

**SUSAN ARENA**  
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**EDUCATION**

- 1995 **Yale University School of Art**, New Haven, CT  
M.F.A. Degree in Painting and Printmaking, 1995
- 1991-1993 **New York Studio School**, New York, NY
- 1988 **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
B.A. Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors

**EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022** **“Rebels, Artists, Mothers & Saints: Portraits of Visionaries,”**  
solo show at DL Rhein, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022** **“Spooky Camp,”** online show curated by Kendra Larsen at ShoeboxProjects.com
- 2022, 21** **New York Studio School Alumni Show**, online show, New York, NY
- 2022** **“Art of Poetry,”** poetry and artwork published in Art and Cake, A Contemporary Art Magazine with A Focus on the LA Arts Scene
- 2021** **“20 Paintings, 20 Days,”** online exhibition and catalog
- 2020** **“We Are Here/Here We Are,”** Durden and Ray, city-wide show of art displayed in public places during COVID-19 lockdown, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020** **“Exalted One” and “Seclusion,”** online group shows, Gallery 825, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019** **“Children & Ancestors,”** Solo show, Gallery 825, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018** **“Hear Our Voices,”** Group show, Avenue 50 Studio, Highland Park, CA
- 2017** **“Cryin’ Out Loud: Women’s Voices as Expressed in Art About Politics, Activism, and Emotion,** Center for Contemporary Arts, Santa Fe, NM
- 2017** **“Make America,”** Gallery 825, Hollywood, CA
- 2016** **“Countenance Divine,”** Gallery 825, Hollywood, CA
- 2016** **“Cognitive Faculties,”** Faculty Show, Crossroads School, Santa Monica CA
- 2016** **“Exposed,”** West Hollywood Arts Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014** **“Moonlighting: Exhibition of Work by Crossroads Teaching Artists,** Crossroads School, Santa Monica, CA
- 2013** **“Family Totems,”** Solo show, Space Gallery, Pasadena, CA

**2013** "Them," Surrogate Gallery Projects. Show Curated by Holly Boruck. Pasadena, CA  
**2011** "Day By Day", Solo show, Indie Collective Gallery, Culver City CA  
**2011** "Imaginary Homelands," Solo show, Gallery 825, Los Angeles CA  
**2011** "Paper Trail," Happy Gallery, Hollywood, CA  
**2010** "This Is My Education," Art in General Gallery, New York, NY  
**2010,2009** "Gem," Gallery 825, Los Angeles CA  
**2009** "My New Country": Curated by Rita Gonzales Gallery 825, Los Angeles CA  
**2009, 2008,2007** "House Work," "A Girl's Work Book," "Play and Prophecy," Solo shows, Indie Collective Gallery, Culver City, CA  
**2007** "Second Nature," Tinlark Gallery, Hollywood CA  
**2006,2008** Capital Group, Artwork represented in collection, Los Angeles, CA  
**2005** "Portraits" Show, L Street Fine Art, San Diego, CA  
**2003** Lendrum Fine Art: Represented by consulting group, Los Angeles, CA  
**2009, 2005, 2003** "Fresh Start," Group Show, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Los Angeles  
**2003** Axel Raben Gallery, Solo show, New York, NY  
**2002** "Fantasyland": D'Amelio Terras Gallery New York, NY  
**2002** "Abundant Sugar," Brewery Art Center, Los Angeles, CA  
**2001** "Alternative Photographic Processes," The Art Institute of Boston, Boston, MA  
**2001** "Spitting Image: Myth and Creation of Feminine Identity" Art Gallery at Stamford, University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT  
**2000** "Flat File," Bellwether Gallery, Brooklyn NY  
**2000** "Bridges," Waqas Wajahat, Curator, DUMBO Art Center, Brooklyn, NY  
**2000** ArtAdvocate.com. Artwork featured on website  
**1999** "Size Matters," Mike Weiss, Curator, GAle GAtes et al., Brooklyn, NY  
**1999** "National Competition," Graham Nickson, Juror, First Street Gallery, New York  
**1999** "National Competition," Lisa Dennison, Juror, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY  
**1998** "What's in a Dress," Laurie Seeman Gallery, W. Nyack, NY  
**1997** "Winter Show," Cecile Kahn, Curator Painting Center, New York, NY  
**1997** Bowery Gallery, William Bailey, Juror, Group show, New York, NY

- 1997** "Color Schemes," Anne McKeown, Curator, Axis Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 1996** "Pet Paintings," Bernard Toale Gallery, Boston MA
- 1996** **Works on Paper**, Jonathan Shimony, Curator, Z Space, Paris, France
- 1994** "A Change of Perception," Elizabeth Hazan, Curator, New York Studio School, New York, NY
- 1991, 92** **McGuffey Art Center**, Solo Painting Shows, Charlottesville, VA

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2011 to present** **Crossroads Elementary School, Santa Monica CA**  
Teacher, Elementary School Art Program. Grades K-5
- 2010** **Artstarcamp**, Los Angeles CA  
Founder and teacher. Fine arts education for children ages 6-12
- 2010** **IKAR Preschool**, Los Angeles CA  
Preschool's Art Teacher and Art Consultant
- 2011** **Hands On 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Los Angeles CA  
Teacher of adult art classes
- 2009-2010** **Larchmont Charter School**, Los Angeles, CA  
Part-time Art Teacher for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> and teacher of after-school classes
- 2004- 2006** **Santa Monica College**, Los Angeles, CA  
Instructor in Drawing and Painting
- 2000** **Pratt School of Art and Design, Department of Education**, Brooklyn, NY  
Visiting Assistant Professor
- 2000** **NYU Department of Art**, New York, NY Instructor  
in Painting
- 1999- 2000 **92nd Street Y Art Center**, New York, NY  
Instructor in Painting and Drawing
- 1997- 2000** **Yale University School of Art**, New Haven, CT  
Lecturer in Painting/Printmaking
- 1996 - 1997** **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA  
Artist-in-Residence
- 1995-96** **Learning Through Expanded Arts Program (L.E.A.P.)**, New York, NY  
Teaching consultant for art workshops designed to enrich curriculum in public schools in New York City

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021** **Mercedes Matter Award**, New York Studio Alumni Show, New York, NY

- 2009**                    **Los Angeles Artists Association (LAAA)/Gallery 825:** Admission by juried screening process. LAAA is a non-profit organization that exhibits emerging artists.
- 1998**                    **Vermont Studio Center, Yale School of Art Fellowship:** Full scholarship for residence at the Center
- 1995**                    **Alice Kimball English Travelling Fellowship:** Funds awarded to study tribal painting in village India, Yale University School of Art
- 1994**                    **Arnold Bittleman Memorial Prize:** Outstanding first-year student in drawing, Yale University School of Art
- 1994**                    **Prize for Overall Excellence and Distinction in Painting,** New York Studio School
- 1992**                    **The Vera List Scholarship,** funds to study at New York Studio School
- 1988**                    **The George P. Gardner Travelling Fellowship:** Funds awarded to study Islamic calligraphy and miniature painting in Egypt, Harvard University