

YARI J MENA

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EDUCATION

2019- Georgia State University Welch School of Art & Design; Atlanta, GA
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio, Drawing and Painting

AWARDS & HONORS

2022- *Professional Development Award; \$5,000 Awarded by Anderson Ranch Arts Center*

2019- *Honorable Mention by Selection of Juror ; 21st Annual Juried Student Exhibition,
Awarded by Juror: Hope Cohn*

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022- Anderson Ranch Arts Center ; Snowmass Village, CO

Winter Studio Assistant (Drawing and Painting) at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center

Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking Intern at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center

2022- Freelance Studio Assistant; Carbondale, CO

2022-17-Program Coordinator at Center for Pan Asian Community Services; Atlanta, GA

Lead for Healing Arts Programming

Trauma Informed Care Committee Member

2021- Manufacturer for Hayes Little Studio (Brite Bodies); Atlanta, GA

2019-17- Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia; Atlanta, GA

Intern

Volunteer

2019, 2017- Studio Assistant for Lauren Michelle Peterson; Atlanta, GA

2017- Intern at MINT Gallery; Atlanta, GA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022- Intern at Anderson Ranch Arts Center - Drawing from Life for Teens

Co-taught with Liz Ferrill

demonstrated portraiture and plein air techniques to students ages 12-17

2019- Summer Camp Art Teacher at the Clarkston Community Center; Clarkston, GA

Created syllabi, lesson plans, and presentations for weekly art classes at the CCC

Provided leadership and oversight to camp counselor assistants

Taught workshops on fluid painting, cyanotypes, and drawing from life

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & COLLABORATIONS

2023-24- Snail Mail Art Collaboration, International Track 2 ; Juror: Kim Tateo

2022- Holiday Open House; Anderson Ranch Arts Center; Snowmass Village, CO

2022- Magpie In the Morning, Anderson Ranch Arts Center ; Snowmass Village, CO

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- 2020-** *Mas Que An Expo*, Team Target Virtual Exhibition on Artsteps, Curated by Leo Rodriguez
- 2019-** *Spring BFA Exhibition*, Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Galleries; Atlanta, GA
- *Anthro-Obscene*, Gallery 650; Atlanta, GA
 - *21st Annual Juried Student Exhibition*, Juror: Hope Cohn, Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Galleries, Atlanta, GA
 - Awarded *Honorable Mention by Selection of Juror*
 - *Convergence*, PULP Atlanta; Atlanta, GA , Curated by Sophia Sabsowitz
- 2018-** *Spaces Within*, The Defoor Center; Atlanta, GA , Curated by Jessica Helfretch
- 2017-** *Hispanic Heritage Exhibition*, Student Center Gallery Lounge, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- *Salsita For You*, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA

PUBLISHED WORKS AND INTERVIEWS

- 2022-** *Meet Yari Mena*- Canvas Rebel, 16 June 2022.
- 2019-** *Meet Yari Mena*- VoyageATL, 8 May 2019.
- 2017** - Prevett, Alec (Editor-in-Chief), *Underground Arts and Literary Journal* Vol.VIII, Issue I, Fall 2017 p. 28-29
- 2014-** Neely, Raven (Editor-in-Chief), *Underground Arts and Literary Journal* Vol. V, Issue I, Fall 2014, p. 29, p. 154