

LAUREN LUNA

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Education

2012 Masters of Fine Arts, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
2004 Masters of Science, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY
2000 Bachelors of Fine Art, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

Awards

2020 City of Houston Proclamation of “Lauren Luna Day”
2020 Houston First *Art in the Sky* Winner
2018 Pearland Art League People Choice Award for Best In Show- Pearland, Texas
2017 Black Girl Excellence Award- Houston, Texas
2016 Pearland Art League 2nd Place- Pearland Texas
2015 Congressional Record; House of Representatives, 114th Congress, Austin, Texas
2015 Pearland Art League Best In Show-Pearland, Texas
2014 Margot Siegel Design Award, Goldstein Museum of Design, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2012 Scion’s Top 50 Entrepreneur, Los Angeles, California
2008 Honorable Mention-*Art Buzz* 2009 Collection
2008 Award of Merit-*International Art Show: Part II – Abstract* Guests Gallery
2008 1st place popular vote- *Fire and Rebirth* – www.zhibit.org
1999 Honorable Mention- Steward Art Show, Kent, Ohio

Solo Exhibitions

2020 *Urban Playground*, Bisong Gallery, Houston, Texas
2017 Featured Artist, Friendswood Public Library, Friendswood, Texas
2010 *The State of Our (un)Union*, KIACA Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2000 *On the Outside Looking In* Senior BFA Show, Sculpture Gallery, Kent Ohio
2000 *Where Ya From?* Snaps and Taps, Columbus, Ohio
1999 *Little of This, Little of That* Snaps and Taps, Columbus, Ohio

Select Group Exhibitions

2021 *Spectrum* Hunter Museum, Chattanooga, TN
2021 *Art of Soul!* National Afro-American Museum and Culture Center, Wilberforce, OH
2021 *Current Work by Silos’ Artists*, Sawyer Yards, Houston, TX
2017-current *Bayou City Art Festival*, Houston, TX
2015 *Houston on Fire*, Houston Fire Museum, Houston, TX
2015 *Fusion of the Arts*, Pearland Art League, Pearland, TX
2015 *Dark Matter: An Art Show of Science & Civil Rights*, Mother Dog Studios, Houston, TX
2014 Galveston Art Walk Featured Artist, Affaire d’ Arte, Galveston, TX
2013 *Stepping Into the Limelight*, GRASSI Museum for Applied Arts, Germany
2012 *Body Awareness*, Stark Naked Theatre, Houston, TX
2012 *You’ll Find This Offensive*, Red Door Space, Pittsburg, PA
2012 *The Faces of Color*, Performing Arts Center, Bethune-Cookman Univ. Daytona Beach, FL
2011 *Artopia*, Winter Street Studios, Houston, TX
2011 *Via Colori*, Houston, TX
2011 *The Many Faces of Nico*, War’haus Gallery, Houston, TX
2011 *Introducing the New Members of Montrose Art Society*, Caroline Collective, Houston, TX

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- 2009 *Columbus-The Crossroads to Ohio*, James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, Columbus, Ohio
2009 *Via Colori*, Pearl Alley, Columbus, Ohio
2009 *TrU-Rrt*, Kiaca Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Passing the Torch*, James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *C Note Art Show*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Art of Democracy: Farewell to the Wasteland*, Ball State University, Muncie, IN
2008 *Art of Politics*, BoMa, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Red Chair Art Affair*, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Salon Show*, Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *One Night: High*, Ohio Art League, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Agora V*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Via Colori*, Goodale Park, Columbus, Ohio
2008 Gahanna Gallery Walk, Gahanna, Ohio
2008 *Stripped Away* MadLab Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 Bar of Modern Art, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Inside the Artist's Studio*, Mahan Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Rhythm of Art*, Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Movement, Color and Light*, Agni Gallery, New York, New York
2008 *Contemporary Media Show*, Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Agora IV*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *C-Note Show*, Junctionview Studios, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Age of Aquarius*, Butler Art Center, Butler, Pennsylvania
2008 Terra Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
2008 *Abstract works from the Terra Gallery*, Concourse Gallery, Upper Arlington,
2008 Morpho Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2008 Utrecht Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2001 *Founders & Friends* Exhibition, Cinque Gallery, New York, New York
2001 *Roots and Wings*, Cinque Gallery, New York, New York
2000 *Stewart Art Show*, Stewart Hall, Kent, Ohio
2000 *From Roots to Recovery*, Music Listening Center, Kent, Ohio
2000 *Cold Exchange*, Millworks Gallery Inc, Akron, Ohio
2000 *Express Yourself*, Stark State College Of Technology, Canton, Ohio
2000 *When Harlem was in Vogue*, Uumbaji Gallery, Kent, Ohio
1999 *Variations and Perspectives*, Uumbaji Gallery, Kent, Ohio
1999 *Xposure*, Uumbaji Gallery, Kent, Ohio
1997 Black Art Plus, Columbus, Ohio

Permanent Collections/Public Installations:

- City of Houston-Houston, Texas
City of Angleton- Angleton, Texas
City of Sugarland. Sugarland, Texas
KHOU Houston, Texas
Camden Travis St. Apartments, Houston, Texas
Mark Twain Elementary, Alvin, Texas
Goldstein Museum of Design, Minneapolis, Minnesota
KIACA Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
Cinque Gallery, New York, New York
Drs. Oswagu- Bosah, New Albany, Ohio

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Media Coverage

2021 Art & Reopening *The Isaiah Factor*

2020 Alumni Spotlight-Lauren Luna, *Kent State University School of Art*

2020 Spilling the tea: Houston Artist Lauren Luna, *Art Colony Association*

2020 Art Valet: Luna becomes well-known name in local art scene, *The Leader News*

2020 BSA & Art Association Bring Artist Lauren Luna to Campus for Speaker Event, *UHCL The Signal*

2020 In the Age of Coronavirus, Street Chalk Event Goes Viral, *Houston Chronicle*

2019 A Local Artist Draws Up an Opportunity For Minorities In The Arts, *KHOU 11*

2019 Bayou City Art Festival Features Art From Around the World, *ABC13*

2019 Fulfilling dreams: Houston Painter Using Art Show to Fund Scholarship, *The Leader News*

2018 Bayou City Guest Artists, *Houston Life KHOU*

2015 Mark Twain Art Teacher Claims Top Award in Recent Show, *Alvin Advertiser*

2015 Fusion of the Arts' includes PAL's 5th Annual Juried Exhibition, *Friendswood Journal*

2015 Art Valet: Examining art in the Heights, *The Leader News*

2015 Local Artist works to be featured in Montrose eatery, Breakfast Klub, *The Leader News*

2015 "Artist Spotlight" *Professional Artist Magazine*

2014 "Artist Spotlight" *Professional Artist Magazine*

2013 "Lauren Luna: Shoe Designer & Artist" *Why Blue Matters*

2012 "100 Houston Creatives" *Houston Press*

2012 "Summer of Shoes" *Houston Chronicle*

2011 "The Artist that Lived in a Shoe" *Genteel Magazine*

2010 "Rise, Grind, Rinse, Repeat...Artista Style" *Urban Elements*

2010 Artist Makes Shoes Her New Canvas, *WSYX 6 Good Day Columbus*

2010 Q & A: Shoe Designer Lauren Luna, *Columbus Alive*

2010 "Lauren Luna" [R-A-WShoesBlog](#)

2010 "Demonstrator Yells at Photographer 1968" by Lauren Luna" [Soul Portrait Magazine](#),

2010 "Customized Heels by Lauren Luna", [This Next](#),

2010 "Featured Addiktions Lauren "Artista" Luna" Addiketd to Fashio

2010 "'Irony' by Lauren Luna", [Soul Portrait Magazine](#),

2010 Nike Air Force 1 Low "Newport" Customs for Noreaga" [Sneaker Obsession](#),

2010 "Lauren Luna-Ed Lover Custom Nike Air Force 1", [Paint or Thread](#)

2010 "Custom Air Force 1's Designed by Lauren Luna" [Material Killers](#),

2010 "Art and creativity coming to a shoe near you.", [The Examiner](#),

Teaching Experience

2016- Current Adjunct Professor, Drawing, Painting and Art Appreciation San Jacinto College, Lone Star College

2012- 2019 Art Teacher, Alvin, Texas

2009 Adjunct Professor Drawing Basics, Columbus State Community College