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Education

Quinnipiac University (2020) Master of Science- Organizational Leadership
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Charter Oak State College (2014) New Britain, CT
Bachelor of Arts- Studio Art

University of Connecticut School of Fine Art Storrs, CT
Illustration Major

Fellowships / Residencies

2021 Artist of Color Accelerate Fellow Hartford, CT
The 224 Eco Space / The Amistad Center at Wadsworth Atheneum

Notable Memberships

Wadsworth Atheneum (Board Elector/Education Committee) 2021 - Present
Black Dimensions in Art (Board Member) 2021 - Present
Windsor Art Center Board of Directors (Vice President, Development Chair) 2019 - Present
Windsor Art Center Curatorial Committee (volunteer) 2017 - Present
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group 2009 - 2017
City of Hartford Commission on Cultural Affairs 2014 - 2015

Awards and Honors

Official Citation from the Connecticut General Assembly, presented by Senator Eric Coleman 3/16
One Hundred Men of Color: 2015 Honoree 10/15
AJ & Friends Small Business Night Out Honoree 10/14

Notable Commissions

End Racism Now Street Mural (Letter "O")- Windsor Public Library, Windsor, CT 2020
Black Lives Matter Street Mural (2nd Letter "T" in MatTer)- Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT 2020
Welcoming The Stranger- Catholic Charities Refugee Program, Hartford, CT 2019
Portrait of Butch Lewis (Founder of the Hartford Chapter of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense)- 2018
Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library, Hartford, CT
Commemorative Painting- Minority Caucus at Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT 2015
Family Portrait- Dr. Steve Perry, Founder of Capitol Preparatory Schools, Renowned Educator and Author 2015
Untitled Product Drawing- Commissioned by Sergio Sgarbi, Former President of Jacobs Vehicle Systems 2015
Ambiguous Hope (Diptych)- Featured in "Resurrection and Forgiveness: The Nadine Lee Story," 2012
Documentary produced by Filmmaker and Motivational Speaker, Reggie Bullock

Notable Collections

Catholic Charities- Arch Diocese of Hartford, CT
Manchester Community College
City of Hartford
Hartford Public Library
Dr. Steve Perry, Founder of Capitol Preparatory Schools, CNN/MSNBC/Essence Magazine Education Contributor
Monifah Carter, Singer/Songwriter/LGBTQIA Activist and cast member of R&B Divas (TV One Network)

Published Work

"The Migrant's Alphabet" (Letter "X") 2018
"The Sunflower and Rose" (Illustrator) 2010

Press

"Art Center Opens New Exhibit", Dennis Hohenberger, The Hartford Courant, August 22, 2019
"Creatives Getting Creative in Wake of Bag Ban", Mike Chaiken, CT Fashion Magazine, August 20, 2019
"Meet Andre Rochester", Boston Voyager, July 1, 2019
"Works of the Audacious Agency Collective on Display", Dennis Hohenberger, The Hartford Courant, May 3, 2019
Creative Arts Advocate: Featured Artist, Nerissa Coker, Creative Arts Advocate Blog, March 2015
"Attention to Quality: A Day Job in A Factory Adds New Discipline to A Hartford Artist's Work", Mara Lee, The Hartford Courant, Volume 178, Number 306, November 2, 2014, Pg. B4
"Artist Reaches Out to Broadest Audience," Kristin Santa Maria, The Bristol Observer, Volume 7, Issue 43, Oct. 22, 2010, pg. 20
"Seeing is Believing," The Hartford Advocate, Volume 37, Issue 41, Oct. 7-13, 2010, page 33

Instructional Experience

Private Art Instructor

2013-Present

Rochester Fine Art

Greater Hartford, CT

I teach fundamentals of drawing and painting based on assessing student needs and goals. Media include graphite, charcoal, color pencil, soft pastels, and acrylic painting. Students are given instruction in their medium of choice, beginning with learning the tools of the trade (e.g., pencils, brushes, papers, types of paints, etc.). We explore basic composition, color theory, and portraiture, figural and still life work. I offer lessons for Age 13 - Adults.

Muralist/Painting instructor

07/10-08/10

Catholic Charities

Hartford, CT

I painted murals with at-risk youth as a part of the "Step" program. I taught basic painting skills and give job readiness training to the students while providing them an opportunity to create public art to give back to the community.

Art Instructor

10/09-05/10

Catholic Charities

Hartford, CT

I taught visual art for the After School Initiative Program at Quirk Middle School during its final school year. Students were encouraged to visually express themselves through artwork while learning basic drawing and painting.

Graphic Design Instructor

09/07-03/08

Niro Career Services

Hartford, CT

I taught basic design skills to youth, ages 14-18, using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. Students were taught how to design business cards, greeting cards, fliers, and CD covers.

Solo Exhibitions

Break Through
The Ethel Walker School- Corridor Gallery 3/20 – 11/20
Simsbury, CT

Untitled: Solo Exhibit
Gallery 66 3/19 – 4/19
New Britain, CT

By Faith
The 224 Eco Space 3/14 – 9/14
Hartford, CT

Collection of Works by Andre Rochester
Trinity College, Mather Hall 2/14
Hartford, CT

Le'Reve: Artwork by Andre Rochester
The Dream Support Network 4/12
Vernon, CT

Untitled: Featured Artist
Charter Oak Cultural Center 4/11
Hartford, CT

The Works of Andre Rochester
Paris in Plantsville Gallery 10/10
Plantsville, CT

Curated by Andre Rochester

The State of Health Equity Among Boys & Men of Color Virtual Summit (Arts Day Curator)
University Connecticut Health Center Health Disparities Institute 6/21
Hartford, CT

Four Visions, One Source (Co-Curator)
Windsor Art Center 8/19
Windsor, CT

Les Hommes: Interpretations of Manhood and Fatherhood through Visual Media
The 224 Eco Space 6/16
Hartford, CT

Zulynette- Solo Art Exhibit
Rochester Fine Art 7/15
Hartford, CT

The Hartist Festival (Curator/Art Director)
Charter Oak Cultural Center 6/15
Hartford, CT

From Aari, With Love: Art by Aariyan Googe
Rochester Fine Art 2/15
Hartford, CT

Hashtag# Selfie: Art by Che'La'Mora
Rochester Fine Art 11/14
Hartford, CT

Urban Art Exhibit Fall Series: Kayla Farrell
Rochester Fine Art 10/14
Hartford, CT

Invasion of Color: Artwork by William Kerr
Rochester Fine Art 7/14
Hartford, CT

See Through My Eyes: Photography by Aariyan Googe Rochester Fine Art	6/14 Hartford, CT
Urban Art Exhibit Fall Series: Melissa Wright Rochester Fine Art	10/13 Hartford, CT
Under Construction: Art by Jason Farquharson MAC650 Gallery	12/12 Middletown, CT
Abstract: Photography by Keith Claytor and Zoraida Lopez MAC650 Gallery	6/12 Middletown, CT
The Heart: Collection of Works by Che'La'Mora Dream Support Network	4/12 Vernon, CT
The Shanna Melton Collection Dream Support Collection	3/12 Vernon, CT
Group Exhibitions	
Black Period/Open Wall Series ed. 03 (multiple locations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hill-Stead Museum Free Center 	6/21 Farmington, CT Middletown, CT
The Vision Long Wharf Theater	2/20 New Haven, CT
The People: Works of Art by Individuals of Color Art Space Hartford	2/20 Hartford, CT
Basel Bash- Pop-Up Exhibit The Compound	12/19 Miami, FL
Self-Preservation Windsor Art Center	8/19 Windsor, CT
Conscious Collective Presents: Vision Quest Art Space Hartford	8/19 Hartford, CT
Audacious Agency (Traveling Exhibit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Smith Gallery- Yale Divinity School (11/18 – 2/19) Five Points Annex Gallery (3/19) Windsor Art Center (5/19 – 6/19) 	11/18 – 6/19 New Haven, CT Torrington, CT Windsor, CT
Members Exhibit Windsor Art Center	7/18 Windsor, CT

Reflections of Humanity Dehn Gallery	4/18 Manchester, CT
Member/Guest Exhibit Gallery on The Green	3/18 Canton, CT
CT Arts Against Violence Blends Gallery	2/18 Bridgeport, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION 4 The 224 Eco Space	3/17 Hartford, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: Go Figure Time Frozen Photography	6/16 Hartford, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION 3 Art Space Hartford	3/16 Hartford, CT
Many Rivers Saratoga Art Center	10/15 Saratoga Springs, NY
Life and Death: Interpretations of The Human Experience Paris in Plantsville Gallery	9/14 Plantsville, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: Balsamic Vignettes Time Frozen Photography	11/12 Hartford, CT
Over Head, Under Foot John Slade Ely House	10/12 New Haven, CT
Urban Art Slam MAC650 Gallery	8/12 Middletown, CT
Urban Art Exhibit Shakago Martini Lounge	8/12 Springfield, MA
Rough Around The Edges 3 Windsor Art Center	7/12 Windsor, CT
Duality: An Exhibition of Work by Andre Rochester and Che'La'Mora Tolland Art Center	6/12 Tolland, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION 2 30 Arbor	3/12 Hartford, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: The Gray Area Time Frozen Photography / Freedom Art Center	9/11 Hartford, CT
Rough Around The Edges 2 Art and Soul Prints	6/11 Windsor, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION Time Frozen Photography	3/11 Hartford, CT

Coloring Outside The Lines: Expanding Your Jurisdiction University of Connecticut Law School Library	3/11 Hartford, CT
UnArt 4 Art Space Hartford	1/11 Hartford, CT
Two Person Exhibition West Side Wine and Spirits	1/11 – 3/11 West Hartford, CT
Scarlet: Art for The Heart Art Space Hartford	12/10 Hartford, CT
Built For Haiti Aronow Theater at City College	11/10 New York, NY
Black August Art Show Brecht Forum	8/10 New York, NY
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: Unity Art Space Hartford	8/10 Hartford, CT
House Call: Resident Artist Showcase Paris in Plantsville Gallery	6/10 Plantsville, CT
Rough Around The Edges Art and Soul Prints	6/10 Windsor, CT
Super Thief Presents: Higher Learning New Britain Artists' Co-Op	9/09 New Britain, CT
Summer Art Series New Britain Artists' Co-Op	8/09 New Britain, CT
PRO+CRE8 Art Space Hartford	6/09 Hartford, CT
The As Yet Unnamed Art Show MAC650 Gallery	6/09 Middletown, CT
UnArt 3 Artspace Hartford	1/09 Hartford, CT
UnArt 2 Art Space Hartford	6/08 Hartford, CT
Juried Exhibitions	
All Over The Map (Juried by New Britain Artists' Co-Op) Stockman Gallery	2/17 New Britain, CT
Open Call: Juried Exhibition Paris in Plantsville Gallery	3/10 Plantsville, CT

Live Painting

Summer Soul Series Hartford Trading Company	6/18 – 8/18 Hartford, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION 4 The 224 Eco Space	3/17 Hartford, CT
Guest Artist at the Premier for “The Fertile River: A play by Vincent Terrell Durham” ACME Theater	10/16 Los Angeles, CA
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION 3 Art Space Hartford	3/16 Hartford, CT
Hot Chocolate Soul The Bushnell Performing Arts Center	2/16 Hartford, CT
Maturity: TangSauce Album Release 860 Skate Shop	2/16 Hartford, CT
Sodalicious: Pop Art Exhibit The Dirt Salon	8/15 Hartford, CT
Hot Chocolate Soul The Bushnell Performing Arts Center	6/15 Hartford, CT
Crowned New England Music Showcase City Hall	5/15 Hartford, CT
Family, Friends and Flows The 224 Eco Space	8/14 Hartford, CT
Sankofa Kuumba Presents: Journey of Emancipation Charter Oak Cultural Center	8/12 Hartford, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents: ART MUSIC MOTION 2 30 Arbor	3/12 Hartford, CT
CT Food & Wine Festival The Hartford Club	10/11 Hartford, CT
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group Presents ART MUSIC MOTION Time Frozen Photography Studio	3/11 Hartford, CT
Self-Suffice Album Release Event Charter Oak Cultural Center	9/10 Hartford, CT
Falldown 2010 Williamsburg	9/10 Brooklyn, NY