

# Michele Waalkes

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## EDUCATION

2007 B.A. in Art, Malone University (*cum laude*), Canton, OH

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Silo Presents: Michele Waalkes*, Silo Arts, Canton, OH  
2019 *Vantage Points*, Stark State University, Canton, OH  
2017 *Legacy*, Malone Art Gallery (MAG), Malone University, Canton, OH  
2017 *Meandering*, Massillon Library, Massillon, OH  
2014 *Traces*, Hudson Library, Hudson, OH  
2014 *Tangled Memories*, Translations Gallery, Canton, OH (two-person)  
2013 *Thin Places*, Market Street Art Spot, Minerva, OH  
2012 *Thin Places*, Dueber Cafe Gallery, Timken Company Global Headquarters, Canton, OH  
2009 *Sheer Obscurity*, The Little Art Gallery, North Canton, OH (two-person)  
2008 *Next*, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Arts Beacon of Light*, Riffe Gallery, Ohio Arts Council, Columbus, OH  
2022 *The Dreamers*, Silo Arts, Canton, OH  
2021 *Portraying Thought, Inquiry, and Story in Photography*, Cleveland Photo Fest Photothon 2021, Mac's Backs Books, Coventry, OH  
2021 *Women of Resilience*, Sally Otto Art Gallery, Mount Union, Alliance, OH  
2021 *The Last Hurrah*, Stark County District Library, Canton, OH  
2021 *Women of Resilience*, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH  
2021 *Telephone: International Arts Game* (juried), Global Online Exhibit  
2020 *Animal Farm*, Stark County District Library, Canton, OH  
2020 *Women of Resilience*, Ashland University, Ashland, OH  
2018 *DOUBLE EXPOSURE*, The Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH  
2011 *Into the Light*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH  
2011 *Atmoscapes*, Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH  
2010 *Stark Arthology*, Canton Museum of Art (juried), Canton, OH  
2010 *Stations of the Cross*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH  
2010 *Heart Gallery Exhibit*, Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH  
2010 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH (\*Best in Show)  
2010 *Blind Date*, Chicago Arts District Exhibition Space, Chicago, IL  
2010 *Blind Date*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH  
2009 *Fabrications*, Malone University, Canton, OH  
2008 *May Show*, The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH (\*2nd Place Mixed Media)  
2008 *Natural Beauty*, Sixth Street Gallery (juried), Vancouver, WA  
2007 *The Last Gasp*, Washington Gallery of Photography (open), Bethesda, MD  
2007 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH  
2007 *May Show*, The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH (\*1st Place Mixed Media)  
2007 *Hodge Podge*, Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH  
2006 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH

## SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Hanna, Campbell, & Powell, Akron, OH

The Timken Company, Canton, OH

Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH

Robb Hankins, Formerly CEO, ArtsinStark (County Arts Council), Canton, OH

Alexandra Nicholis Coon, Executive Director, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH

## SELECTED PUBLIC ART & COMMISSIONS

- 2021 *Illumination* Light Sculpture Installation, Julz, Canton, OH  
(Sponsored by Visit Canton and ArtsinStark as part of Illumination: Canton Light Festival)
- 2019 *Peace Poles*, Lighthouse Ministries, Canton, OH  
(Eight wooden peace poles created with students in summer program)
- 2018 *Umbrella Flowers*, Louisville, OH  
(Eight umbrellas transformed into sculptural flowers installed on lampposts in downtown Louisville to promote upcoming "Umbrella Alley")
- 2017 *Peace Table*, Lighthouse Ministries, Canton, OH  
(Five-foot diameter steel, resin, and bullet casing table to promote non-violent conflict resolution)
- 2017 *Healing Tree*, Stark Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, Canton, OH  
(Traveling community engagement project allowing people to share about addiction and mental illness recovery and words of encouragement on leaves added to the steel and aluminum tree sculpture)
- 2017 *Texture Garden*, Early Childhood Resource Center, Canton, OH  
(Sensory play environment for preschool and elementary children)
- 2016 *Collaboration*, Eric Snow Family YMCA, Canton, OH  
(Temporary public art installation incorporating student artwork created at YMCA locations)
- 2015 *Along the Way*, Pathway Caring for Children, Canton, OH  
(Monoprints on fabric, created by foster children, incorporated into a fibers triptych installed on site)
- 2014 *Building Homes* Mural, Habitat for Humanity, Canton, OH
- 2013 *Community Kinetic Sculpture*, McKinley Manor Neighborhood, Canton, OH  
(Neighborhood project through Community Building Partnership with funding by ArtsinStark and the Timken Company to help build neighborhood community, identity, and pride)
- 2013,14 *Masters Comes to Massillon*, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH  
(Miniature Golf Hole for United Way fundraiser, (Awarded best design in 2013)
- 2010,12,14 *Heart Gallery Portraits*, Stark County Jobs and Family Services, Canton, OH  
(Portraits of foster children for exhibition to raise awareness)
- 2012 *Canton Painted Piano*, Canton Arts District, Canton, OH  
(Temporary outdoor installation encouraging piano playing outdoors. Funded by grant from ArtsinStark),
- 2011 *Be Still*, Private Commission, Caledonia, MI
- 2011 *I Spy Learning Tree*, Early Childhood Resource Center, Canton, OH  
(Sculptural tree created from aluminum armature and covered with fabric painted by preschoolers. Small items hang from the tree that correspond with "I Spy" picture cards for children to use to find and identify the objects on the tree.)
- 2011 *Great Wall of Summit* Mural, Summit Neighborhood, 10th Street & Fulton Ave. Canton, OH  
(Community project through Community Building Partnership to build neighborhood community, identity and pride)
- 2010 *Until*, DeHoff Memorial Library, Canton, OH  
(Wall hanging made up of student fabric monoprints combined to create an abstracted waterfall to reflect MLK Jr's quote: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.")
- 2009 *Circuitous* Fibers Diptych, Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH  
(Commissioned on behalf of Mercy Medical Center. Work permanently installed near the ICU unit)

## **CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE**

2017-21 Curator, Malone Art Gallery, Malone University, Canton, OH  
2020 Guest Curator, *Parts to the Whole*, The Hub Art Factory, Canton, OH  
2016-20 Freelance Curator, Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA), Kent, OH  
2015-16 Curator, Kent State University's President's Residence, Kent, OH  
2013-14 Guest Curator, *Sacred Voices*, Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH  
2013 Curator, *Illuminated Windows of Canton*, Downtown Canton Arts District, Canton, OH  
2010-15 Curator, *Art at the Airport* Rotating Art Exhibits, Akron Canton Airport, Canton, OH  
2010 Guest Curator, *Fibernation*, 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH  
2007-2009 Curator, 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2019-21 Board Member, The Hub Art Factory, Canton, OH  
2023 Presenter, High School Career Arts Day, Kent State University - Stark, Canton, OH  
2013,15,17,19 Presenter, High School Career Arts Day, Kent State University - Stark, Canton, OH  
2018 Presenter, Middle School Career Arts Day, Kent State University- Stark, Canton, OH  
2014 Presenter, Ohio Arts Council 2014 Engagement Tour, Canton, OH  
2011-2014 Board Member, The Little Art Gallery, North Canton, OH  
2012 Artist Residency, Arte Studio Ginestrelle, Assisi, Italy  
2009-2012 Juror, Stark County Regional Scholastic Art Awards, Canton, OH  
2011 Juror, *Luminaries*, Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH  
2010 Juror, *Uncensored*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **College**

2013-2019 Senior Exhibit/Portfolio (ART430), Malone University, Canton, OH  
2013-2019 Art Analysis Workshop (FS105 01), Malone University, Canton, OH  
2016-18 Internship Advisor (ART 490), Malone University, Canton, OH  
2013 Issues in Contemporary Art, Malone University, Canton, OH

### **Preschool - High School**

2021-present Director, Artful Living & Learning (Preschool art integration), Stark County, OH  
2014-21 Teaching Artist, Artful Living & Learning (Preschool art integration), Stark County, OH  
2020-21 Art Teacher, 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Portage Collaborative Montessori School, Canton, OH  
2021 Art & English, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Peter's, Canton, OH  
2021 Art & Science, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Franklin Elementary, Massillon, OH  
2021 Art & English, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, St. James, Waynesburg, OH  
2016 Art & Science, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Louis Holy Cross Academy, Louisville, OH  
2015-16 Art & Writing, K-3, 4-8th, 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades Day Integrated Learning Center, Canton, OH (Grant from VSA Ohio)  
2013-2016 Art & Social Studies, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH  
2012-2016 Art & Math, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH  
2012-2016 Art & Science, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Minerva Elementary, Minerva, OH  
2015 Creative Expression Mobile Making, 9-10<sup>th</sup> grades ED students at Tuslaw High School, Massillon, OH  
2015 Pathway Caring for Children, Canton, OH (Culminating in a large piece of public art)  
2014-15 Art & Social Studies, K-2 & 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades, Day Integrated Learning Center, Canton, OH (Grant from VSA Ohio)  
2013 Art & Science, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Frazer Elementary, Canton, OH

- 2012-13 Art & Math, 7th grade, Faircrest Memorial Middle School, Canton, OH
- 2012 Art & Reading, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Minerva Elementary, Minerva, OH
- 2012 Art & Math, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Frazer Elementary, Canton, OH
- 2011 Art & Math, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH
- 2010-15 Community Art, 6th Grade Wilderness Camp, Dover Middle School, Camp Tippecanoe, Tippecanoe, OH
- 2010 Art & Literacy, DeHoff Memorial Library, Canton, OH (Culminating in a large piece of public art)
- 2010 SmARTS Saturdays Workshop design & implementation, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH

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