

Erin Suess

Artist CV

Education

- 2025 BFA/Art Practice, College for Creative Studies, Detroit MI
- 2019 Arts Leaders as Cultural Innovators, provided by EmcArts, administered by CultureSource, Detroit MI
- 2010 Certificate of Completion, FastTrac New Venture, MI-SBTDC @ TechTown, Detroit MI
- 2007 Certificate of Completion, Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute, Detroit MI
- 2001 AA/Graphic Design, Henry Ford College, Dearborn MI

Work History

- 2016-present Executive Director, Downriver Council for the Arts, Wyandotte MI
- 2014-2016 Art Director, Jackson-Dawson, Dearborn MI
- 2000-2014 Senior Designer, The Detroit News and Free Press, Detroit MI

Group Exhibitions and Publications

- 2024 About Face, Downriver Council for the Arts, Wyandotte MI
- 2023 Student Exhibition, College for Creative Studies, Detroit MI
- 2011 Ink (an independent design journal), Detroit MI
- 2010 Art Ambiance Exhibition, Woodhaven MI
 - Members Show, Downriver Council for the Arts, Wyandotte MI
 - Arts for the Spirit, Oakwood Healthcare System, Taylor MI
 - Arts for the Spirit, Oakwood Healthcare System, Wayne MI
 - Funky Ferndale Art Fair, Ferndale MI
- 2009 St. Patrick's Day, Izzy's Raw Art Gallery, Detroit MI
 - Detroit: A New Beginning, Russell Gallery, Detroit MI
 - Garden-Arty, Grosse Ile MI
 - From Detroit With Love, 5E Gallery (Elements), Detroit MI
 - (Solo) Bella Vino Winery, Wyandotte MI
 - Fall Festival of the Arts, Downriver Arts & Crafts Guild, Trenton MI
 - People in Art, People as Art, Downriver Council for the Arts, Taylor MI
- 2008 ©POPpor2nity Exhibition, C-Pop Gallery, Detroit MI
 - Underexposed, River's Edge Gallery, Wyandotte MI
 - U of M Dearborn Open Competition 2008, The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, Dearborn MI
 - My Wish for 2009, Russell Gallery, Detroit MI
 - Strut magazine cover, May 2008, Detroit MI
- 2007 Urbanity - 1st Annual Fi-nite Gallery Holiday Show, Detroit MI
 - Best of Show, 'dotte Arts Project, Wyandotte Street Art Fair, MI
 - 1 of 3 artists chosen in the Downriver Council for the Arts 7th Annual Emerging Artists juried exhibition, Taylor MI
 - Art in the Dark, Fi-nite Gallery, Detroit MI
- 2001 Winner of Heath Award in Graduating Student Art Exhibition at Henry Ford College, Dearborn MI

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Scholarships

2023-2024 Paula Zammit Memorial Scholarship, College for Creative Studies, Detroit
2022-2024 Dean's Award, College for Creative Studies, Detroit
2021-2024 CCS Scholarship, College for Creative Studies, Detroit

Grants (Downriver Council for the Arts)

2024 Minigrant, Michigan Arts & Culture Council
2017-2024 Operating Grant, Michigan Arts & Culture Council
2020 Technology Upgrades, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan
2020 Emergency Relief, Michigan Arts & Culture Council
2020 Wayne County Back to Work Program, Michigan
2020 Arts and Creative Community Relief and Resilience Fund, CultureSource
2019 Detroit Arts Support, Kresge
2019 Creators of Culture, CultureSource
2018 Young Leaders, Michigan Arts & Culture Council

Curation and Programming

2016-2024 Lead exhibition galleries, Downriver Council for the Arts
2019-2024 Judge, Michigan PTA Reflections Art Comp
2020-2024 Executive Producer, video projects, Downriver Council for the Arts
2020-2023 Judge, DAFT Michigan Student Film Festival
2021 Judge, Michigan Congressional Art Competition
2020 Overdose Awareness Art Exhibition and Event, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
2017-2019 Juror, Wyandotte Street Art Fair
2018 Juror, 50th Annual Cadillac Festival of the Arts
2017 Juror and Judge, Wayne State University Community College Exhibition Awards
2017 Implemented Downriver Council for the Arts Youth Arts Council