

Ruby Merritt

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Education:

- 2013 MFA Visual Studies, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- 2011 BFA, Drawing & Painting, State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY
- 2008 Associate in Science, Fine Arts Niagara County Community College (NCCC), Sanborn, NY

Exhibitions:

- 2020 *Harlequin-strata*; Solo Show, The Crucible Art Collective, Buffalo, NY
- 2020 *Vision 20/20 Women Artists in WNY*, Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, NY
- 2019 *Alumni and Mentors*, Dolce Valvo Art Center, Sanborn, NY
- 2019 *Patterns and Growth*, Carnegie Art Center, North Tonawanda, NY
- 2019 *BookArts Exhibition*, Book Arts Center, Buffalo, NY
- 2018 *Trimania*, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY
- 2018 *Members Exhibition*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
- 2017 *We_Us_Squared*, Project 1, Video Performance, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY
- 2017 *University at Buffalo MFA Alumni Show*, CFA Lower Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2017 *Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition*, Dolce Valvo Art Center, Sanborn, NY
- 2017 *Small Works by WNY Artists from the Gerald Mead Collection*, Andrew L. Bouwhuis Library, Buffalo, NY
- 2016 *Members Exhibition 42st*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
- 2016 *Conjuring a Rumpus*, Starlight Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2016 *Breathe*, Manual Barreto Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2015 *Of Niagara: Works from the Gerald Mead Collection*, Dolce Valvo Art Center
- 2015 *41st Annual Members Exhibition*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY
- 2015 *Art Barge*. Burchfield Penny, Buffalo, NY
- 2015 *Bring to light*. Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, NY
- 2014 *Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition*, Dolce Valvo Art Center, Sanborn, NY
- 2014 *Dodge West*. Performance Video. Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, Buffalo, NY
- 2013 *A Show of Hands*, Marion Art Gallery, Fredonia, New York
- 2013 *nonsense ≥ no sense*, Collaborative Installation with Necole Zayatz and Ian McCrohan. Project 308 Gallery, No. Tonawanda, NY.
- 2013 *Experiment-ology & Hike through the Gallery with the Artist*, at Ology. Carnegie Art Center, North Tonawanda, NY
- 2013 *Ology*, solo MFA Thesis show, Carnegie Art Center, North Tonawanda, NY
- 2012 *Must Be Something in the Water*, Project 308 Gallery, North Tonawanda, NY
- 2012 *The Laboratory; Rock Migration-Interactive Installation*, MFA Open Studios, Visual Studies Dept, UB, Buffalo, NY.

- 2012 *The Vermilion Stained*, University at Buffalo Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2012 *Chroma-Phase*, University at Buffalo Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2012 *Displaced Objectives/Convoluted Conjunction*, Dorsky Gallery Curatorial, Long Island City, NY
- 2012 *Drag Bar*, University at Buffalo Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2012 *27th Annual Members Exhibition*, Big Orbit, Buffalo, NY
- 2011 *Hydro Cycle and Particulates*, MFA Open Studios, Visual Studies Dept, UB, Buffalo, NY.
- 2011 *Parallax*. Main Street Studios, Buffalo, NY
- 2011 *Terra Forms Index* Art Center, Newark, NJ
- 2011 *Stratum Strata BFA Thesis Exhibition*. Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY.
Crystallized, Catalysts and Concoctions. Smiley Art Building, NP, New Paltz, NY.
- 2010 *Layers*. Rotunda Gallery, NP, New Paltz, NY.
SWITCHSHOW. Smiley Art Building, NP, New Paltz, NY.
Wet Paint. Smiley Art Building, NP, New Paltz, NY.
In-between the Elements. Smiley Art Building, NP, New Paltz, NY.
BFA Haiti Benefit. Muddy Cup, New Paltz, NY.
- 2009 *Caves and Found Places*. Smiley Art Building, NP, New Paltz, NY.
- 2008 Graduating With Honors Exhibition. NCCC Art Gallery, Sanborn, NY.
SUNY Art Exhibition. State University Plaza Gallery, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY.
Best of SUNY Art Exhibition. New York State Museum, Albany, NY.
- 2008-2006 *'Showcase' Art Exhibition*. NCCC Art Gallery, Sanborn, NY.
- 2007 *SUNY Art Exhibition*. State University Plaza Gallery, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY.
Best of SUNY Art Exhibition. New York State Museum, Albany, NY.
Young Women Exhibition. Impact Artist Gallery, Buffalo, NY.
- 2006 *Young Women exhibition*, Impact Artist Gallery, Buffalo, NY.
Damen University Art Exhibition, Damen University, Buffalo, NY.

Performances:

- 2020 *Clinic for Well-Being Vision 20/20 Women Artists in WNY*, Castellani Art Museum, Niagara Falls, NY
- 2018 *Clinic for Well-Being*. Trimania, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY.
- 2016-17 *We_Us_Squared*, Project 1, Video Performance, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY
- 2015 *Transpouring La Salle Park*. Ruby Merritt and Necole Zayatz. Infringment Festival, Buffalo, NY
- 2014 *Clinic for Well-Being*. Artist & Models Affair 25: True Defective June 21, 2014. 9PM-1am. 151 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, NY

- 2012-14 *Dodge West*, created by: George Afedzi-Hughes. Artist Collaboration, performance & Video. On going project.
- 2012 Dec. *Trans-pouring Sector 212*, Ruby Merritt and Necole Zayatz. Visual Studies Speaker Series, Department of Visual Studies, UB, NY: 12/3/2012.
- 2012 Oct. *Somatic Senses Explored*, The Big Draw, Center for the Arts Atrium, UB Art Galleries, NY: 10/26/2012.
- 2012 Oct. *CataCombia*, Ruby Merritt, George Hughes, Gary Sczerbaniewicz, Mary Johnson. Located at OCAD, for the Nuit Blanche 2012, Toronto, CA. 10/6/2012.
- 2011 Dec. *Trans-pouring Sector 3*, Ruby Merritt and Necole Zayatz, Located at the The Blue Sky Mausoleum, Frank Lloyd Wright, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, NY 14214: 12/3/2011. Shown in Parallax Exhibition.

Experience in Studio & Educational Environments:

- English as second language Art Lessons and Workshops
 - Journeys End Refugee Services
- Ages and International Student Workshops
 - The WASH Project, Locust Street Arts, Senca-Babcock Center, all Buffalo, NY.
- Event Enthusiast, Promoting Public Relations and Publications (& events) Distributor
- Printmaking Studio (Intaglio, Relief, Lithography)
 - Operations, Solvent & Chemistry Production and Maintenance
- Painting, Drawing, Foundation Level Art & Design, Operations and Maintenance
- Sculpture Studio-Large Machinery and Wood/Steel shop Functions and Maintenance
- Photography Dark Room (Black and White) Operations, Solvent & Chemistry and Maintenance
- Secretary/ Office attendant for Visual Studies Main Office, Office Machine Functioning and Operating
- Computer Lab Monitor, Scanning and Printing Functioning and Operating
- *-Trained Health and Safety for Studio/ University workshops & laboratories.
- *-Trained Health and Safety for Proper Posture and Techniques for Art/ Design Production.

Professional Artistic Skills:

Advance Drawing, Book Making, Box (portfolio, clam-shell) making, Paper Arts
 Printmaking-Intaglio, Advanced Etching, Monoprint techniques, Lithography, Paper making
 Painting-Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Gauche, Inks, Dye, Encaustics, pigment grinding
 Photography-Black & White Darkroom, 35 mm Camera, Digital Photography
 Digital Imaging, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign
 Basic Web Design, Dreamweaver, WIX, Online Presence for non for profit organizations
 Basic Ceramics, Glaze mixing
 Framing, Presentation Prepping, Matte and Mounting
 Wood working/Sculpture, Steel Working, Professional Gallery Installation

Publications and Reviews:

- 2018 *Fast, Cheap & Easy Copy Art Revolution*. Published Catalog: Designer. CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2013 Member Profile: Ruby Merritt's Art From Nature. Nature Preserves The Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York. Volume 13, Number 3 September 2013. P.S
- 2013 Project 308 Show is a Three-Artist Collaborative Installation, Danielle Haynes, The Tonawanda News. June 14, 2013.
- 2013 *The Earth's Art*, Jill Keppeler, The Tonawanda News, Tonawanda, NY. April 7, 2013.
- 2012 *Interview with Ruby Merritt, Chroma-Phase*, Nick Ostness. UB Art Galleries, Buffalo, NY
- 2012 *Masterful*, Jack Foran. Art Voice Vol. 11 No. 17 2/26/12-5/2/12, p. 15
- 2012 *Science Evolves Into Art*, Steph O'Bryan. The Spectrum, Buffalo, NY 4/11/2012
- 2008 *Space*, Online Art Gallery, The State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY. *Space, SUNY Art Exhibition* Poster. State University Plaza Gallery, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY.
- 2007 *'Go-to girls,' play's the thing*. Paul Westmoore The Buffalo News, Buffalo, NY. March 22, 2007.

Organizations:

- 2018-Current Western New York Book Arts Center, Buffalo, NY
- 2016-Current Hallwalls, The Burchfield Penny, Albright Knox Member
- 2013-Current Faculty Advisor for Art Guild, NCCC's Art Club/Organization
- 2012 Graduate Student Representative for Visual Studies Faculty UB
- 2012 Graduate Student Grief Counselor for Visual Studies Department UB
- 2011 Visual Studies Treasurer for Graduate Student Association, UB
- 2011-2009 Student Art Alliance (SAA), State University at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY.
BFA Drawing and Painting League, State University at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY.
- 2008-2012, Roycroft Campus Corporation, East Aurora, NY.
- 2007-2012, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY
Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY.
Big Orbit Gallery, Buffalo, NY
- 2006-2008 President of Art Guild, Fine Arts Department, NCCC
- 2006-Current Member of Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York Inc.;
National Audubon Society; Buffalo Niagara RiverKeepers

Awards /Achievements:

- 2012 Philip and Virginia Cuthbert Elliott Scholarship Award
- 2012 Graduate Tuition Scholarship
- 2009 Emerging Artists Scholarship, NCCC, Sanborn, NY