Melissa Jones

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Education

2025 Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR
MFA in Visual Studies, expected August 2025

2007 Sonoma State University Rohnert Park, CA
Teaching Credential, Art Education

1993 Otis Parson Institute of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA
BFA in Mixed Media

2001 California School of Herbal Studies, Herbologist Certification, Forestville, CA,

Professional Experience

2015-2023 Visual Fine Arts Teacher, Windsor High School, Windsor, CA

2010-2014 Visual Fine Arts Teacher, Marin School of The Arts, Novato, CA

2008-2013 Art Instructor Mesa Alternative High School, Santa Rosa, CA

2001-2000 Freelance Scenic Artist, Hollywood Film Industry, Los Angeles, CA

2025- Teaching Artist, North Pole Art Studio, Portland, Oregon

Solo Exhibitions

2022 *jones.drawings Selected Works***,** Honey Badger Art Gallery, Rohnert Park, CA

2017 *Pussy Fury*, Neon Raspberry Arthouse, Occidental, CA

Solo Public Art Projects

2022 *The Sleeping Cats of Occidental*, Installation, Occidental, CA

2020 *The Collective Human Experience*, Installation, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Santa Rosa, CA Up and OUT grant

Group Exhibitions and Project Installations

2023 States of Being, Erikson Gallery, Portland, Oregon

2023 The Den, Center for Contemporary Art and Culture, Portland, Oregon

2023 The Quiet Season, Low residency group show, Portland, Oregon

2022 *Sugar Moon*, Open Studio Show, Santa Rosa, CA

2022 *BoldX Annual* Juried Art Show, Sacramento, Center for the Arts. Sacramento, CA

2022 *Beauty and the Beast*, Group Show, Healdsburg Center For the Arts, Healdsburg, CA

2022 *Delicious Group Show,* The Artists Within, San Anselmo, CA

2022 *The Labor Show*, The Rabbit Hole Gallery, Sebastopol, CA

2015 Backdoor Gallery Group Exhibition, Petaluma, CA

2014 Housing Installation for Northbay Organizing Project, Santa Rosa, CA

2014 *Glitter*, Backdoor Gallery, Petaluma, CA

2009 *Cutism*, Kirkland Arts Center, Seattle, WA

2008 *Cutism*, Greyspace Gallery, Reno, NV

2008 *Drawing show*, Hammerfriar Gallery, Healdsburg, CA

Residencies

2015 North Bay Organizing Project, Artist in Residence

Collaborated with the community in creating powerful protest signs, graphics, and installations for annual meetings. This involved engaging with community members to understand their needs and concerns, and translating these into impactful visual representations. I also prepared silkscreens for members, providing them with the tools to continue their advocacy work.

Fellowships

2020 The Rooster Fellowship for Student Engagement, a partnership between Sonoma County Office of Education and The Billions Institute.

Press

2023 Mya Constantino, “How Sonoma County Artists Transform Their Work, Themselves After Isolation.” *The Press Democrat*.

2023 Camille Escovedo. “Rabbit Hole: New Art Gallery Hosts Worker Focused Exhibit” *The Press Democrat*.

2022 Matt Villano, “Open and Out Project Brings New Public Art to Downtown Santa Rosa.” *The Press Democrat*.

2016 Angela Hart, “Sonoma County Activists to Lobby For Rent Control, Public Transit” *The Press Democrat*.

2015 Angela Hart. “Housing Crisis Takes Center Stage at Santa Rosa Art Show.” *The Press Democrat*.