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Education

Quinnipiac University (2020) Master of Science- Organizational Leadership	Hamden, CT
Charter Oak State College (2014) Bachelor of Arts- Studio Art	New Britain, CT
University of Connecticut School of Fine Art Illustration Major	Storrs, CT

Fellowships / Residencies

2022-23 National Leaders of Color Fellowship- New England Foundation for The Arts	Nationwide
2022 New Voices Fellowship (for Arts Administrators)- Greater Hartford Arts Council	Hartford, CT
2021-22 Artist of Color Accelerate (AOCA) Fellowship	Hartford, CT
2021 Quest Program- Leadership Greater Hartford	Hartford, CT

Notable Memberships

Wethersfield Academy for The Arts (Board Member)	2023 - Present
Wadsworth Atheneum Community Council (Education Committee Member)	2023 - Present
Connecticut Arts Alliance (Board Member)	2022 - Present
Wadsworth Atheneum Board of Electors (Education Committee Member)	2021 - 2023
Black Dimensions in Art (Board Member)	2021 - 2023
Windsor Art Center Board of Directors (Vice President, Curatorial Chair, Development Chair)	2019 - 2023
Windsor Art Center Curatorial Committee (volunteer)	2017 - 2019
Pro+Cre8 Artist Group	2009 - 2017
City of Hartford Commission on Cultural Affairs	2014 - 2015

Awards and Honors

2022 Our Piece of the Pie® Inc. Alumni Recognition Award	10/22
Official Proclamation from Mayor Luke Bronin, City of Hartford	8/22
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 (2 nd 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

Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center- New Haven, CT	New Haven, CT
Catholic Charities- Arch Diocese of Hartford, CT	Hartford, CT
Manchester Community College	Manchester, CT
City of Hartford	Hartford, CT
Hartford Public Library	Hartford, CT
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

“Introducing UConn Health’s New Art Curator”, Chris DeFrancesco, UConn Today, February 15, 2023

“Mural project brings artwork to Hartford’s Albany Ave.”, Lezla Gooden, WFSB Channel 3 Eyewitness News, September 9, 2022

"Opportunity and inspiration: ‘hARTford Love’ project puts artists’ work on the street for all to see", Ted Glanzer, The Hartford Courant, September 9, 2022

“hARTford Love Project Unveiling”- Press Conference Video with Hartford Mayor, Luke Bronin, Project Team, and Artists- September 8, 2022

“Where Art Thou”- Hosted by Ray Hardman (CPTV)- July 24, 2022

"In Hartford, First Artists of Color Accelerate fellows find space, support to elevate their work", Deidre Montague, The Hartford Courant, July 4, 2022

“Diversity in The Community with Teresa Harris” (Windsor, CT Community TV)- April 27, 2022

"The ‘hARTford love’ neighborhood art initiative works to amplify beauty on Albany Avenue", Raquel Harrington, Fox 61/WTIC-TV, April 6, 2022

"Four Artists Give New Haven A Crash Course In "Street Civics", Al Larriva-Latt, Arts Council Greater New Haven, February 21st, 2022

“CT Creative Futures: Andre Rochester”, Interview with Symphonie Privett- Fox 61/WTIC-TV, February 18, 2022

“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”)

“City of Hartford seeking local artists for 'Hartford Love' initiative”, Interview with Carmen Chau- Fox 61/WTIC-TV, January 25, 2022

"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

Public Arts

Project Manager- hARTford Love Project

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 printed 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

Art Curator

2023-Present

UConn Health Center

Farmington, CT

Manage the expansion and development of a collection of over 2500+ works of art on display in offices, academic areas, patient-occupied spaces, corridors, throughout 14 facilities. Track artwork inventory. Oversee transportation and installation of artwork. Develop and execute campaign to increase awareness of the UCHC collection throughout the organization and the Greater Hartford regional community served by UCHC. Facilitate development and execution of 5 exhibits per year in the Celeste LeWitt Gallery.

Program Manager- The 224 EcoSpace

2022-Present

The 224 EcoSpace

Hartford, CT

Lead the development and coordination of educational activities for the Artists of Color Accelerate Fellowship. Develop a curriculum of workshops and masterclasses. Match fellows with local arts organizations to create special programs and initiatives. Lead strategic planning for future cohorts. Lead the team in meeting program objectives per stakeholder expectations. Organize quarterly series' of community engagement events, which include guest speakers, quarterly pop-up markets. Curate exhibits on display in two gallery spaces in which we display work from visual artists (e.g., paintings, works on paper, photography, fiber arts).

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

Coaching and Mentorship

2022-Present

Rochester Fine Art

Nationwide

I help creatives (primarily visual artists) develop a clear vision for themselves as professional artists. I guide them through finding their niche, adding structure to their art practice, and leveraging their non-art skillsets to bring value to their business. I provide coaching/mentorship via one-on-one sessions and group workshops.

Workshops and Residencies

2022-Present

Rochester Fine Art

Statewide, CT

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.

Art Instructor

2013-Present

Rochester Fine Art

Statewide, CT

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.

Solo Exhibitions

Seeking Freedom

10/22 -11/22

Carriage House Theater

Hartford, CT

Featured Artist

11/21-2/22

Semilla Café & Studio

Hartford, CT

Break Through

3/20 – 11/20

The Ethel Walker School- Corridor Gallery

Simsbury, CT

Untitled: Solo Exhibit

3/19 – 4/19

Gallery 66

New Britain, CT

By Faith

3/14 – 9/14

The 224 Eco Space

Hartford, CT

Collection of Works by Andre Rochester

2/14

Trinity College, Mather Hall

Hartford, CT

Le'Reve: Artwork by Andre Rochester

4/12

The Dream Support Network

Vernon, CT

Untitled: Featured Artist

4/11

Charter Oak Cultural Center

Hartford, CT

The Works of Andre Rochester

10/10

Paris in Plantsville Gallery

Plantsville, CT

Curated by Andre Rochester

Freedom Windsor Art Center	2/23 Windsor, CT
Interpretations of Black Excellence The 224 EcoSpace	1/23 Hartford, CT
Acceptance through The Ages Windsor Art Center	5/22 Windsor, CT
Second Layer: Conversations Through Canvas by B.D. Stellmacher Windsor Art Center	3/22 Windsor, CT
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 EcoSpace	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	12/12

MAC650 Gallery	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 Network	3/12 Vernon, CT
Group Exhibitions	
Annual Members Exhibition Windsor Art Center	7/22 Windsor, CT
Black History Month Exhibit Tisane Euro-Asian Café	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) <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 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