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EDUCATION

December 2020

Pasadena City College,
Pasadena

Occupational Skills Certificate,
Jewelry/Metalworking

June 2015

West L.A. City College,
Culver City

Occupational Skills Certificate,
Graphic Design

June 2011

The Art Institute of California,
Santa Monica |

Bachelor of Science,
Audio Production

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2024

Society of North American
Goldsmiths (SNAG)

2018 - 2024

Firearms Engravers Guild
of America (FEGA)

2017 - 2018

The Metal Arts Society of
Southern California (MASSC)

2016 - 2017

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club

MONICA MORENO

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTIST | TEACHING ARTIST

GRANTS

April - June 2021

Corona Memorials | Department of Cultural Affairs | City of Los Angeles

May 2021

Get Ready Grants | CERF+ The Artists Safety Net

AWARDS

June 2022

Honorable Mention | ArtOut Queering the Pandemic Exhibition |
LGBTQ Resource Center & Gulf Public Library

November 2020

Best In Show | Pasadena City College Annual Juried Art Show

May 2018

Pasadena City College VAMS (Visual Arts & Media Studies)
Advanced Scholarship Competition | Metal Arts Club Scholarship

May 2018

Pasadena City College VAMS (Visual Arts & Media Studies)
Advanced Scholarship Competition | Jewelry & Crafts Scholarship

April 2018

The Fine Arts Club of Pasadena Award | Metal-smithing/Jewelry Making

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

December 2024 - January 2025

We Are SNAG Anthology Ed 4
SNAG Metalsmith
Virtual Exhibition

November 2024

Queerphoria vol.4: Connection
NYC Jewelry Week/ Queer Metalsmiths
Virtual Exhibition

October 2024

The Art of Costume
Los Angeles Makery
Los Angeles, CA

October 2024

Enter the Goddesses
Los Angeles Makery
Los Angeles, CA



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July 2024

NOT! An Art Fair
Shockboxx Gallery
Hermosa Beach, CA

June 2024

SNAG In Focus
Virtual Exhibition

March 2024

Ring Smackdown 2024
Danaca Design Studio
Seattle, WA

September/October 2023

Psyche Inspired Art Exhibit
ASU Fletcher Library
Glendale, AZ

August 2023

Summer Salon
Art Share L.A.
Los Angeles, CA

July 2023

Tickled Pink: A Collection of Artworks Surrounding Joy, Humor, and Color
Women Made Gallery
Virtual Exhibition

June 2023

ArtOut Emergence
LGBTQ Resource Center and Gulfport Public Library
Gulfport, FL

April 2023

Earth Day Exhibition of Art
El Camino College Art Gallery
Torrance, CA

October/November 2022

Aqui y Alla y Mas
El Camino College Art Gallery
Torrance, CA

June 2022

SNAG Conference 2022 - Adorned Spaces
Rhode Island Convention Center

June 2022

ArtOut Queering the Pandemic Exhibit
LGBTQ Resource Center & Gulf Public Library

May/June 2022

Transforming the Prototype
Baltimore Jewelry Center

May 2022

Psyche: Mission to a Metal World
Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport



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October 2021

The 22nd Annual Dia de los Muertos Festival, Cathedral Art Exhibition – Hollywood Forever Cemetery

June 2018

Student Scholarship Exhibition - Boone Family Art Gallery, Pasadena City College

May 2016

Santa Monica City College Student Exhibition – Susan Barrette Art Gallery

October/November 2016

Dia De Los Muertos: Sacred Memories – El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument & El Pueblo Park Association, Pico House Gallery

March 2015

From Her: An Exhibition in Honor of National Women's History Month – El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument & El Pueblo Park Association, Pico House Gallery

PERFORMANCES

February 5, 2025

Szyzygean by Neoma: A Multimedia Butoh Opera
The Philosophical Research Society | Los Angeles, CA

PUBLICATIONS

June 2024

Shoutout LA: Local Stories
Web Interview

September/October 2023

City of Los Angeles Heritage Month Calendar & Cultural Guide |
Department of Cultural Affairs

October/November 2022

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October/November 2022

Aqui y Alla y Mas Exhibition Promotional Poster | El Camino College

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

The Art of Costume Couture Exhibition Artist Talk | The Los Angeles Makery |
Los Angeles, CA | **October 13, 2024**

Enter the Goddesses Exhibition Artist Talk | The Los Angeles Makery |
Los Angeles, CA | **October 27, 2024**

Not! An ArtFair Exhibition Artist Talk | Shockboxx Gallery | Hermosa Beach, CA |
July 26, 2024



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Tickled Pink Virtual Exhibition Artist Talk | Women Made Gallery |
Instagram Live | **July 8, 2023**

Aqui y Alla y Mas Exhibition Artist Talk | El Camino College | Torrance, CA |
October 25, 2022

TEACHING ARTIST ENGAGEMENTS

February 16, 2025

Preserving the Past: A Memorial Making Workshop
DDLA | Los Angeles, CA

July 14, 2024

Adornment Making from Found Objects
ReDiscover Center | Los Angeles, CA

June 29 and 30, 2024

Basic Metalsmithing for Jewelry Making Workshops
Fiesta of Gems Show | Culver City, CA

WORK EXPERIENCE & APPRENTICESHIPS

Engraving Apprentice | 2019 - Ongoing

John K. Barraclough, Master Gun Engraver | Los Angeles, CA

Instructor/Development Director | June 2011 - Present

PIECES Visual & Performing Arts | Venice, CA

NASA Psyche Inspired Intern (Cobalt Class) | September 2019 - May 2020

Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ

Mentee to Owner | June 2018 - July 2018

King Baby | Santa Monica, CA

Instructor | January 2016 - January 2017

TSA Housing | Los Angeles, CA

Outreach and Communications Intern | December 2014 - April 2015

18th Street Arts Center | Santa Monica, CA