

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-*Hambidge Art Auction and Masquerade*; Uptown Atlanta ; Atlanta, GA

-*Pressing Matters* ; Callanwolde Gallery; Atlanta, GA

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

-*MEGAMENA Mail Art Collaboration* ; Virtual / Remote

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

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

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

-*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, & HONORS

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

2023- Hambidge Center Fall Residency; Distinguished Fellow; 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

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

WORKSHOPS

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

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024- Health Program Manager for Center for Pan Asian Community Services ; Atlanta, GA
- 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 for 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

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- July 2024 - *Guest Faculty Lecture: Chelly Jin + Yari Mena* ; Anderson Ranch Arts Center ; Snowmass Village, CO

PUBLISHED WORKS & PRESS

- 2024- *Meet Yari Mena | Artist* - Shoutout Atlanta, 24 July 2024.
- 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