

ORIA SIMONINI

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Education

2018

BFA University of Nebraska- Lincoln

2016

Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany- Winter Semester

Residency / Fellowship

Fellowship, The Union for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE 2023

Residency, Casa Galería Victor López, Querétaro, México, 2023

Art + Community

2024

Advocacy Chair, Board Member, Benson First Friday, Omaha, Ne

2023

Organizer, New American Arts Festival Committee, BFF, Omaha, NE

- Workshop & Education Chair
- Gallery and Visual Arts Co-Chair

Murals/Public Art

2024

First Ave Trail Mural Program, Grass Wagon, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement Mural, assisted, Omaha, Ne

Utility Boxes, with Local Art, Local Artists (LALA), Omaha, Ne

Colaboración con Daes, Mural, Finca Tatin, Guatemala

In Bloom, Benson High School, Omaha, Ne

2023

Caden's Corner Mural, resident lead skate ramp and community garden project, mural painted with youth

Mural, Town Center, Community designed and painted, collaborated with Barahona and Yon, Santiago- Sacatepéquez, Guatemala

Workshop, facilitated with Barahona and Yon, free workshop for residents to design mural, Santiago- Sacatepéquez, Guatemala

Billboard Design, billboard near Grand Island, NE. through BFF and Abortion Access Flores, mural collaborated with artist Serie, Oaxaca City, Mexico

Stadium Murals, designed and painted 4 murals for Gallos Blancos Soccer Stadium with RARA Collective, Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico

2022

Mural Reveal Event, free music, food, and traditional dance, Schuyler, NE

Mural, Campground Building, Community designed and painted, collaborated with Barahona and Yon, Schuyler, Ne

Workshop, facilitated with Barahona and Yon, free for Schuyler community to design mural, Schuyler, Ne 2022

Las Tres, Mural for Imperial City's Art Park, Imperial, Ne.

2021

Mural, for Emerge LNK hosted by the Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, Ne

Sangre Azteca Mural with Palette Project and Manzanarez, Proyecto Cultural, Lincoln, Ne

Mural, assisted, a GoodSpace Murals project, La Clinica, St. Paul, MN

Elementary Students Mural Camp at Kaneko Co-Led with Manzanares, Omaha, NE

Middle School Students Mural Camp at Kaneko Co-Led with Manzanares, Omaha, NE

New Americans Mural, co-led with Manzanares El Ranchito, South Sioux City, NE

Mural, assisted, Manzanares, El Ranchito, South Sioux City, NE

Mural, assisted, David Manzanares, El Ranchito, South Sioux City, NE

Exhibitions

Solo Shows

2023

Junto Al Río De Estos Cielos, Solo show at Petshop Gallery, Omaha, Ne

2021

Recent Works, First Friday at Sink Salon Studio, Lincoln, Ne

2018

As the Crow Flies- Medici Gallery, Lincoln, NE

Group + Two Person Shows

2024

Se Le Olvida Algo, Casa Galeria, Querétaro, México

2022

I've Been Here Before, *Emerging Artists*, Gallery 1516, Omaha, Ne.

A Place To See It, Tugboat Gallery, Lincoln, Ne

2021

1st Annual/Art Exhibition & Benefit, Citylight Arts Project, Omaha, Ne

2020

InBEtween: curated by Tara Sabharwal- Constellations Studios, Lincoln, NE

GAWK Downtown Window Walk II: curated by Tugboat Gallery- Ruby Begonias, Lincoln, Ne

New American Arts Festival- Little Gallery, Omaha, NE

Onward/Upward- GHOST Art Project, Omaha, NE

Now: curated by Aaron Holz- Kiechel Fine Art, Lincoln, NE

2019

31st Annual Undergraduate Juried Art Exhibition- Eisentrager-Howard Gallery, Lincoln, NE

2018

Senior Capstone Exhibition- Eisentrager-Howard Gallery, Lincoln, NE

Here To Stay- Tugboat Gallery, Lincoln, NE

National Undergraduate Juried Exhibition juried by David Gracie-

Eisentrager-Howard Gallery, Lincoln, NE

2017

Nebraska National Exhibition juried by Robert Mahoney- Eisentrager-Howard Gallery, Lincoln, NE

Oria Simonini and Luis Martinez at Parallel Visions- Parallel Visions, Lincoln, NE

Being Human, Chez Hay, Lincoln, NE

Billion Dollar Baby- Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE

Seventeen- Turbine Flats, Lincoln, NE

2017

Latino Artist: Exhibitions and Conversation- Bancroft Gallery, Omaha, Ne

28th Annual Undergraduate Studio Art Competition- Eisentrager-Howard Gallery, Lincoln, NE

Awards / Grants

2025

Awarded Outstanding Emerging Visual Artist by Omaha Entertainment And Art Awards

2022

Awarded Populus Fund Grant by The Union For Contemporary Art from The Andy Warhol Foundation For Visual Arts

Nominated Outstanding Group Show by Omaha Entertainment And Art Awards

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2020

Awarded Populus Fund Emergency Grants granted by The Union For Contemporary Art from The Andy Warhol Foundation For Visual Arts

2017

Awarded Howard Award of Excellence for Best Painting in Nebraska National Exhibition- University of Nebraska- Lincoln

2015

Awarded Jean R. Faulkner Memorial Award 28th Annual Undergraduate Studio Art Competition- University of Nebraska- Lincoln

Art Related Experience

2025

Participant, Art Advocacy Conference at the Capitol, Lincoln, Ne

2023/24

Organizer, New American Arts Festival Committee

- Workshop & Education Chair
- Gallery and Visual Arts Co-Chair

2022

Teacher, Painting the figure, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Ne

- classes for adults and teens of all skill levels

2021

Teacher, Portrait Drawing Class, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Ne

- classes for adults and teens of all skill levels

Mentor Artist, Kent Bellows Mentoring Program, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Ne

2020

Intern, Mural Program at Kent Bellows Mentoring Program, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE

- Painted with artist Maggie Weber and high school students

Studio Assistant to Eddie Dominguez- Lincoln, NE

- 2018 to 2020

2016

Intern, Halle 14- Gallery, Leipzig, Germany

2014

Teaching Aid, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Press

Interview, Friday LIVE hosted by Genevieve Randall on Nebraska Public Media, for “A Place To See It” 2022

Article, Columbus Telegram “Looking at the big picture” Schuyler Sun, by Jared Barton, 2022

Article, Columbus Telegram, “Good to Go: Mural approved for Schuyler Campground”, Schuyler Sun, by Jared Barton, 2022

Article, The Reader, “Been Here Before”, by Kent Brehens, 2022