

ESPERANZA ALZONA SCULPTURE



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EDUCATION

- Master of Arts in Public Communication, American University, 1998
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, The George Washington University, 1976, Alpha Epsilon Delta – pre-medical honor society, GWU Dance Company
- Associate in Arts in Humanities and Social Science, Montgomery College, 1975
- Leadership Frederick County, 1998
- Teaching Diploma, Royal Academy of Dance, 1991

WORK EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

- Operations Manager— Shepherd University School of Music, 2007-present. Management of operations, communications, marketing, recruitment, personnel, and finance.
- Executive Director—Loudoun Symphony Association, 2000-2006. Management of daily operations, programs and production, fund development, grant writing, advocacy and public relations for a Northern Virginia symphony orchestra, its affiliated youth orchestra, and its educational and community outreach programs.
- Crosson Communication Design—Free-lance work in photography, copy-editing, design and desktop publishing.
- Communications Coordinator—Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, 1998-1999. Editing, design and layout of newsletter, annual directory, handbooks, programs, annual report and print communication pieces for a Washington DC-based nonprofit organization.
- Over forty years of experience as a professional dancer, dance teacher and award-winning independent choreographer.
- Artistic director of Compagnia Danza Esperanza, contemporary dance company based in Turin, Italy.
- Founder and program director of Danza Vacanza, a summer residency program bringing Italian students to Washington, D.C. to study dance, English language and American culture.

AFFILIATIONS / COMMUNITY

- Washington Sculptors Group
- International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art
- American Women Artists
- Maryland Federation of Art
- Frederick County Art Association
- Frederick Arts Council
- U.S. Fencing Association, Capitol Division, competitive member

AWARDS

National Endowment for the Arts / Frederick Arts Council Create and Activate Now (C.A.N.) Recover grant 2022

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EXHIBITIONS

Expanding Horizons—American Women Artists' 2024 museum exhibition. Jurors: Karin Campbell, Krista Steed-Reyes, Gina Ward. Loveland Museum, Loveland, CO. September 14 – November 10, 2024.

Be Square 2024—Maryland Federation of Art group exhibition. Maryland Hall Martino Gallery, Annapolis, MD. August 22 – September 25, 2024.

Tactile Expressions, juried group exhibition. Juror: Alyssa Imes. Frederick Arts Council Hurwitz Gallery, Frederick, MD. June 1 - August 14, 2024.

AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS 2024 Annual Online Juried Show. Jurors: Hilary Cole, CherieDawn Haas, Misa Jeffereis. Online April 30 – July 30, 2024

Building a Caring Community Through Art—juried and curated by Ariana Kaye and Yuri Stone. Universities at Shady Grove Shannon and Michael Priddy Library, Rockville, MD. April 11 - May 11, 2024.

Art After Duchamp—juried exhibition presented by Washington Sculptors Group & Corcoran School of Arts and Design. Juror: Lisa Lipinski. Gallery 102, Washington, DC. March 21, 2024 - May 16, 2024.

Figure, juried exhibition. Jurors: Lyndon Barrois Jr, Lizzy Lunday, and Sheldon Scott. Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC. January 12 - February 19, 2024.

Reflections on the Human Condition—solo exhibition, mixed media sculpture. Al and Helen Hurwitz Gallery, Frederick, MD. November 2023 - January 2024. This work made possible through the generous support of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Frederick Arts Council.

Artina 2023: Queering Nature, juried outdoor sculpture exhibition presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and Sandy Spring Museum. Juror: Stephanie Mercedes. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 27 – November 12, 2023.

PORTRAYED III, third annual open medium juried exhibition of portraiture. Juror: Glen McClure. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. Saturday, July 1, 2023 - Saturday, July 29, 2023.

HUMANNESS, lobby activation sculpture exhibition. Curated by Pan Underground. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company Washington, DC. May 29 – June 30, 2023.

Maryland State Arts Council Maryland Arts Directory Triennial Juried Exhibition. Jurors: José Ruiz and Jayme McLellan. Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD. May 18 – June 24, 2023.

Frederick County Art Association exhibition, Mary Condon Hodgson Art Gallery, Frederick Community College, Frederick, MD. April 8 – May 3, 2023.

PERSISTENCE V: Annual National All Women's Exhibition. Juror: Lori Pratico. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. March 18 – April 11, 2023.

IS IT ME? International juried exhibition. Juror: Emilie Houssart. The Art Effect at the Trolley Barn Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY. March 10 – April 14, 2023.

BEING SEEN, juried exhibition. Third place. Juror: Craig Subler. The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 3 – 26, 2023.

COMMUNITY THREADS: Connectivity through Creativity, Frederick County Art Association members juried exhibition, District Arts, Frederick, MD. February 1 – February 26, 2023.

ARTINA 2022: A Space in Place, juried exhibition. Juror: Natalie Fulgencio-Turner. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 21 – November 5, 2022.

STRANGE PARADISE: A Window into Surrealism! National juried exhibition. Juror: Anne Hyland. Kay Daugherty Gallery, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Solomons, MD. May 27 – Sept 18, 2022.

I'LL BE THERE: An Exhibition about Love! National juried exhibition. Juror: Colleen Morith. Main Gallery, Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. June 10 – August 28, 2022.

HUMANKIND, multimedia exhibition. Amy Kaslow Gallery, Washington, DC. May 17 – July 10, 2022.

SCULPTURE NOW 2022, Washington Sculptors Group, juried group exhibition. Juror: Fitsum Shebeshe. Harmony Hall Arts Center, Fort Washington, MD. April 22 – June 4, 2022.

PERSISTENCE IV: Annual National All Women's Exhibition. Honorable mention. Juror: Lori Pratico. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. March 19 - April 16 2022.

FEMINIST INSIGHT: Telling Her Story, nationally juried exhibition. Juror: Rose-Ann San Martino. Ellington-White Contemporary Gallery, Fayetteville, NC. March 16 – April 30, 2022.

BEING SEEN, juried exhibition. Juror: Matt Kloss. The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 4–27, 2022.

TOUCH — 30th Annual Strathmore Juried Exhibit, Honorable mention. Juror: Terence Nicholson. The Mansion at Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD. September 7–October 30, 2021.

BEING HUMAN, solo exhibition, curated by Christian Benefiel. Frank Arts Center Gallery, Shepherdstown, WV. June 6 - July 30, 2021.

IDENTITY – Maryland State Arts Council Juried Winter/Spring Exhibition online. Jury: Ebony Evans, Dr. Erin Peters, Precious B. Stone, Jessica F. Teachey, Tracy Causey Jeffery. February 5 – April 5, 2021.

MIND, BODY, SPIRIT – International Online Juried Art Exhibition, Juror: Jessica Kimmel Manelis. J. Mane Gallery, Voorhees, NJ. February 2 – March 2, 2021.

SCULPTURE NOW 2020, Washington Sculptors Group juried exhibition. Juror: Nancy Sausser. Mclean

Project for the Arts, McLean, VA. September 17 – November 14, 2020.

Nationally Juried Exhibition, Juror: Noah Smalls. Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. May 2 to June 28, 2020.

SHE: An Expression of Womanhood, nationally juried exhibition, Solomons, MD. Juror: Camy Clough. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. February 14 - September 27, 2020.

SCULPTURE NOW 2019, Washington Sculpture Group, juried exhibition. Juror: Spencer Dormitzer. Brentwood Art Exchange, Brentwood, MD. January 14 - March 9, 2019.