Program	2016 - 2017

National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference: Volunteer and participant	2016
Interrupting Injustice: National Guild for Community Arts Education Workshop	2016
Project Management for Everyone, Corporate Education Group	2015
Visual Thinking Strategies, Museum of Fine Arts	2014
National Summit on Creative Youth Development, Mass Cultural Council	2014
Facilitative Leadership Training, Interactive Institute for Social Change	2013

COLLABORATIONS & COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Therapeutic Art Workshops with Revive Art Journaling & Walls for Justice. St Marks, Philadelphia, PA	2023
Collaboration with Lori Waselchuk: Mutual Aid & Illustration Workshops at Kingsessing Library	2022
Dream Workshop and Communal Installation with Star Hamilton & Art Sanctuary. Philadelphia	2018 & 2019
Workshop with Eastern State Penitentiary & Art Sanctuary youth program, to create an installation critiquing the school-to-prison pipeline	2017
Dream Box Workshop with Star Hamilton & Art Sanctuary. African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA	2017
Bridging the Gap with BRIDGES Foundation. Church Boston, Boston, MA	2015

TEACHING ARTISTRY

Main Line Art Center: Teen Drawing & Painting	2020 - 2022
Tilden Middle School with PCCY: Poetry & Digital Zine Self Expression	2021
Art Sanctuary: Painting, Drawing, Mini-Library Creations	2017 - 2019
Germantown Academy Summer Programs: Mini Camp Art Director & Art Quest Teaching Artist.	2017 - 2018
Awbury Arboretum. Philadelphia, PA. Nature-based Art Exploration	2018 - 2019
Community Word Project: Teaching Artist Intern and Trainee. New York, NY	2016 - 2017
Collaborative for Educational Services/Department of Youth Services: Muralist/Lead Artist. Boston, MA	2012 - 2013
Arts-based mentorship project for youth ages 14 - 19 in residential detention settings	2012 - 2013

PROGRAM & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

MENTOR & CommCorp, Part-time Curriculum Writer & Budget Manager.	2020 - present
Amber Art & Design, Manager of Projects and Collaborations.	2017 - 2020
Commonwealth Corporation, Arts Program Manager for DYS	2012 - 2016

EDUCATION

Cornell University, College of Arch, Art, & Planning, Bachelor of Fine Arts	2009
David Bean Award and Scholarship for Art Study in Rome	2008