

YARI J MENA

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EDUCATION

2019- Georgia State University Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design; Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio, Drawing and Painting

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023-*Nostalgic Varnishes / Barnices Nostalgicos* ; Hapeville Depot Museum ; Hapeville, GA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & COLLABORATIONS

2024-*& yet again & again* ; Dalton Gallery at Agnes Scott College ; Decatur, GA

-*MEGAMENA Mail Art Collaboration* ; Remote

2023-2023 Annual Art Auction; Anderson Ranch Arts Center ; Snowmass Village, CO

-*Honeysuckle Summer Atlanta Artist Market Powered by SOLA x The Bakery*; CreateATL; Atlanta, GA

-*B(u)y Now*, Anderson Ranch Arts Center; Snowmass Village, CO

-*Snail Mail Art Collab, International Track 2*; Juror: Kim Tateo; Remote

-*The Favorite Photograph You Took in 2022*; Lenscratch; Virtual

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

-*Open Studio | Processing*, Anderson Ranch Arts Center; Snowmass Village, CO; Co-curated with Hiroki Morinoue and Silma Berrada

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

2020-*Mas Que An Expo*, Target HQ 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, Curated by Neftali Hernandez

RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2024- *Nexus Fund: Emergency Relief*, Awarded by Atlanta Contemporary

2023- *Hambidge Center for the Arts and Sciences Fall Residency; Distinguished Fellowship*; Rabun Gap, GA

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

2019- *Honorable Mention*, Awarded by Juror Hope Cohn, 21st Annual Juried Student Exhibition; Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Galleries, Atlanta, GA

2014- *Honorable Mention*, Awarded by Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and SCAD

WORKSHOPS

2024- Incorporating Personal Imagery into Painting; Anderson Ranch Arts Center ; Snowmass Village, CO (forthcoming)

2023- Embroidered Warming Cloths; Hapeville Depot Museum; Hapeville, GA

2023- De/Reconstructing Photographs and Memories; Hapeville Depot Museum; Hapeville, GA

2022- Drawing from Life for Teens at Anderson Ranch Arts Center; Snowmass Village, CO (Substitute)

2019- STEAM+ Summer Camp Art Instructor (ages 11-17) ; Clarkston Community Center; Clarkston, GA

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COMMISSIONS

2023-Recognition Dinner Menu Illustration & Community Picnic T-shirt Design; Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO

2022- Holiday Open House Illustration for Print Promotional Media & Screen Printed Products for the Artworks Store; Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024-2023- Administrative Assistant at Peachtree Integrated Psychology ; Atlanta, GA

2023-2022 -Winter Studio Assistant for Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center; Snowmass Village, CO

-Summer Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking Intern

-Studio Assistant for Leah Aegerter & Thimble Fox Studio; Carbondale, CO

2022-2017- Program Coordinator at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services; Atlanta, GA

2021- Artist for Hayes Little Studio Brite Bodies; Atlanta, GA

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

2019-2017- Intern and Volunteer at the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia; Atlanta, GA

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

2017- Intern at MINT Gallery; Atlanta, GA

PUBLISHED WORKS AND PRESS

2023-“Yari Mena-Nostalgic Vanishes / Barnices Nostalgicos and other events at the Hapeville Depot,” Univision 34 Contigo, 28 Oct 2023.

2022- Meyer, Anna, *Summer Interns at Anderson Ranch Enjoy the Fruits of Their Labor*, Snowmass Sun, 17 Aug 2022.

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