

Sommer Raynei Henderson

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I am a conceptual multimedia and interdisciplinary artist that uses poetry, physical materials, digital media, performance, and dance to explore the human condition and how overarching themes of identity play a role in one's individual and unique human experience. I draw on my race, gender, sexuality, and class to explore these relations in conjunction with how they attribute to one's perspective of the world and sense of self. Along with this, I am interested in exploring the relationship to the body, death, consumer-culture, environmental issues, cultural heritage, trauma, escapism, metaphorical relationships, and expressing the immaterial and transforming it into the material

Texas State University—BFA Studio Art (Concentration Ceramics) Minor in Philosophy—May 2022

Group Shows

2021—Brick at Blue Star Arts Complex—High On Love—San Antonio, TX

2020—Soul Fuel Art Walk—Round Rock, TX

2020—Virtual Block Party—Online Exhibition

2020—Tantra Coffee House—WHO WAS I THEN, WHO AM I NOW—San Marcos, TX

Group Exhibitions

2024—Collection Rert—Re-dreaming—Austin, TX

2023—Mothership Studios—San Marcos Studio Tours—San Marcos, TX

2022—Texas State University—BFA Thesis Exhibition—San Marcos, TX

2022—DORF WORLD—Silent Auction + Cultural Benefit to Ukraine—Austin, TX

2022—Texas State University—Student Juried Exhibition—San Marcos, TX

2021—What Does The Moon See?—Online Exhibition

2021—Texas State University—Material Cycle Exhibition—San Marcos, TX

2021—CAMEO—Emerging Artist Show—Texas City, TX

2021—Texas State University—Student Juried Exhibition—San Marcos, TX

2020—TheWorldAin'tThroughWithYouYet—Dontlookatmyart.com—Online Exhibition

2020—Texas State University—Student Juried Exhibition—San Marcos, TX

Live Paintings

2024 - Art Island Joyride Residency | Higher Ground | Austin, TX

2023 - Pacha Organica ~ Izcalia | West China Tea House | Austin, TX

2023 - Pacha Organica ~ Mushuk Nina | Indras Awarehouse | Austin, TX

Publications

2021 - It's Renowned: Volume I The Raffle Edition

2023 - It's Renowned: Volume II Planetary Series: Mercury Edition

Fellowships and Grants

2024 - Recipient of Broad House Studios x Future Front Fellowship

2022 - Recipient of Queeramics Grant

2024- Recipient of City of Austin Nexus Grant

Experience

Art Installer | Texas State Galleries | 10/18-8/20

Gallery Monitor | Texas State Galleries | 10/18-5/22

Assistant Art Teacher | Mano Amiga: Voces De Resistencia | 10/20-01/21

TA & Studio Monitor | Texas State Ceramics Department | 07/21-08/21

Co-Website Designer & Graphic Designer | *What Does The Moon See* Exhibition | 09/21-12/21

Artist Assistant | [Alicia Philley](#) | 04/22-04/23

Summer Art Teacher | UMLAUF | 06/22-07/22

Production Studio Worker | [Gil Bruvel](#) | 09/22-06/23

Art Teacher/Muralist | Creative Action | 10/24-**Present**