



## **ESPERANZA ALZONA • SCULPTURE**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE SUMMARY**

- Sculptor—Independent Artist, 2017 to present
- Operations Manager— Shepherd University School of Music, 2007-2024. 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
- 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.
- Crosson Communication Design—Free-lance work in photography, copy-editing, design and desktop publishing
- Over forty-five 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

### **EDUCATION**

- Shepherd University, Sculpture, 2017-2021
- Master of Arts in Public Communication, American University, 1998
- Leadership Frederick County, 1998
- Teaching Diploma, Royal Academy of Dance, 1991
- 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

### **AFFILIATIONS / COMMUNITY**

- Washington Sculptors Group
- International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art
- American Women Artists, Signature Member
- Maryland Federation of Art
- Frederick County Art Association
- Frederick Arts Council
- Maryland State Arts Council, Dance Panel, 1993-1996; 2014-2015, 2024-2025
- U.S. Fencing Association, Capitol Division, competitive member
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Frederick Committee, Board of Directors, 1999-2002

- Weinberg Center for the Arts, Board of Directors, Secretary, 1997-2001
- Frederick Arts Council, Director of Performing Arts, 1995-1998; Grants Review Panel, 1999-2000
- U.S. Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisory Panel of the Royal Academy of Dance, Charter member, 1991-2009; Secretary, 1998-2001

## **AWARDS/GRANTS**

- Juror's Choice Award, Maryland Federation of Art Winter 2026 juried exhibition
- First place for 3-D Artwork, 2025 Washington County Arts Council juried exhibition
- Best in Show, Maryland Federation of Art Fall 2025 juried exhibition
- Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award 2025
- Honorable mention, Interwoven Worlds, Maryland Federation of Art juried exhibition
- Juror's Choice Award, Maryland Federation of Art Spring 2025 juried exhibition
- Juror's Choice Award and Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work, Maryland Federation of Art Winter 2025 juried exhibition
- Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work, Maryland Federation of Art Fall 2024 juried exhibition
- National Endowment for the Arts/Frederick Arts Council Create and Activate Now (C.A.N.) Recover grant 2023
- Third place, Being Seen, TAG / The Artists Gallery juried exhibition 2023
- Honorable mention, Persistence IV: Annual National All Women's Exhibition 2022
- Honorable mention, Touch — 30th Annual Strathmore Juried Exhibit 2021

## **EXHIBITIONS**

- Celebrating 50 Years of Creative Community, Frederick Arts Council exhibition at the Maryland Treasury Building, Annapolis, MD. February 9 – April 10, 2026.
- Critical Ground: Art and Environmental Justice juried exhibition presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and Glen Echo Park Partnership for the Arts. Juror: Tomora Wright Swann. Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD. February 21, 2026 – March 22, 2026.
- Maryland Federation of Art's Lowe House Exhibition 2026. Juror: Laura Pasquini. Lowe House of Delegates Building, Annapolis, MD. January 14 – April 13, 2026.
- We Are All Human, W.O.W. (Windows on Wisconsin) Exhibition, curated by Kirsty Little. Chevy Chase, MD. February 8 – April 5, 2026.
- Frederick County Art Association members group exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. January 3 – February 1, 2026.
- Maryland Federation of Art Winter Members Show 2026. Juror: Megan Rook-Koepsel. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. January 5 – January 24, 2026.
- The Best of Local Art 2025, juried exhibition. First place for 3-D artwork. Jurors: Kellie Marz Mele, Matthew Wilson, Mark Youngblood. Washington County Arts Council galleries. Hagerstown, MD. December 4, 2025 - January 13, 2026.
- Women Artists of the DMV, survey show curated by F. Lennox Campello. Katzen Arts Center, American University, Washington, DC. September 6 - December 7, 2025.
- Transformed, juried exhibition. Juror: Jaynie Crimmins. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. October 31 – November 22, 2025.
- Small Wonders, juried exhibition. Juror: Dr. Elizabeth Nogrady. Circle Gallery, Annapolis,

MD. November 26 – December 21, 2025.

- Artina 2025: Upside Down - Inside Out, juried outdoor sculpture exhibition presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and Sandy Spring Museum. Juror: Zoma Wallace. Sandy Spring Museum, MD. September 7 – November 9, 2025.
- New Beginnings, group exhibition curated by Tammy O'Connor and Natasha Valencia. Artspiration, Frederick, MD 21701. October 9 - October 26, 2025.
- Maryland Federation of Art Fall 2025 juried exhibition. Best in Show. Juror: Caroline Lillian Schopp. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. September 25 – October 11, 2025.
- Interwoven Worlds, juried exhibition. Juror: Nerissa Paglinauan. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. June 26 – July 26, 2025.
- AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS 2025 Annual Online Juried Show. Jurors: Anne-Marie Russell, Katherine Wagner, Amy Galpin, and Barbara Tiffany. Online April 1 – March 31, 2026.
- National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Jacob Muldowney. Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. May 3 to July 13, 2025.
- Human Expressions, juried exhibition. Juror: Samuel Dylan Ewing. Maryland Federation of Art virtual gallery. April 15 - May 31, 2025.
- Maryland Federation of Art Spring Member Show 2025. Juror: Clayton Merrell. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. April 30 – May 24, 2025.
- Mix It Up! 2025 Frederick County Art Association group show. Blanche Ames Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 2 - April 27, 2025.
- Maryland Federation of Art's Lowe House Exhibition 2025. Lowe House of Delegates Building, Annapolis, MD. January 7 – April 8, 2025.
- Being Seen 2025, juried exhibition. TAG / The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. February 28 - March 30, 2025.
- The District 51 Art Show, juried exhibition. Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC. January 9 - February 9, 2025.
- PORTRAYED IV, fourth annual open medium national juried exhibition of portraiture. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. January 11 – February 8, 2025.
- Maryland Federation of Art Winter Member Show 2025. Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work and Juror's Award. View the Virtual Awards Ceremony. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. January 3 – January 25, 2025.
- Frederick County Art Association group exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. January 4 – January 28, 2025.
- Frederick County Art Association 2024 at Crestwood Gallery, Frederick, MD. September 6, 2024 – January 3, 2025.
- Small Wonders, juried exhibition. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. November 27 – December 21, 2024.
- Democracy Under Siege—Hera Gallery, Wakefield, RI. October 12 - November 16, 2024.
- Expanding Horizons—American Women Artists' 2024 museum exhibition. Loveland Museum, Loveland, Colorado, September 14 – November 10, 2024.
- Artina 2024: A Point of View, juried outdoor sculpture exhibition. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 18 – November 10, 2024.
- Maryland Federation of Art Fall Member Show 2024, Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. September 25 – October 12, 2024.

- Be Square 2024—Maryland Federation of Art group exhibition. Martino Gallery at Maryland Hall, Annapolis, MD. August 22 – September 25, 2024.
- Tactile Expressions—juried group exhibition. Frederick Arts Council Hurwitz Gallery, Frederick, MD. May 30 – August 14, 2024.
- AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS 2024 Annual Online Juried Show. Online April 30 – July 30, 2024.
- Art After Duchamp—juried exhibition presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and The Corcoran School of Arts and Design. Gallery 102, Washington, DC. March 21, 2024 – May 16, 2024.
- Building a Caring Community Through Art—juried exhibition. Universities at Shady Grove Shannon and Michael Priddy Library, Rockville, MD. April 11 – May 11, 2024.
- Reflections on the Human Condition—solo exhibition, mixed media sculpture Lamentation, and other works. Al and Helen Hurwitz Gallery, Frederick, MD. November 4, 2023 – March 23, 2024. This work was made possible through the generous support of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Frederick Arts Council.
- Figure, juried exhibition. Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC. January 12 – February 19, 2024.
- Frederick County Art Association group exhibition. Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. January 6 – January 28, 2024.
- Artina 2023: Queering Nature, juried outdoor sculpture exhibition. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 27 – November 12, 2023.
- PORTRAYED III, juried exhibition. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. July 1 – July 29, 2023.
- HUMANNESSE, lobby activation sculpture installation. 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. 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.
- IS IT ME? International juried exhibition, The Art Effect Trolley Barn Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY. March 10 – April 14, 2023.
- PERSISTENCE V: Annual National All Women's Exhibition. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. March 18 – April 11, 2023.
- BEING SEEN, juried exhibition. Third place. TAG / The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 3 – 26, 2023.
- COMMUNITY THREADS: Connectivity through Creativity, juried exhibition. District Arts, Frederick, MD. February 1 – February 26, 2023.
- ARTINA 2022: A Space in Place, juried outdoor exhibition. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 21 – November 5, 2022.
- STRANGE PARADISE: A Window into Surrealism! National juried exhibition. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. May 27 – Sept 18, 2022.
- I'LL BE THERE: An Exhibition about Love! National juried exhibition. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. June 10 – August 28, 2022.
- HUMANKIND, Amy Kaslow Gallery, Washington, DC. May 17 – July 10, 2022.
- SCULPTURE NOW 2022, Washington Sculptors Group, juried exhibition. Harmony Hall Arts Center, Fort Washington, MD. April 22 – June 4, 2022.
- FEMINIST INSIGHT: Telling Her Story, nationally juried exhibition. Ellington-White

Contemporary Gallery, Fayetteville, NC. March 16 – April 30, 2022.

- PERSISTENCE IV: Annual National All Women's Exhibition. Honorable mention. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. March 19 – April 16 2022.
- BEING SEEN, juried exhibition. The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 4 – 27, 2022.
- [Frederick County Art Association](#) Member Art Show, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD in January, 2022.
- [TOUCH](#) — 30th Annual Strathmore Juried Exhibit. Honorable mention. The Mansion at Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD. September 7 – October 30, 2021.
- BEING HUMAN, solo exhibition. Frank Arts Center Gallery, Shepherdstown, WV. June 6 – July 30, 2021.
- IDENTITY – Maryland State Arts Council Juried Winter/Spring Exhibition online. February 5 – April 5, 2021.
- Mind, Body, Spirit – International Online Juried Art Exhibition, J. Mane Gallery, Voorhees, NJ. February 2 – March 2, 2021.
- Sculpture NOW 2020, Washington Sculptors Group juried exhibition. Mclean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA. September 17 – November 14, 2020.
- [National Juried Exhibition](#), Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick, MD. May 2 – June 28, 2020.
- [SHE: An Expression of Womanhood](#), nationally juried exhibition. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. February 14 – September 27, 2020.
- Sculpture NOW 2019, Washington Sculpture Group, juried exhibition. Brentwood Art Exchange, Brentwood, MD. January 14 – March 9, 2019.