

Powered by the nature of reflection my work is a thoughtful recollection of images. Each piece is informed by my experience as an observer and I am drawn to images that catch others quietly engaged within their environments. The paintings explore a sense of solitude and the need for sentimental observation.

Each work develops from a moment that I had at one time experienced, captured, rediscovered and now lend to a new medium. The compositions are carefully considered to draw upon the awareness of our intrusion into another's moment of respite. While figures and fish allow us to watch along with them there is a deliberate construction of personal space: often tanks, walls, windows, and even stages interfere in the visual space to keep the observer at bay.

Repetition of place is acquiring new significance. The ocean, aquarium, and softly lit streets at night offer themselves up as places of comfort to those in need of contemplation. My work focuses on these personally sacred spaces as well as the inquisitive and nostalgic moments that center around them.

Ecka Blaire, 2011

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Education

- 2009 BFA Painting
Hartford Art School, University of Hartford
Graduated Cum Laude
- 2009 Travel and Art: The Painted Sketch
Selected to participate in a weeklong study abroad program to Sicily
- 2007 Koopman Chair: Painting
with visiting artist Joyce Kozloff
- 2004 Washington Art Association

Exhibitions

- 2012 *Young Talent Exhibition*, Washington Art Association (UPCOMING)
- 2011 *H.A.S. Alumni Juried Exhibition*, Silpe Gallery, West Hartford CT
Juried by curator Helen Hsu, Guggenheim Museum NYC
6th Annual Juried Show, New Hartford CT
Juried by artist Pamela Bramble.
- 2010 *Limbo*, Freight Street Gallery, Waterbury CT
Faces and Figures, Artwell Gallery, Torrington CT
- 2009 *La Sicilia Bella*, Silpe Gallery, West Hartford CT
CT+5 Exhibition, West Hartford Art League, West Hartford CT
Juried by curator Patricia Hickson, Wadsworth Atheneum.
Gallery 1215 Collective/Senior Collective, Silpe Gallery, West Hartford CT
Of Two Minds BFA Exhibition, Hartford Artspace, Hartford CT
Juried by artists Carol Padberg and Cat Balco.
21st Alexander A. Goldfarb Exhibition, Joseloff Gallery, West Hartford CT
Juried by director Richard Klein, Aldrich Museum.
[Un+Art] 2, Hartford Artspace, Hartford CT
Gallery 1215 Collective, Silpe Gallery, West Hartford CT

Awards & Honors

- 2011 University of Hartford Alumni Association Award
ARTspace Initiative Residency, Torrington CT
- 2009-2005 Artistic Merit Scholarship, University of Hartford

Bibliography

- 2011 Tracy O'Shaughnessy, "Artists give downtown a test run", Republican
American, 6.26.2011
- 2011 Kevin Litten, "Torrington to Screen Artists for Free Studio Space", Republican
American, 6.14.2011

Professional Experience

- Nov. 2009-Present Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum