

SIERRA KAZIN

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BIOGRAPHY

Sierra Kazin is an American mixed media artist whose passion is combining figural work with photo collage. Her work ties the visual elements of various cultures, symbols and art historical references together around highly detailed figure drawings using primarily marker and inks.

EDUCATION

2015-2021

- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Drawing and Painting, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA.
- Minor in Art History, School of Art and Design, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2022

- *New Visions 2022*, Fine Arts Gallery, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

2021

- *Georgia Lawyers for the Arts Gala Art Exhibition*, [GLA], King Plow Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia
- *Metro Montage XXI*, Marietta Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA
- *Senior Capstone Art Exhibition*, Fine Arts Gallery, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
- *New Visions 2021*, Fine Arts Gallery, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

2016

- *Atlanta High School Art Exhibition (AHSAE) Award Winners*, Oglethorpe University Museum of Art, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA

2015

- *Dogwood Arts Festival Competition*, Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA
- *North Fulton High School Art Exhibition and Competition*, Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA
- *American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA), Young Marine Artist Search (YMAS) National Competition*, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT.
- *Scholastic Art and Writing Gold-Key Portfolio Competition*, Carnegie Hall, New York, NY
- *Georgia Watercolor Society Scholarship Show*, Binders Limelight Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2014

- *Scholastic Art and Writing National Competition*, Carnegie Hall, New York, NY
- *Scholastic Art and Writing Gold-Key Competition*, Carnegie Hall, New York, NY

2013

- *North Fulton High School Art Exhibition and Competition*, Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- *School of Art and Design Curator's Choice Award*, New Vision's 2022; Annual juried student art exhibition, Kennesaw State University, 2022
- *School of Art and Design Director's Choice Award*, New Vision's 2021; Annual juried student art exhibition, Kennesaw State University, 2021
- *Full academic scholarship*, Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, 2015
- *Best in Show*, Marker & Acrylic, Dogwood Arts Festival Competition, 2015
- *Best in Show*, Marker & Acrylic, North Fulton High School Art Exhibition and Competition, Roswell, GA, 2015
- *Honorable Mention*—National, Watercolor, American Society of Marine Artists, 2015
- *Third Place*, Georgia Watercolor Society, 2015
- *Gold Key-Portfolio*, Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, 2015
- *Silver National Medal*, Watercolor, Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, 2014
- *Gold Key*, Watercolor, Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, 2014
- "Jan Gibbons Award", Watercolor, North Fulton High School Art Exhibition and Competition, Roswell, GA, 2015

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- High Museum of Art (inactive)
- Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (inactive)

PUBLICATIONS / BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Nicholson, Daryl. *Bright Stars: 2015 GWS High School Seniors Scholarship Show*, Georgia Watercolor Society (website), Atlanta, GA. (Accessed on February 3, 2021). Link: <https://georgiawatercolorsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Spring-2015.pdf>

Durbin, Joan. *Young At Heart*, Johns Creek Neighbor, Johns Creek, GA. January 16, 2013, Vol.42 No. 3

PRESENTATIONS

Acrylic Pouring Workshop. 2019 Studio 23 Atlanta, Art Instruction for Large Company Event, Atlanta, GA. This workshop was conducted to teach 12 technology professionals acrylic pouring techniques and team building.

Landscape Painting and Alcohol Ink Techniques. 2020 Studio 23 Atlanta, Private Women's Event, Atlanta, GA. This workshop was organized to demonstrate and teach various painting techniques to 25 female participants. Each exercised acquired skills to

produce their own original artwork.

Mixed Media Visions. 2020 Studio 23 Atlanta, Private Women's Event, Atlanta, GA. This workshop was organized to demonstrate and teach various multimedia techniques to 15 female participants. Each explored using watercolor, textiles, and ink on canvas to produce their own original artwork to reflect their views of the world around them.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Art Career Mentoring Service (ACMS) Intern for Professor Robert Sherer, School of Art and Design Kennesaw State University. The Art Career Mentoring Service (ACMS) is an academic service committee within the Department of Visual Arts at Kennesaw State University. Responsibilities as an ACMS intern included conceptualizing and constructing exhibition prospecti, compiling, editing and synthesizing information from the prospecti of others, discovering and pursuing leads for art opportunities and future exhibitions, researching publications, websites for opportunities. The overall mission of the service is to provide KSU artists exclusively with a career advantage over the competition in the Atlanta art scene.

Exhibition Organizer/Curator, Phoenix and Dragon, *Arcana*. My duties included: Writing press release, conceptualize the exhibition, solicit artists, jurying artworks

Art Instructor, Studio 23 Atlanta. An independent art school/studio that offers a wide range of Fine Art classes and workshops for toddlers, children, adults, and youth, and young adults with special needs are able to learn and explore through small-sized classes. While working as an instructor and being a full-time Kennesaw State student, I have been able to plan and create art projects for people of all ages to enjoy and appreciate. During my time here, my passion for art history has shaped my lesson planning and teaching and has allowed me to present to diverse public groups. 2019-2021. Link:
<https://www.studio23atlanta.com/staff>

Typography, School of Art and Design Kennesaw State University. Beyond my degree curriculum I wanted to expand my skillset beyond traditional artmaking and learn typographic design and graphic design. The course challenged me to make various publication layouts, poster designs, and advertisements by using Adobe applications such as InDesign, Illustrator and photoshop. 2021-2022.

Adobe Certified Associate Certificate. Kennesaw State University. Beyond my degree curriculum I am seeking to enhance my proficiency in five of Adobe's most often-used programs: Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, and Animate (formerly Flash). Expected completion: Spring 2022.

Certified Picture Framer® Certification, Professional Picture Framer Association. Seeking additional proficiency beyond canvas stretching I learned at Kennesaw State University.
Expected completion: Spring 2022.

PROFESSIONAL

SERVICESKENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Member, Gala Art Selection Committee for *GLA*, Art installation volunteer and solicitor for art donations from artists. 2021

Tutor, educated Kennesaw students in art history content and success strategies. Enthusiastically provided students with study techniques and tactile methods towards problem-solving and memorizing information. August 2016 - present.

Concerned Advocate, I had concerns about the lack of outdoor lighting at our new art building on campus. There was a single light outside the art building making vandalism or assault inevitable. I initiated actions with faculty and university officials to improve on-campus lighting for student safety and access. 2020.

Service to the Community

E's club, a non-profit 501(c)3 public charity which helps families, teens and young adults affected by Asperger's Syndrome and other High Functioning Autism Spectrum disorders. When I volunteered, I was able to teach various painting workshops and enabled participants to express themselves through art and socialize with others.

Paint Love, brings arts programming to youth facing poverty and trauma. I used art to interact with children as an exercise of joy and therapy. Through art I was able to show children that their voice matters, their ideas are important, and their actions can make a difference in shaping the future. 2017.

Steubenville-Atlanta presented by Lifeteen, a youth conference of over 3,000 participants held each summer at Gwinnett Center, Gwinnett, GA for local musical celebration and team building. I painted and participated in stage design. 2014.

Women's Community Kitchen, Action Ministries, Atlanta, GA. Volunteer in the soup kitchen, supervising order fulfillment, cooking food, and assisting servers with delivery. Personal care and prompt service recognized by customer satisfaction comments. 2013 - 2016.

St. Benedict Pre-K School, painted animated character wall murals in childrens' classrooms. 2012.

PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE

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