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Freelance Illustrator and Teaching Artist

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Artists CV

Artist's Statement

Through her artwork Jessica strives to show others how art can be experienced and felt; To educate using art, to use her skills to benefit others striving to reach their goals and to express messages through stories. She believes in pushing the imagination and using art to find your voice as one of the ultimate tools of expression.

Education

BFA in Illustration

The School of Visual Arts

New York, NY 08/2005 - 05/2009

Studio

Jessica Nunno Art, Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment

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03/2018 - Present

Public Art Installations

March 2012. *Star Wars – X-Wing and Tie Fighter Battle Mural.* Supper Hero's Restaurant, Winchester RD, Huntsville, AL.

August 2018. *Surfboard Saturn V Rocket Stages of Liftoff.* Artists Collaboration Art Installation. Dawson Technologies. Huntsville, AL. Collaboration with fellow working artists: Pucker Lucker, Sarah Jordan and Nathan Payne.

May 2021. *Outdoor Classroom Student Collaboration.* Designer, Coordinator, Teaching Artist. Chapman Elementary School. North Alabama Arts Education Collaborative. Huntsville, AL.

140 students from Chapman Elementary School painted their own cinder block showcasing animals in Alabama through stencils designed and cut by Jessica Nunno the lead coordinating teaching artist. The cinder blocks will be speckled throughout a wall dedicated to the school's outdoor classroom.

August - September 2021. *Blue Springs RD Community Arts Installation.* Designer, Community Organizer, Teaching Artist, Mural Painter. Arts Huntsville and the City of Huntsville. Huntsville, AL.

Partnered with fellow working artist Daria Hammond, the two artists collaborated on the design for the half a mile long mural that spans Blue Springs RD in Huntsville, AL. Jessica designed the concept in Adobe Illustrator for a total of 17 walls. The two artists drew out the design on all the walls and created a paint by numbers style project. With the help of Arts Huntsville, Project Green Team and the City of Huntsville they organized multiple community engagement events for anyone who wanted to come and add their mark to the city of Huntsville. It took multiple months and multiple community events, but with the help of over 100 volunteers and a collective amount of a couple hundred hours' worth of work Daria and Jessica completed the project.

Solo Exhibitions

Oct. 31, 2017- Nov. 5, 2017. *A Showcasing of Jessica Nunno Art's Portfolio, Including Pointillism Illustrations, Colored Pencil Illustrations and Ink Blot Monsters.* Huntsville Madison County Public Library Downtown Branch. Huntsville, AL.

August 5, 2020 - September 26, 2020. *The Other Side: Question Your Reality.* Solo Exhibition. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL

November 18, 2020 - February 27, 2021. *Inkblot Monsters.* Solo Exhibition. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL.

November 23, 2022 - February 4, 2023. *Monsters, Demons and Decay.* Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL.

Group Exhibitions

December 2015 – December 2016. *Jessica Nunno Art.* The ARTery LLC. **Huntsville, AL.**

June 2016 – December 2016. *Unidentified Floating Object.* The Lumberyard Kitchen. Huntsville, AL.

Nov. 2016 - Dec. 2017. *Original Mini Drawings and Fan Art Prints.* Elsweyr at Clinton Row

February - March 2017. *Ascension. Sky Whales. The Butterfly Effect. Inkblot Monsters Series. A Cup of Everything.* Huntsville, AL.

April 20, 2020 – June 13, 2020. *Voodoo Doll - Self Sabotage.* Mental Health Awareness Group Exhibition. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL.

September 30, 2020 - November 14, 2020. *True Self.* 80/20 Group Exhibition. Alabama Women's Caucus of Art. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL.

January 12, 2022 - February 26, 2022. *Creative Space.* Shelter Group Exhibition. Alabama Women's Caucus of Art. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL. (Exhibition Curator)

January 12, 2022 - February 26, 2022. *Dog Love Part 1 and Part 1.* Labor of Love Installation as a part of Shelter Group Exhibition. Alabama Women's Caucus of Art. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL. (Exhibition Curator)

January 27, 2022 - March 13, 2022. *Inkblot Monster (The Larges) #14 and #15.* Best of Women Group Exhibition. Chicago Women's Caucus of Art. Stola Contemporary Art. Chicago, IL.

November 14, 2022 - January 31, 2023. *Hot Air Balloon: I Make My Own Way and Rainbow Eucalyptus Tree.* Local Insight Arts Exhibition. Von Braun Center. Huntsville, AL.

Live Painting Events

September 24th, 2016. *Live Painter* (Entertainment) for Holey Miss Moley Presented by Hometown Throwdown Productions at The Flying Monkey Arts Theater, Lowe Mill. Huntsville, AL.

November 11th, 2016. *Live Painter* (Entertainment) for Winston and Ramble and Permagroove. The Connector at Lowe Mill. Huntsville, AL.

August 18, 2018. *Graffiti Style Mural. Live Painter* (Entertainment) for The Block Party. The Connector. Lowe Mill. Huntsville, AL.

October 8, 2021. *Nebula Explosion.* Art"emis" Artwalk Live Painting Demonstration. Downtown Huntsville Incorporated. Huntsville, AL.

Speaking Engagements

August 30, 2018. *Art as an Experience.* Pechakucha Night. Alchemy Lounge. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL

August 29, 2020. *Artist Talk for Solo Exhibition - The Other Side: Question Your Reality.* Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL.

December 26, 2020. *Artist Talk for Solo Exhibition - Inkblot Monsters.* Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment. Huntsville, AL.

September 30, 2021. *Arts Integration.* University of Alabama in Huntsville: Class ED 310/610 for Nichole Harper. Huntsville, AL.

April 9, 2022. *STEAM Education and Incorporation ALWCA Documentary.* Video presented at the Women's Caucus of Art National Women's Anniversary Conference. Chicago, IL. Presented virtually through Zoom.

November 12, 2022. *Psychology of Inkblot Monsters.* Speaking Engagement and Hands on Workshop. Women's Caucus of Art 50th Anniversary Conference. Chicago, IL Presented live and virtually through Zoom.

Teaching

May 2017 – January 2020. Instructor. Huntsville STEAM Works. Teaching STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) Education.

November 2018 – Present. Private (one on one) Art Instruction and Group Lessons. Jessica Nunno Art.

February 2020 – June 2020. *Endeavor Learning Lab.* Contracted Instructor. Teaching Middle School and High School Art Classes.

June 2020 - Present. *Huntsville Museum of Art.* Contracted Teaching Artist. Teaching kindergarten through adult age classes and workshops, as well as jurying youth art exhibitions.

May 2020 - Present. *North Alabama Arts Education Collaborative a subsection of Arts Huntsville.* Contracted Teaching Artist. Creating tutorial videos, teaching virtual art classes, teaching artist residencies.

Juror

May 2021. *Juror.* VAA: Visual Arts Achievement Program and Congressional Art Competition. Huntsville Museum of Art.

November 2022. Juror and Coordinator. *Giancola Donato Cosplay Contest Night. 5 After 5.* Huntsville Museum of Art. Huntsville, AL.

Press

May 1, 2019. *Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment in Huntsville is “everybody's happy place”.* AL.com, Michelle Mathews. Huntsville, AL.

May 9, 2021. *Lowe Mill “Drive Thru” Artist Market Kicks Off Mother’s Day Weekend.* Fox 54 News, Keneisha Deas. Huntsville, AL.

April 26, 2022. *“Panoply Arts Festival - Interview with Freelance Artist Jessica Nunno”.* WAFF 48 News. Charles Montgomery. Huntsville. AL.

<https://www.facebook.com/WAFF48/videos/440995884460449>

December 13, 2022. *“Freelance Illustrator and Teaching Artist Jessica Nunno”.* Go Solo, Subkit. <https://qosolo.subkit.com/jessica-nunno-art/>

Organizations

2016 – Present. *Arts Huntsville* - Visual Arts/ Individual Artists Member.

2018 – 2019. *The Flying Monkey* - Studio Renter, Community Member, Artist Market Lead Coordinator.

2020 – 2022. *Alabama Women’s Caucus for Art* – Community Member/ Leadership Committee.

2021 - Present. *World Artists Association - Professional Arts Gold* - Community Member.

2021 - Present. *Arts Education Strategic Planning Project for Madison County* - Board Member.

Awards

2021, 2022, 2023. *Juried Selection - Professional Artist Gold* - World Association of Arts.

2021, 2022, 2023. *Best in Huntsville Award - Artistic Services.* Huntsville, AL. (Inducted into the Best in Huntsville Hall of Fame)

2021. *Juried Selection - Honorary Mention* - Birmingham Arts Walk

2022. *Gold Award Illustration Category, International Art Competition.* For the submitted piece “Silent”. World Association of Artists.

2022. *Graphics and Illustration Award.* Troy Art Festival.

2022. *Second Place Best in Show Award. For the submitted piece "Rainbow Eucalyptus Tree". Art in the Park. Walker County Arts Alliance.*

Volunteer Work

January 2019 – December 2019. *Barking Dog Arts Artist Market – Lead Coordinator.*

Handled volunteer schedule, managed Facebook group, handled vendor placement, enforced guidelines, answered questions/ concerns, guided new vendors, created vendor maps/ layouts for pre-registration events and managed payments.

March 2021 - May 2022. *Alabama Women's Caucus for Art - Exhibitions Committee Chair.*

Handled/ Handler the coordination of gallery events for the Women's Caucus for Art, the Alabama Chapter. This was/ and is done through coordinating with different galleries around North Alabama and the Tennessee Valley. Coming up with themes for the gallery showings, jurying the entries as well as planning the publication book that goes with the show.

March 2021 - May 2022. *Alabama Women's Caucus for Art - Secretary Chair.*

Attends all ALWCA meetings and handles the meeting minutes and is responsible for the distribution of information for the members of the Alabama Chapter including gallery show information, special events, newsletters and more.

April 2020 - Present. *Junior Illustrators Guild AKA Art Club - Host, Organizer, Mentor.*

This is a free art club that Jessica runs for preteens and teenagers. They meet once a week on Zoom where they pull random art projects, never knowing what they are going to get! This serves as a jumping off point for the club members to activate their imagination. The purpose of the club is to promote social interaction amongst introverted artistic teenagers, for them to find a place where they can express themselves, be who they are and feel safe. Of course, the club is also meant to promote good, regular drawing practices, a beginning to understanding constructive critiques and a place to see themselves grow in their skills. We also have a Discord server where the members can talk to each other 24/7, share their work and take challenges. This is also a hub for providing art resources.

Skills

Education, Instruction/ Teaching, Pointillism/ Stippling, Line Work, Illustration, Sketchbook Pro, Krita, Inkscape, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, Laser Cutting, Website Layout, Flyers/ Posters, Advertisements, Mural Design and Painting, Art Installations, Community Art and Education Leader.

Professional References

Laura Smith. *Education Director. Huntsville Museum of Art.* lsmith@hsvmuseum.org.

Karen Anderson. *Education Director. North Alabama Arts Education Collaborative.*

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Robert Daniel. *Gallery Coordinator. Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment.*

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