

LAUREN LUNA

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Education

2012 Masters of Fine Arts, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

2004 Masters of Science, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY

2000 Bachelors of Fine Art, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

Awards

2020 City of Houston Proclamation of “Lauren Luna Day”

2020 Houston First *Art in the Sky* Winner

2018 Pearland Art League People Choice Award for Best In Show- Pearland, Texas

2017 Black Girl Excellence Award- Houston, Texas

2016 Pearland Art League 2nd Place- Pearland Texas

2015 Congressional Record; House of Representatives, 114th Congress, Austin, Texas

2015 Pearland Art League Best In Show-Pearland, Texas

2014 Margot Siegel Design Award, Goldstein Museum of Design, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2012 Scion’s Top 50 Entrepreneur, Los Angeles, California

2008 Honorable Mention-*Art Buzz* 2009 Collection

2008 Award of Merit-*International Art Show: Part II – Abstract* Guests Gallery

2008 1st place popular vote- *Fire and Rebirth* – www.zhibit.org

1999 Honorable Mention- Steward Art Show, Kent, Ohio

Solo Exhibitions

2020 *Urban Playground*, Bisong Gallery, Houston, TX

2017 Featured Artist, Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood, Texas

2010 *The State of Our (un)Union*, KIACA Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

2000 *On the Outside Looking In* Senior BFA Show, Sculpture Gallery, Kent Ohio

2000 *Where Ya From?* Snaps and Taps, Columbus, Ohio

1999 *Little of This, Little of That* Snaps and Taps, Columbus, Ohio

Select Group Exhibitions

2017-current *Bayou City Art Festival*, Houston, TX

2016 *yART Sale*, BlueOrange Gallery, Houston, TX

2016 *Chocolate and Art*, Spring Street Studios, Houston, TX

2015 *Houston on Fire*, Houston Fire Museum, Houston, TX

2015 *Fusion of the Arts*, Pearland Art League, Pearland, TX

2015 *Dark Matter: An Art Show of Science and Civil Rights*, Mother Dog Studios, Houston, TX

2014 Galveston Art Walk Featured Artist, Affaire d’ Arte, Galveston, TX

2013 *Stepping Into the Limelight*, GRASSI Museum for Applied Arts, Germany

2012 *Body Awareness*, Stark Naked Theatre, Houston, TX

2012 *You’ll Find This Offensive*, Red Door Space, Pittsburg, PA

2012 *The Faces of Color*, Performing Arts Center, Bethune-Cookman Univ. Daytona Beach, FL

2011 *Artopia*, Winter Street Studios, Houston, TX

2011 *Via Colori*, Houston, TX

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- 2011 *The Many Faces of Nico*, War'haus Gallery, Houston, TX
2011 *Introducing the New Members of Montrose Art Society*, Caroline Collective, Houston, TX
2009 *Columbus-The Crossroads to Ohio*, James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, Columbus, Ohio
2009 *Via Colori*, Pearl Alley, Columbus, Ohio
2009 *TrU-Rrt*, Kiaca Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Passing the Torch*, James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *C Note Art Show*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Art of Democracy: Farewell to the Wasteland*, Ball State University, Muncie, IN^[SEP]2008
Art of Politics, BoMa, Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *Red Chair Art Affair*, Columbus Museum of
Art, Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *Salon Show*, Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *One
Night: High*, Ohio Art League, Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *Agora V*, Junctionview Studios,
Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *Via Colori*, Goodale Park, Columbus, Ohio
2008 Gahanna Gallery Walk, Gahanna, Ohio
2008 *Stripped Away* MadLab Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 Bar of Modern Art, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Inside the Artist's Studio*, Mahan Gallery, Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *Rhythm of Art*, Terra
Gallery, Columbus, Ohio^[SEP]2008 *Movement, Color and Light*, Agni Gallery, New York, New
York^[SEP]2008 *Contemporary Media Show*, Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Agora IV*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *C-Note Show*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Age of Aquarius*, Butler Art Center, Butler, Pennsylvania
2008 Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Abstract works from the Terra Gallery*, Concourse Gallery, Upper Arlington,
2008 Morpho Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2008 Utrecht Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2001 *Founders & Friends* Exhibition, Cinque Gallery, New York, New York
2001 *Roots and Wings*, Cinque Gallery, New York, New York
2000 *Stewart Art Show*, Stewart Hall, Kent, Ohio
2000 *From Roots to Recovery*, Music Listening Center, Kent, Ohio
2000 *Cold Exchange*, Millworks Gallery Inc, Akron, Ohio
2000 *Express Yourself*, Stark State College Of Technology, Canton, Ohio
2000 *When Harlem was in Vogue*, Uumbaji Gallery, Kent, Ohio
1999 *Variations and Perspectives*, Uumbaji Gallery, Kent, Ohio
1999 *Xposure*, Uumbaji Gallery, Kent, Ohio
1997 Black Art Plus, Columbus, Ohio

Permanent Collections/Public Installations:

City of Angleton Angleton, Texas
City of Sugarland. Sugarland, Texas
KHOU Houston, Texas
Camden Travis St. Apartments, Houston, Texas
Mark Twain Elementary, Alvin, Texas
Goldstein Museum of Design, Minneapolis, Minnesota
KIACA Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

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Cinque Gallery, New York, New York
Drs. Oswagu- Bosah, New Albany, Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Lee, Columbus, Ohio

Select Media Coverage

2021 Isiah Factor: Uncensored: Diversity in the Arts, *KRIV 26*
2020 Art Valet: Luna becomes well-known name in local art scene, *The Leader News*
2020 BSA & Art Association Bring Artist Lauren Luna to Campus for Speaker Event, *UHCL The Signal*
2020 In the Age of Coronavirus, Street Chalk Event Goes Viral, *Houston Chronicle*
2019 A Local Artist Draws Up an Opportunity For Minorities In The Arts, *KHOU 11*
2019 Bayou City Art Festival Features Art From Around the World, *ABC13*
2019 Fulfilling dreams: Houston Painter Using Art Show to Fund Scholarship, *The Leader News*
2018 Bayou City Guest Artists, *Houston Life KHOU*
2015 Mark Twain Art Teacher Claims Top Award in Recent Show, *Alvin Advertiser*
2015 Fusion of the Arts' includes PAL's 5th Annual Juried Exhibition, *Friendswood Journal*
2015 Art Valet: Examining art in the Heights, *The Leader News*
2015 Local Artist works to be featured in Montrose eatery, Breakfast Klub, *The Leader News*
2015 "Artist Spotlight" *Professional Artist Magazine*
2014 "Artist Spotlight" *Professional Artist Magazine*
2013 "Lauren Luna: Shoe Designer & Artist" *Why Blue Matters*
2012 "100 Houston Creatives" *Houston Press*
2012 "Summer of Shoes" *Houston Chronicle*
2011 "The Artist that Lived in a Shoe" *Genteel Magazine*
2010 "Rise, Grind, Rinse, Repeat...Artista Style" *Urban Elements*
2010 Artist Makes Shoes Her New Canvas, *WSYX 6 Good Day Columbus*
2010 Q & A: Shoe Designer Lauren Luna, *Columbus Alive*
2010 :Lauren Luna" *R-A-WShoesBlog*
2010 "Demonstrator Yells at Photographer 1968" by Lauren Luna" *Soul Portrait Magazine*,
2010 "Customized Heels by Lauren Luna", *This Next*,
2010 "Featured Addiktions Lauren "Artista" Luna" Addiketd to Fashio
2010 "'Irony' by Lauren Luna", *Soul Portrait Magazine*,
2010 Nike Air Force 1 Low "Newport" Customs for Noreaga" *Sneaker Obsession*,
2010 "Lauren Luna-Ed Lover Custom Nike Air Force 1", *Paint or Thread*
2010 "Custom Air Force 1's Designed by Lauren Luna" *Material Killers*,
2010 "Art and creativity coming to a shoe near you.", *The Examiner*,

Teaching Experience

2016- Current Adjunct Professor, Drawing, Painting and Art Appreciation
2012- 2019; Middle School Art Teacher, Alvin, Texas
2009 Adjunct Professor Drawing Basics, Columbus State Community College

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My name is Lauren Luna and I am wishing to be chosen as one of the artists for your beautification project. I believe that my experience, professionalism, and the high quality of my work will bring the ideal aesthetic to the new project. I have been practicing as a professional artist for more than twenty years and have worked very hard of achieving my goal of being a full time artist.

Relocating nine years ago to Houston from Columbus, Ohio in pursuit of my goal, I finished my Masters Degree in Fine Arts in 2012 focusing on painting. During that time and since, I have been able to achieve my dream; teaching elementary art in Alvin ISD and college level art classes at Alvin, San Jacinto and Lone Star Community Colleges. I also participate within Houston's art community, at local art festivals such as Midtown Art in the Park and White Linen Night in the Heights. I also have had the pleasure of presenting the honorable Sylvester Turner with a painting at the Pinnacle Awards on behalf the Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce.

I am excited at the possibility to do another installation. In 2012, I completed a 22 ft. wall installation at the school building where I was employed. The mosaic, made in memorandum of past teachers who had recently passed away, was made of colored glass. I was assisted by my afterschool art club with the assemblage of the wall mosaic. Following my direction, we installed a scene that had three open books with the deceased teachers' names, two rainbows connecting the books and multicolored flowers that sprung up all along the bottom border of the mosaic. On the top border included the zig zag pattern that was reminiscent of the old building that this one had replaced. Working during my lunch, planning period and afterschool, from conception to completion took about six months. That spring, our school did a dedication to the families of the departed teachers, also receiving publicity in the local paper.

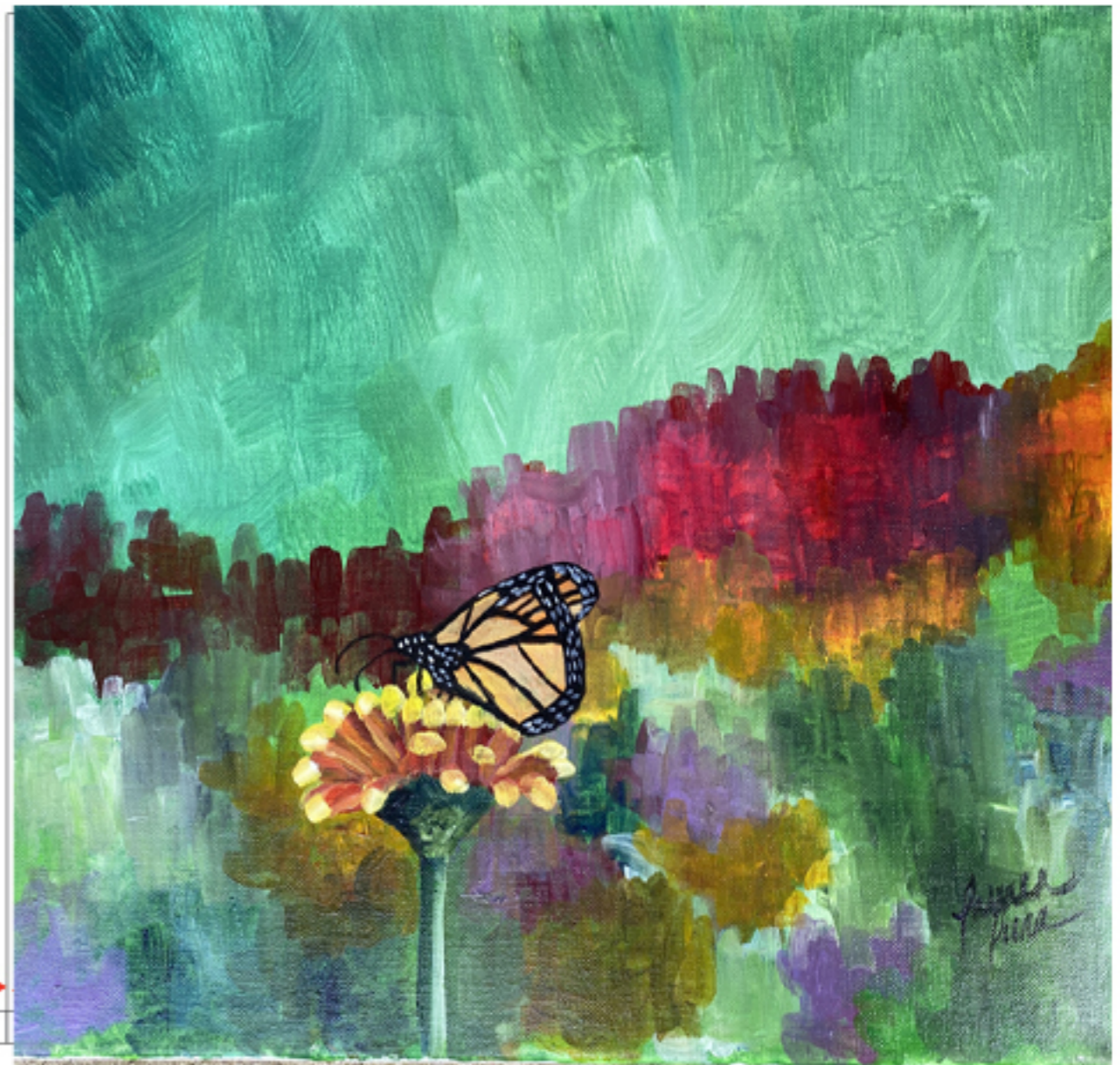
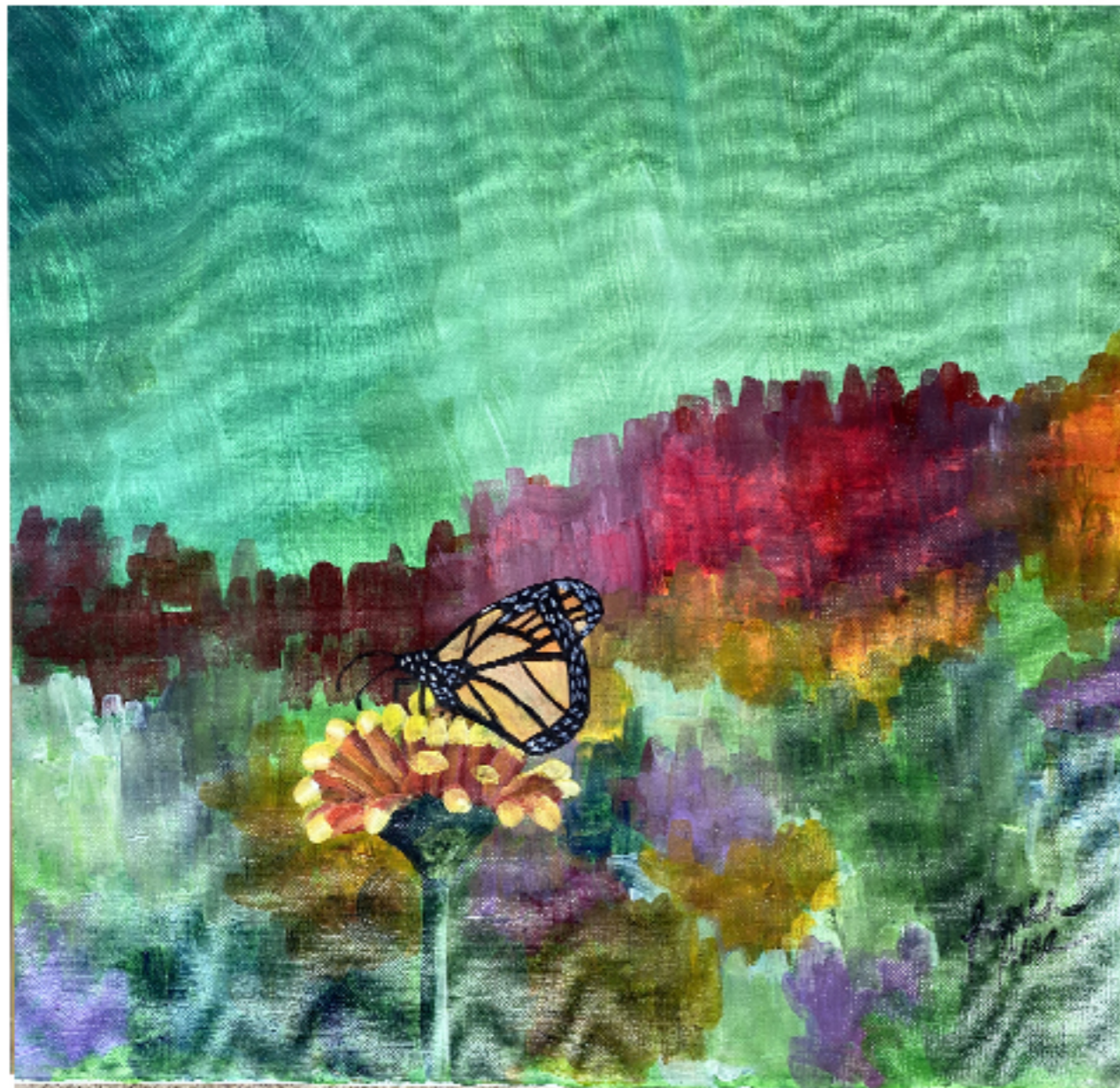
I feel if I was chosen to be the artist to complete another traffic box in Angleton, I would be able to assist in the city's goal of adding art to the area. I am a good candidate for this project and meet all requirements. I am not currently under any other contracts nor have any family relatives in City Hall or City Council.

References

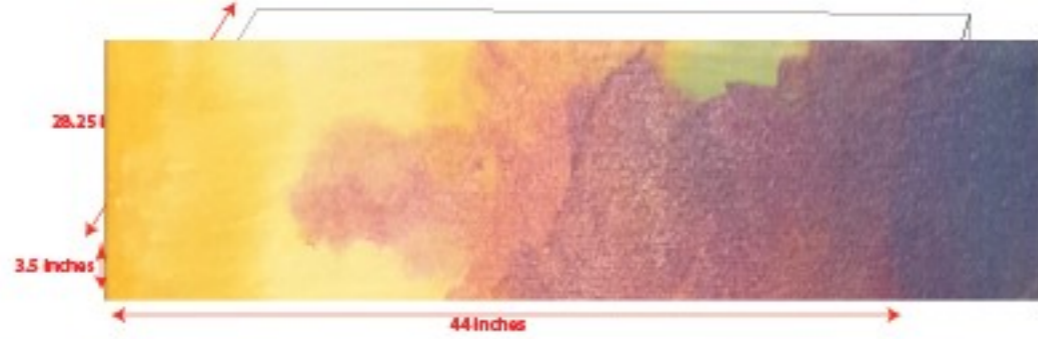
1. Cynthia Alvarado
Operations Manager
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2. Mitchell Cohen
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3. Carla Bisong
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