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Statement:

My work represents many iterations of the philosophy that we are born from our innate connection with nature and each other. We are ancestor *and* descendant, amoeba *and* mammoth, hawk *and* mouse, forest *and* wind, chaos *and* pattern, particle *and* wave. We are all born from the same stars, sculpted from the same source, and contain the same life.

Selected Works & Collections:

2024 - 2025 Gatton Park on the Town Branch, Watermark Sculpture, Installation July 2025, Lexington, KY

Collection: Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Public Art Collection

2024 – 2025 Bronze Lifesize sculpture of Judge Tom Emberton, Installation Fall of 2025, Edmonton, KY

Collection: City of Edmonton, KY, Public Art Collection

2024 – 2025 Sharpsburg, KY Revitalization Community Center & Tobacco Sculpture, Phase 1

Collection: City of Sharpsburg, KY, Public Art Collection

2023 – 2024 St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Baptismal Font, Lexington, KY

Collection: Roman Catholic Diocese Collection

2022 – 2023 Kentucky COVID Memorial Monument - Frankfort, KY

Collection: Kentucky Capital Monuments Collection

2019 – 2022 The Girl Puzzle Monument, Roosevelt Island - New York City, NY

Collection: New York City Public Art Collection

2014 – 2022 110% Bronze Portrait, Nettie Depp – First woman honored with statuary in KY Capitol, Frankfort, KY

Collection: Kentucky Capital Monuments Collection

2019—2022 Carter Memorial Monument - Lexington, KY

Collection: Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY

2019 - 2020 Legacy Grove Park Monumental Ginseng Shade Sculpture - Winchester, KY

Collection: Greater Clark Foundation

2016 – 2019 115% Life-size Bronze Portrait of Alice Dunnigan - Russellville, KY

Collection: Historic Russellville, KY SEEK Museum, Member of the US Civil Rights Trail

2019 John Lewis, Good Trouble Tribute Wall, All Bronze Elements and Installation - Atlanta, GA

Collection: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport Collection

2017 - 2018 Wellington Park - Phase 2 of 6 Children's Sensory Garden, Design and Install - Lexington, KY

Collection: Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Public Parks Collection

2016 – 2018 Katsina Sacred Dancer 6', Lexington Women's Recognition Garden - Lexington, KY Collection: Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Public Parks Collection

 $2017-2019\ Historic\ Fayette\ County\ Courthouse\ \textbf{-}\ Restoration/Conservation/Fabrication\ of\ Rotunda$

Railings/Medallions Fabrication of Cane Rail, Messer Construction - Lexington, KY

Collection: Lexington Fayette Urban County Government

2015 - 2016 110% Bronze Portrait of Capt. Solomon Lee Van Meter, Pioneer Aviator - Lexington, KY

Collection: Aviation Museum of KY & Blue Grass Airport

2015 Dorsey Alston Realtors Corporate Headquarters Bronze Architectural Signs - Atlanta, GA

Collection: Dorsey Alston Realtors

2014 - 2015 Historic Gratz Park Sculpture Restoration, James Lane Allen Fountain - Lexington, KY

Collection: Lexington Fayette Urban County Government

2014 Life-Size Ancient Greek Boxer Olympian - Montgomery, AL

Collection: Jasmine Hill Museum

2013 Graves & Graves Construction, 5 Large Sculpted Municipal Bronze Plaques - Nashville, TN

Collection: City of Nashville, TN

2013 North American Heritage Services, Bronze Angel Memorial - Lexington, KY

Collection: The Lexington Cemetery

2012 Centenary United Methodist Church, Baptismal Bowl - Danville, KY

Collection: United Methodist Church

2011 MarCor Construction, Sculpted Municipal Bronze Plaques - Linden, TN

Collection: City of Linden, TN

2011 Portrait of Dr. George Zack, Conductor Laureate Lexington Philharmonic - Lexington, KY

Collection: Singletary Center for Art, University of Kentucky

2011 Armillary Sphere Sculpture - Ft. Stewart, GA

Collection: US Dept. of Defense

2011 Good Shepherd Cathedral, Bronze Baptismal Font, Friezes & Columns - Frankfort, KY

Collection: Roman Catholic Diocese Collection

2010 Elrod Memorial Sculpture, 7' Bronze - Georgetown, KY

Collection: Georgetown College

2009 St. Paul Catholic Church, Baptismal Font - Lexington, KY

Collection: Roman Catholic Diocese Collection

2007 Water is Life, 210' Ephemeral Installation at the Louisville Zoo, an AAM Museum -

Louisville, KY

2006 – 2007 Architectural Caduceus Sculpture - Louisville, KY Collection: Jefferson Veterinary Mgmt. Group, Inc. Hospitals

The Muhammad Ali Center: *The Greatest is Yet to Come* Sculpture - Louisville, KY

Collection: Green Hill Therapy

Dare to Care Food Bank, Artist-in-Residence Dec. 2003-March 2004, Imagine Sculpture

Collection: Jefferson Veterinary Mgmt. Group, Inc. Hospitals

2001 Corporate Mural, 9'10" X 50' - Louisville, KY

Collection: Sign of the Times, Inc.

(Selected) Removal/Relocation of Confederate Monuments:

2022 – 2024 Relocation of Jefferson Davis Confederate Monument from the Kentucky Capitol Rotunda

Collection: Jefferson Davis State Historic Site, Fairview, KY

2018 - 2019 Removal of "Our Confederate Dead" Monument from downtown Winston-Salem, NC

Collection: Winston-Salem, NC Cemetery

2017 - 2018 Removal of (2) Confederate Monuments from downtown Lexington, KY after deadly Charlottesville,

VA riots. LFUCG Mayor Jim Gray commissioned.

Collection: Lexington, KY Cemetery Collection

(Selected Awards) Short Film, *The Last Time Your Name is Spoken*, completed November 2024 (Undistributed)

Official Festival Selection, April 10, 2025, FilmArte Festival, Berlin Germany

Winner, Silver Award for Short Narrative, March 2025, Mindfield Film Festival, Albuquerque, NM, No Live Screening

Winner, Best Experimental Short Award, March 2025, Crown Point International Film Festival, Chicago, IL, No Live Screening

Winner, Best LGBTQ+ Short Film Award, February 2025, Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival, Athens, Greece, No Live Screening

Winner, Best Artist Film Award, November 2024, Berlin Indie Film Festival, Berlin, Germany, No Live Screening

Selected Awards:

- 2025 Portrait Induction/Installation, KY Women Remembered Permanent Portrait Exhibit, Trailblazing Women in KY, State Capitol Building, March 2025
- 2024 Arts Connect Visual Artist Award
- 2023 Kentucky Senate Commendation for Extraordinary Achievement as an Artist, Writer, Speaker, Businesswoman
- 2022 Kentucky Governor's Award in the Arts, Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement
- 2021 Small Business Association, Pacesetter Award for The Girl Puzzle Monument in NYC
- 2019 Southern Women: More Than 100 Stories of Innovators, Artists, and Icons, Garden & Gun Publications
- 2018 NAWBO, Woman Business Owner of the Year STRIVE AWARD, for KY/Southern IN Region
- 2018 NAWIC, National Association of Women in Construction, *Bluegrass Award*
- 2008 Artist in Residence, St. Francis School, Goshen, KY
- 2007 NAWBO Woman Business Owner of the Year, Finalist, Louisville, KY
- 2004 Best Design, Muhammad Ali Center, The Greatest is Yet to Come

Grants (24 to date):

- 2022 Great Meadows Foundation Travel Grant, 2022 Venice Biennale
- 2017 LexArts Community Arts Grant
- 2017 Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
- 2016 LexArts Community Arts Grant
- 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 Grants C.A.I.P, Fayette County, KY Prometheus Sculpture Gardens
- 2016 E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Grant \$60K toward Alice Dunnigan Sculpture
- 2015 Grant, KY Foundation for Women, Art Meets Activism Grant
- 2014 Grant, KY Foundation for Women, Professional Artist Enrichment Grant
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- 2012 Grant, Lexington Garden Club, Prometheus Grant for Sculpture and Botanical Gardens

- 2012 Grants, (2) USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program benefiting Prometheus Gardens
- 2012 Grant, LexArts has provided support for Prometheus through its Fund for the Arts
- 2008 Grant, Kentucky Foundation for Women, Artist Enrichment Grant
- 2006 Grant, Sister Cities International, 2006 Kunst in der Stadt, *Kuenstlerarbeiten Public Exhibition at Gutenbergplatz*, Mainz, Germany

Selected National and International Media Coverage:

- CBS Saturday Morning National Featureⁱ
- NBC News NOW National Featureⁱⁱ
- New York Timesⁱⁱⁱ, iv
- CNN^v
- The Lily (The Washington Post)^{vi}
- The Washington Post^{vii}
- Smithsonian Magazine viii, ix
- NewYork.gov^x
- Forbes^{xi}
- Kentucky.gov^{xii}, xiii, xiv, xv
- Southern Women Book, Garden and Gun^{xvi}
- NPR, All Things Considered xvii
- BBC News World Servicexviii
- USA Today^{xix}, xx
- University of Louisville Alumni Magazine Cover/Story^{xxi}
- Roland Martin Unfiltered, Daily Digital Show^{xxii}
- WHAS ABC Nation/World News^{xxiii}
- WEKU/NPR Member Station^{xxiv}

Selected Public Speaking Presentations/Lectures:

2025 Speaker for the launch of the 69th United Nations session of the Commission on the Status of Women and Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in NCY addressing UN Delegates from around the world.

2025 <u>Eastern Kentucky University Department of History, Philosophy, & Religious Studies</u>, Keynote for 20th Annual Women Symposium, (In)visible Faces, March

- 2024 University of Kentucky College of Education, March
- 2024 University of Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture, February
- 2024 KASA KY Association of School Administrators Keynote Speaker, January
- 2023 Central KY American Association of University Women, November
- 2023 George Washington University, *Rituals in the Making*, International Lecture, October
- 2023 Woman's Club of Louisville Keynote Speaker, October 2023
- 2023 KY Governor (Andy Beshear) LEAD Conference, IMPACT Embracing a Culture of Inclusion
- 2023 GSP, KY Governor's Scholar Program, KY COVID Memorial
- 2023 Dedication of KY COVID Memorial, KY State Capitol, May
- 2022 United Nations Foundation Global Leadership Summit 2022, Storytelling and Advocacy in Art
- 2022 NYC Public Library 2022, New Visions for Public Art in America
- 2022 NYC Community Board 8 Manhattan, NYC, New Visions for Public Art in America
- 2022 Brearley Upper School, NYC 2022, New Visions for Public Art in America
- 2022 NY Mary Washington Colonial Chapter NSDAR 2022, New Visions for Public Art in America
- 2022 Radcliffe Circle (Women's Graduate Group) 2022, New Visions for Public Art in America
- 2022 Uniquely KY Podcast 2022^{xxv}
- 2022 Looking for Drinkable Water Podcast 2022
- 2021 Dedication of The Girl Puzzle Monument, NYC
- 2021 Portrettpodden Podcast, Norway 2021
- 2020 Presenter, RIOC Town Hall, New York City, Nellie Bly Monument, *The Girl Puzzle*
- 2019 Presenter, Truman Presidential Library, Lecture on Alice Dunnigan, American History TV C-SPAN3^{xxvi}
- 2018 Presenter, NAWBO Woman Business Owner of the Year Awards for KY/Southern IN
- 2018 Keynote Speaker, National Association of Women in Construction Annual Bluegrass Meeting

- 2015 Dreamers and Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women, Film^{xxvii}
- 2006 Keynote Speaker, *Professional Art Marketing*, Arts Council of Louisville, funded with grant from KY Arts Council, Louisville, KY

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2007 Dryad, Spirit of Trees Maquettes, Spalding University Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2008 Water is Life, Louisville Zoo, AAM Museum, 210' Environmental Sculpture Installation
- 2006 Art Eco, Wild Honeysuckle Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2005 Pathways, Wild Honeysuckle Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2005 Imagine...a World without Hunger, Wild Honeysuckle Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2004 New Works by Amanda Matthews, Art Beat Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2000 Aesthetics and Art, Shriner's Temple, Louisville, KY

Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2023 Among Women Exhibition, UK Art Museum, Lexington, KY
- 2010 Portrait of a Horse: The Exquisite Equine, Anne Wright Wilson Gallery, Georgetown College
- 2009 Sculpture in the Dell Invitational, Yew Dell Conservancy Gardens, Crestwood, KY
- 2009 Riverspan Sculpture Exhibition, Cincinnati, OH
- 2008 Sculpture in the Dell Invitational, Yew Dell Conservancy Gardens, Crestwood, KY
- 2007 American Founders Bank Woodland Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Lexington, KY
- 2006 Ausstellung der Kunstwerke am Rathaus, Mainz, Germany
- 2006 Kuenstlerarbeiten Public Exhibition at Gutenbergplatz, Mainz, Germany
- 2006 Heyburn Arts Exhibition, Louisville Arts Council, Louisville, KY
- 2006 Dinnerworks Exhibition, Installation, Water Tower Art Museum, Louisville, KY
- 2005 Energy and Nature, Bluegrass Energy Expo 2005, Lexington, KY
- 2004 An Evening of Art at the Water Tower, Louisville Visual Art Association
- 2003 93rd Water Tower Annual, Water Tower Museum, Louisville, KY
- 2003 Dinnerworks Exhibition, Installation, Water Tower Art Museum, Louisville, KY
- 2002 2002-2003 Opera Season Group Exhibition, KY Center for the Arts
- 1989 Drawings from Paris, France Exhibition, Allen R. Hite Institute, University of Louisville

Previous Work History:

- 2000-2009 Owner, Wild Honeysuckle Studios, Louisville, KY
- 2002-2004 Faculty Member, Louisville Visual Art Association
- 1998-1999 National Marketing Dir./Regional Principal, Tower Equities, NASD B/D (NASD Series 6, 26, 63, 65)
- 1996-1997 Div. Vice President Mktg, Providian/Aegon, Fortune Global 500 Co. (NASD Series 6, 26, 63, 65)

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- 2024 Pau 4-245-737 The Last Time Your Name is Spoken (Script text, vocals, short film)
- 2022 VA 2-330-969 The Girl Puzzle Website/Text/Audio Narration/New Visions for Public Art in America
- 2022 VAu001-468-128 Team KY COVID Memorial Sculptures, United We Stand Divided We Fall
- 2021 VAu001-436-635 The Girl Puzzle Logo
- 2020 VAu001-400-413 The Girl Puzzle Technical Drawings/Sculptures

Education:

- 1990 Bachelor of Arts, University of Louisville, Major in Studio Fine Art, Minor in Philosophy
- 1989 Fine Art and Architecture, Paris, France, University of Louisville

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