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Education

Quinnipiac University (2020) Master of Science- Organizational Leadership

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 (AOCA) Fellow Hartford, CT
Partnered with The Amistad Center at Wadsworth Atheneum

Notable Memberships

Connecticut Arts Alliance 2022 - Present
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)-
Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library, Hartford, CT 2018
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

"Artists on call to be part of 'hARTford Love' Albany Avenue beautification project", Susan Dunne, The Hartford Courant, January 26, 2022 ("Artists on call to be part of Albany Avenue project - PressReader")

"Art Center Opens New Exhibit", Dennis Hohenberger, The Hartford Courant, August 22, 2019 ("ABOUT | Andre Rochester")

"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

Public Arts Initiatives

hARTford Love Project Lead

2022

City of Hartford

Hartford, CT

Lead the development and coordination and execution of a public arts initiative in which we hire artists to create artwork to be reproduced and installed on bus shelters and utility boxes throughout the city as part of the Love Hartford initiative to celebrate Hartford culture and promote neighborhood pride.

Arts Administration

Program Director- Artists of Color Accelerate Fellowship

2022-Present

The 224 EcoSpace

Hartford, CT

Lead the development and coordination of educational activities for AOCA fellows, which includes developing a curriculum of workshops and masterclasses as well as matching fellows with Greater Hartford-based arts organizations with whom they will create special programs and initiatives. Lead strategic planning for future cohorts. Develop and manage the team in meeting all program objectives per stakeholder expectations and grant criteria.

Public Speaking

Engagements include school visits, artist talks, and panel discussions. Topics include Art as A Tool for Healing, Art and Activism, motivational messages for youth, and guest lectures.

Teaching

Workshops and Residencies

Rochester Fine Art

I teach a curriculum that fuses fundamental drawing with social and emotional learning. Students learn color theory, basic composition, and drawing techniques while exploring various subjects. I encourage students to use art as a tool for introspection and a guide for healthy discussion. Workshops can also complement learning objectives for almost any class.

2022-Present

Statewide, CT

Art Instructor

Rochester Fine Art

I teach fundamentals of drawing and painting to individuals and groups. Lessons are based on assessment of student(s)' needs and goals. Media include graphite, charcoal, color pencil, soft pastels, and acrylic painting. Students receive 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.

2013-Present

Statewide, CT

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 History Month Exhibit Tisane Euro-Asian Café	2/22 Hartford, CT
Featured Artist Semilla Café & Studio	11/21-2/22 Hartford, CT
Emerge Connecticut Center for Art and Technology	9/21 New Haven, CT
Black Period/Open Wall Series ed. 03 (multiple locations)	6/21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hill-Stead Museum Free Center 	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 Hartford 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