

Sara Pruiksma

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EDUCATION

2011 Master of Fine Arts, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

2007 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Alfred University School of Art and Design, Alfred, NY

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

2005 Associate of Arts, Columbia-Greene Community College, Hudson, NY

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Our Town*, Ravena-Coeymans Historical Society, Ravena, NY

2019 *Among Places*, R Gallery at Arlene's Artist Materials, Albany, NY

2018 *Place*, Wallace Gallery, Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY

2018 *Home*, Art School of Columbia County, Ghent, NY

2017 *Woods II Words*, Art School of Columbia County, Ghent, NY

2015 *Thought Voyage*, Cary House Gallery, Salem Art Works, Salem, NY

2015 *Gather.Bunch.Pile.*, 105 Railroad Fine Art, Middleburgh, NY

2015 *The World As We See It, The World As We Imagine It*, Clement Frame Shop and Art Gallery, Troy, NY

2014 *Soft Undertones*, 105 Railroad Fine Art, Middleburgh, NY

2014 *Whimsy Matter(s)*, Blue Hill Gallery, Columbia-Greene Community College, Hudson, NY

2012 *Flight and Fancy*, Fulton Street Gallery, Troy, NY

2008 *Persona & the Innate Self*, Columbia-Greene Community College, Hudson, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *In This Moment*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2025 *Built*, Historic Albany Foundation at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Albany NY

2024 *Arts Thrive Grow Exhibition*, Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY

2024 *Fence Select*, Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY

2022 *Artists Behind the Scene*, The Hallway at Second Street Studio, Troy, NY

2020 *Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region*, juror Susan Cross, Albany Institute of History & Art, Albany, NY

2020 *The Roaring Twenties*, Joyce Goldstein Gallery, curated by Brian Cirimo, Chatham, NY

2019 *Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region*, juror Victoria Palermo, The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, NY

2019 *Homely*, curated by Tim Watkins, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2019 *Won't You Be My Neighbor (Letters to Alfred: Memory Map)*, Cohen Gallery, Alfred, NY

2018 *Built*, Historic Albany Foundation at the New York State Museum, Albany, NY

2018 *Teaching/Taught*, Art School of Columbia County, Ghent, NY

2018 *Landmark* (poem), Albany International Airport Gallery, Albany, NY

2017 *Fresh*, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, NY

2016 *Bloom*, Concourse A Gallery, Albany International Airport, Albany, NY

2015 *Organic Construction and the Interior Domain*, Albany Public Library, Pine Hills Branch, curated by Jessica Cone, Albany, NY

2015 *Linear Language: More is More* (invitational), Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, NY

2015 *Take Shape*, Albany Center Gallery, Albany, NY

2014 *Encoding (Memory)* (three-person exhibition), Fulton Street Gallery, Troy, NY

2014 *Ad Infinitum*, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, NY

2014 *Deep Quiet*, Grand Street Community Arts, Albany, NY
2013 + *One*, Collar Works, Troy, NY
2013 *Whimsicality*, Albany Center Gallery, curated by Alana Akacki, Albany, NY
2012 *Through the Decades* (invitational), Albany Center Gallery at The State Room, Albany, NY
2012 *Built*, Historic Albany Foundation at the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, NY
2011 *Studio Visit*, juror Ian Berry, Open Studio Press Vol. 16, Boston, MA
2011 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, University Art Museum, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY
2010 *Convergence NYC*, Armory at 68 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY
2010 *Best of SUNY ASES*, New York State Museum, Albany, NY
2009 *Ethereal Space*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2008 *Best of SUNY ASES*, New York State Museum, Albany, NY
2007 *Thesis Exhibition*, Alfred University School of Art & Design, Alfred, NY
2007 *Juried Student Exhibition*, Wellsville Creative Arts Center, Wellsville, NY

Additional Exhibitions

Additional exhibitions include recurring presentations with Athens Cultural Center, Rochester Contemporary Art Center's 6x6 exhibitions, Arts Center of the Capital Region *Fence Shows*, SUNY ASES exhibitions, and annual member exhibitions throughout the Hudson Valley region from 2003–2019.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025 *The Process of Processing*, Arts Thrive Grow, Artists in the Studio Grant, New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY
2024 *MOTHER*, Arts Thrive Grow, Artists in the Studio Grant, New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY
2023 *Art from Nature Workshops*, Arts Education Grant, New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY
2023 Education Center Architectural Rendering, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany County Historical Association, Albany, NY
2022–2023 NYS Teaching Artist Mentorship Program, Mentor, New York City Arts in Education Roundtable, New York, NY
2019 Individual Artist Grant, New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), administered by the Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY
2017 Guest Juror, Woodstock Artists Association and Museum (WAAM), Woodstock, NY
2015 People's Choice Award, HOCA, Catskill, NY
2013–2014 Board of Directors, Contemporary Artists Center at Woodside, Troy, NY
2012–2014 Board of Directors, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY
2009–2010 Best of SUNY ASES, Albany, NY
2007–2008 Best of SUNY ASES, Albany, NY
2007 Best in Show, Wellsville Creative Arts Center, Wellsville, NY

VISITING ARTIST EVENTS AND TALKS

2021 Visiting Artist Zoom Lecture, Associate Professor Susan Meyer, The College of Saint Rose Center for Art and Design, Albany, NY
2019 Artist Talk, *Our Town*, Ravenna-Coeymans Historical Society, Ravenna, NY
2018 Artist Talk, Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy, NY

2014 Visiting Artist, Gardner Dickinson Free School, Wynantskill, NY

2012 Artist Talk, Fulton Street Gallery, Troy, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024–Present Associate Director, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2016–2024 Curatorial Assistant, Albany International Airport Art & Culture Program, Albany, NY

2014–2020 Design Associate, May & Watkins Design, LLC, Brooklyn, NY

2015–2019 Fine Arts Instructor, Art School of Columbia County, Ghent, NY

2015–2016 Community Arts Grant Coordinator, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, NY

2010–2011 Instructor of Record, Life Drawing (3 semesters), State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

2009–2011 Director, Curator, and Founder, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2009 Instructor of Record, Two-Dimensional Design (2 semesters), State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

2008 Assistant to David Carbone, Perceptual Painting (1 semester), State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

2008 Figure Drawing Instructor, Wellsville Creative Arts Center, Wellsville, NY

2007 Cultural Center Coordinator and Development Associate, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2003–2007 Volunteer, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

STREET ART

2026 *Brown-Eyed Susan*, What a Hoot, Coxsackie, NY

2024 *The Cat Would Wear Dogwood*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2023 *Purr-ennial*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2022 *Sweet as a Rose*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2021 *Meowtain*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2020 *Come Fly with Me*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2019 *In Full Feather*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2018 *In the Garden*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2018 *The Great Adorned Owl*, What a Hoot, Coxsackie, NY

2016 *Feline in Florals*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

2015 *Sophie the Flower Princess*, Cat-N-Around Catskill, Heart of Catskill Association, Catskill, NY

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2018 *New School*, co-curated with Niva Dorell, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, NY

2015 *12th Annual Second Street Show*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2014 *11th Annual Second Street Show*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2013 *That Way*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2013 *10th Annual Second Street Show*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2012 *9th Annual Second Street Show*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2012 *Collectors' Pride*, Athens Cultural Center, Athens, NY

2011 *All Things Magnificent*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2011 *A Walk Into the Huyck Preserve: Our Lasting Impressions*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2010 *The Strange, the Surreal and the Sentimental*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2010 Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society Benefit Exhibition, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2010 *Nature. Glamour.*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2010 *Fantastically Feminine*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

2010 *Shutter*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2010 *Loose/Tight*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2010 *Smudge*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2010 *Fresh*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2010 *LAND*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2010 *Inside and Out*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2009 *In Color*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2009 *A Collection of Classics*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY
2009 *Ethereal Space*, Davey Jones Gallery, Albany, NY

PRESS

2021 Rogowicz, Matthew. "AHA! 626 Artist Sara Pruiksma." *WMHT/PBS AHA! A House for Arts*, Season 6, Episode 26. Web. 20 January 2021.

2020 "2020 Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region: Sara Pruiksma." Albany Institute of History & Art, YouTube. Web. 30 October 2020.

2018 Zuaro, Kara. "Hudson Valley Artist Sara Pruiksma is Livin' the Dream." *Brooklyn DoubleWide*. Web. 4 October 2018.

2015 Griffin, Amy. "The Function of Forms." *Times Union*. Web. 11 February 2015.

2015 Kosto, Kathryn. "Life and Growth: A Conversation with ASCC Faculty Member Sara Pruiksma." *Art School of Columbia County*. Web. 3 February 2015.

2014 Adams, Kyle. "Ad Infinitum Brings Art Off the Walls." *The Daily Mail / Columbia-Greene Media*. Web. 13 July 2014.

2014 Vazquez, Diana. "Interview with Sara Pruiksma." *Two Bits of Artsky*. Web. 22 April 2014.

2014 Pruiksma, Sara. "Athens Cultural Center Recently Hosts 11th Annual Members Exhibition." *The Daily Mail / Columbia-Greene Media*. Web. 17 April 2014.

2014 Fritch, Meredith. "Sara Pruiksma." *The Creation Station*. Web. 2 April 2014.

2014 "Alumni Artist Brings Sense of Whimsy to Columbia-Greene Community College." *On the Scene / Columbia-Greene Media*. 28 February–6 March 2014.

2013 Griffin, Amy. "On Exhibit: 'Whimsicality' Celebrates Quirky Artwork." *Times Union*. Web. 29 July 2013.

2013 WSI Administration. "Whimsicality." *Wall Street International Magazine / Agenda*. Web. 10 July 2013.

2013 Adams, Kyle. "Athens Cultural Center Holds 10th Annual Members Exhibition." *The Daily Mail / Hudson-Catskill Newspapers*. Web. 21 April 2013.

2012 Lekocevic, Melanie. "Local Talent is Highlight of Exhibition Series." *The Daily Mail / Hudson-Catskill Newspapers*. Web. 8 November 2012.

2012 Smith, Lauren. "Spotlight Artist: Sara Pruiksma." *I OpCollective*. Web. 12 July 2012.

2011 Naylor, Richard (Director). "UAlbany TV Masters Series: MFA 2011 Thesis Exhibition." University at Albany TV Video Series. April 2011.

2010 Ayers, Sara and Greg Haymes. "Be Here Now: Albany First Friday." *Nippertown*. Web. 4 June 2010.

2009 Ayers, Sara and Greg Haymes. "Art Beat: Davey Jones Gallery." *Nippertown*. Web. 30 September 2009.

2009 O'Brien, Tim. "Space is Shared Swimmily." *Times Union*, Capital Region. 24–30 December 2009.

2007 Renner, Jean. "Showcase." *The Greenville Local*. 18 January 2007.

2007 Renner, Jean. "Showcase." *The Greenville Local*. 12 July 2007.