

MARY FORTUNA

EDUCATION

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan \
Bachelor of Fine Arts 1992

Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, Michigan
Foundry Workshop 1993 - 1996

EMPLOYMENT / PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts
Education Coordinator 2000 – 2004
Exhibitions Director 2004 to April 2014

Contemporary Arts Council/Art Detroit Now 2009 – 2012

Detroit Artist's Market Exhibition Advisory Committee - 1998 – 1999

Detroit Institute of Arts/Friends of Modern Art Forum for Contemporary Art 1995 – 1997

Detroit Focus Exhibition Committee – 1994 –1996

Paint Creek center for the Arts Exhibition Committee – 1997 - 1999

Ground Up, Bi-Monthly Arts Journal Founder, Editor 1995 - 1998

Artists Cooperative, The (A.C.,T.) President 1992 –1993; Secretary 1993 – 1994

ONE AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITS

2015
Mythos
ArtNxT Birmingham, MI

2013
She Towers Above
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Birmingham, MI

2006
New Work
Flatlanders Blissfield, Michigan

2003
Recent Works – Mary Fortuna and Jo Powers
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Birmingham, Michigan

2002
Hanging Garden
Detroit Contemporary Detroit, Michigan

1996
Sinister Objects
Start Gallery Birmingham, Michigan

1995

Memory Lapse and The Event Horizon with Robert Taormina
Willis Gallery Detroit, Michigan

1993

Terrors of the Flesh with Dave Roberts
Willis Gallery Detroit, Michigan

1992

On and Off the Wall
Artist's Cooperative, The Detroit, Michigan

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITS

2015

It's Like Toys In Here Detroit Artists Market Detroit, Michigan
Women's Mixed Media Exhibit Ellen Kayrod Gallery Detroit, Michigan
Blooms, Bugs & Beasts The Scarab Club Detroit, Michigan
DAM Garden Party Detroit Artists Market Detroit, Michigan
Watermelon! Hatch Art Hamtramck, Michigan
Popp's Pinewood Derby Popp's Packing Hamtramck, Michigan
Essay'd III 9338 Campau Gallery Hamtramck, Michigan

2014

New Strategies – The Chess Show Popp's Packing Hamtramck, Michigan
If You Build It Detroit Artists Market Detroit, Michigan
Forced Collaboration Popp's Packing Hamtramck, Michigan
Blooms, Bugs & Beasts The Scarab Club Detroit, Michigan
DAM Garden Party Detroit Artists Market Detroit, Michigan
Detroit @ CTAC Crooked Tree Art Center Petoskey, Michigan

2013

U Build It Public Pool Hamtramck, Michigan
Under the [Inspired] Influence Northville Art House Northville, Michigan
Group Show Buckham Gallery Flint, Michigan
Detroit Collective work: Detroit Gallery Detroit, Michigan

2012

Let's Talk About Love, Baby MOCAD, Detroit Michigan; Traveling exhibit
Weasel Camp 3 Flatlanders Blissfield, Michigan
Artprize – Group show curated by Adoration Detroit Grand Rapids, Michigan

2011

Group Show Madonna University Art Gallery Detroit, Michigan
Spring Thing Next Step Studio Ferndale, Michigan
Slippery Weasel Society: Seven Cass Café Detroit, Michigan
Wire Car Cruise Art X Detroit Detroit, Michigan; Traveling exhibit/event
Maker Faire The Henry Ford Dearborn MI

2010

In Spite of the Evidence The Gallery Project Ann Arbor, Michigan
Weasel Camp 2 Popp's Packing Hamtramck, Michigan
Let's Talk About Love, Baby Joan Flasch Artists Book Collection Chicago, Illinois

Detroit Works Media Nox Gallery Mirabor, Slovenia
International Bongo Bongo Brigade Meetfactory International Centre for Contemporary Art
Prague, Czech Republic
Detroit/East Lansing Conglomerate (Scene) Metrospace East Lansing, Michigan
Bread & Butter Butter Projects Royal Oak, Michigan

2009

Year of the Weasel Scarab Club Detroit, Michigan
Changing Cities: Pure Detroit Art Channel Gallery Beijing, China
Aus Detroit Museum of New Art Pontiac, Michigan
Vienna Art Fair With Galerie Lisi Hämmerle Vienna, Austria
Collected Anton Art Center Mount Clemens, Michigan
Artprize American Seating Park Grand Rapids, Michigan

2008

Changing Cities: Made in DetroitGalerie Eva Bracke Berlin, Germany
Changing Cities: Detroit – Bregenz Galerie Lisi Hämmerle Bregenz, Austria
Changing Cities Museum of New Art Pontiac, Michigan
Changing Cities: Detroit Three Walls Chicago, Illinois
Slippery Weasel Society Exhibition Bohemian National Home Detroit, Michigan
Material Matters Anton Art Center Mount Clemens, Michigan

2007

Azutunarasharedo – four person show Zeitgeist Gallery Detroit, Michigan
Harvest Alley Culture Detroit, Michigan

2005

Wall to Wall – sculpture invitational Flatlanders Blissfield, Michigan
Actual Size CAID Detroit, Michigan

2004

Group Show Street Level Gallery Highwood, Illinois

2003

DAM Members Invitational Detroit Artist's Market Detroit, Michigan
Selecti Detroit Artist's Market Detroit, Michigan Juror – Lawrence Rinder
Alumni Exhibition: Cardew, Fortuna and Peet Wayne State University Community Arts Gallery
8 Mile – Detroit Relics from the Future Street Level Gallery Highwood, Illinois
Actual Size Detroit Contemporary Detroit, Michigan

2000

Past, Present, Future - DAM 2000 Detroit Artist's Market Detroit, Michigan
Actual Size Detroit Contemporary Detroit, Michigan
German Art / Michigan Art Paint Creek Center for the Arts Rochester, Michigan

1999

Content Contained Ann Arbor Art Center Ann Arbor, Michigan
Body and Soul Paint Creek Center for the Arts Rochester, Michigan
Documenta Museum of Contemporary Art Pontiac, Michigan

1998

Undefining Sculpture Detroit Artist's Market Detroit, Michigan
Assemblage CCS Center Galleries Detroit, Michigan

1997

Beneath Nature Buckham Gallery Flint, Michigan
Sculpture Pontiac '97 Indoor / Outdoor Sculpture Show Pontiac, Michigan Co-curator
Suspended in Space Paint Creek Center for the Arts Rochester, Michigan

1996

Celebrate Michigan Artists Paint Creek Center for the Arts Rochester, Michigan
Third Place Award
Out of Solitude Michigan Gallery Detroit, Michigan
In Residence Detroit Artist's Market Detroit, Michigan
Art from Detroit Western Illinois University Gallery Macomb, Illinois
Michigan Fine Arts Competition Birmingham–Bloomfield Art Center Birmingham, Michigan
Honorable Mention

1995

The Holiday Show CCS Center Galleries Detroit, Michigan
These Animals May Appear Tame The Gallery at Marygrove College Detroit, Michigan
Michigan Annual XXIII Mount Clemens Art Center Mount Clemens, Michigan President's Award

1994

Artist's Books Artist's Cooperative, The Detroit, Michigan Curator
Weapons and Playthings Artist's Cooperative, The Detroit, Michigan
The Detroit Show Center Galleries Detroit, Michigan

1993

Transforming Ideas Michigan Gallery Detroit, Michigan
Honor the Earth Willis Gallery Detroit, Michigan

1991

Hard Choices Michigan Gallery Detroit, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/GRANTS/COMMISSIONS

2014

Juror, The Scarab Club – Gold Medal Exhibition

2013

Juror, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center – Student Show

2012

Juror – Wild Things Exhibit – Grosse Pointe Art Center Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Situational Awareness Training Session – Art Gallery Discussion
Transcend Creative Group for Lincoln Academy Rochester Michigan

2011

Panel Member, Kresge Art in Detroit Fellowships Detroit, Michigan

2010

Guest Lecturer – Professional Practices Class – Monica Bowman
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, Michigan
Artist Talk & Demo – Soft Sculpture Class College for Creative Studies Detroit, Michigan
Juror Macomb Community College Student Exhibit
Juror Blooms, Bugs & Beasts The Scarab Club Detroit, Michigan

2009

Juror Mount Clemens Art Fair Anton Art Center Mount Clemens, Michigan

2008

Guest Reviewer, Senior Critiques Adrian College Adrian, Michigan

2007

Juror Lenawee County Annual Show Adrian, Michigan

Juror Flint Street Gallery 12 x 12 Show Lake Orion, Michigan

2006

Artist Talk Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan

Artist's Choice Presentation Detroit Institute of Arts Detroit, Michigan

Guest Reviewer, Senior Critiques Adrian College Adrian, Michigan

2003

Artist Demonstration Detroit Institute of Arts Detroit, Michigan

1997

Sculpture Pontiac '97

Co-curated a multi-site indoor/outdoor sculpture exhibit in Pontiac, Michigan

1996

Putting Grapes Back On The Vine

Sculpture installation in Grand Circus Park and on DIA lawn – Art On The Move Residency

MCACA / Detroit Council of the Arts Minigrant for publication of two special issues of Ground Up, a journal devoted to the visual arts in Detroit and surrounding areas

1995

The Robber's Nightmare

Set design and construction commission

Prospero Theater Company at the Performance Network Ann Arbor, Michigan

1994

Asylum/Asylum

Set design and construction commission

Prospero Theater Company at The Performance Network Ann Arbor, Michigan

1993

Pepsi Art Fence

Designed and painted 8' by 160' outdoor mural - commission

Department of Natural Resources / Michigan State Fair Grounds Detroit, Michigan

An Evening in the Death of Enrique Miasmo

Set design and construction commission

Prospero Theater Company at The Performance Network Ann Arbor, Michigan

PUBLICATIONS

Essay'd 21 Mary Fortuna

Sharp, Rosie Essay'd, June 1, 2015

Toys exhibit: A little nuts, a lot of fun

Hodges, Michael Detroit News, February 5, 2015

Artist profile: Hard at play with Mary Fortuna

Sharp, Rosie Knight Arts Blog June 4, 2014

City of Possibilities – Exhibit shows why Berliners embrace motor city
Mazzei, Rebecca Metro Times, July 23, 2008

Berlin and Detroit swap artists
Hodges, Michael H. The Detroit News, July 3, 2003

Changing Cities: Berlin to Detroit - Detroit welcomes Berlin artists to the Museum of New Art
Voss, Elizabeth H. Crain's Detroit Business - Detroit Make It Here.com

Tip of the Week - Changing Cities: Detroit
Wise, David Mark New City Chicago, March 5, 2008

Windy City trade – Area artists send their works to Chicago gallery for art exchange
Voss, Elizabeth H. The Oakland Press, February 24, 2008

Azutunarasharedo
Sousanis, Nick TheDetroiter.com, October 12, 2007

3 planets in one night
Mazzei, Rebecca Metro Times, September 26, 2007

Playing with Dolls
Deb King markszine.com, June, 2006

All dolled up: The elusive air of Mary Fortuna's art
Mannisto, Glen Metro Times, September 20, 2006

Unique display is as different as night and day
Hakanson Colby, Joy Detroit News, February 15, 2003

Naturists
Mannisto, Glen Metro Times, April 24, 2002
4 shows plus novel seating
Guten Cohen, Keri Detroit Free Press, April 21, 2002

Unusual parts are added together to make a surreal, humorous whole sculpture
Hakanson Colby, Joy Detroit News, April 12, 2002

A Future on Woodward
Guten Cohen, Keri Detroit Free Press, June 4, 2000

Mary Fortuna – Memory Lapse; Robert Taormina – The Event Horizon
Castile, Kevin Ground Up #5, July 1995

Artists put the problem of abuse in sharp focus
Miro, Marsha Detroit Free Press, July, 1994

A.C., T. encourages energetic new artists by giving their work a venue
Hakanson Colby, Joy Detroit News, July 1994

8 female artists put attitude in their work
Miro, Marsha Detroit Free Press, November, 1994