

Maria Schechter, CV

Education

Schiller International University, Heidelberg, Germany	2007-2009
Master in International Business	
New York University, New York	2006-2007
Master in Visual Art Administration (transferred to Schiller 2007)	
Cornish College of the Arts at Seattle University, Seattle	1994-1998
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design	

Select Exhibitions

SWOPE Art Museum, <i>82nd Wabash Valley Exhibition</i> , October - January 2027, Terre Haute, IN, group	2026
Indiana University Art Gallery, <i>Rooted In Nature</i> , June - July, Kokomo, IN, group	
Minnetrista Museum of Art and Gardens, <i>Open Space: Art About The Land</i> , November - January, Muncie, IN, group	2025
Indiana Museum of Art, Newfields, <i>Latino Artists Network</i> , November - December, Indianapolis, IN, group	
Indianapolis Art Council, Gallery 924, <i>DeHaan Artist of Distinction</i> , October - November, Indianapolis, IN, group	
Fishers Arts Council, <i>Celebración de la herencia hispana</i> , July - October, Fishers, IN, group	
Anderson Museum of Art, <i>Open Space: Art About The Land</i> , November - January, Anderson, IN, group	
Hamilton Public Library, <i>24 Blooms & 24 Recipes</i> , September-October, Fishers, IN, solo	2024
The Waldron Arts Center, <i>Blooming Earth</i> , August- September, Bloomington, IN, solo	
Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, <i>The 34th Annual Juried Art Show</i> , March - May, Muncie, IN, group	
Hamilton Public Library East - Ignite, <i>The 700's</i> , February - April, Fishers, IN, group	
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, <i>Gatekeepers Returns to Earth</i> , Gatlinburg, TN, solo	
Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, <i>Open Space: Art About the Land</i> , November - January, Muncie, IN, group	
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts,	2023
<i>Degrees of Commitment: Climate, Ecosystems, and Society</i> , September - November, Gatlinburg, TN, group	
University of Applied Sciences, <i>Captcha Design Festival</i> , September, Mannheim, Germany, group	
City of Bloomington, <i>Black e Brown Arts Festival</i> , July, Bloomington, IN, group	
Palo Alto City Library, <i>Enchanted Garden</i> , June - July, Palo Alto, CA, solo	
Bloomington City Hall, <i>Eco-Heroes Contest</i> , May, Bloomington, IN, group	
Michigan State University-Lansing, LookOut! Gallery, <i>Creativity in the Time of COVID-19: Art as a Tool for Combating Inequity and Injustice</i> (permanent collection: https://d.lib.msu.edu/ctc/104), MSU Libraries/Digital Repository	
<i>Creativity in The Time of Covid-19</i> , March - April, group	
Las Laguna Art Gallery, <i>Climate Changing</i> , February - March, Laguna Beach, CA, group	
Las Laguna Art Gallery, <i>Botanical Illustration</i> , January - March, Laguna Beach, CA, group	
Studio Alchemy Gallery, <i>Roots</i> , January, Indianapolis, IN, group	
Radical Mycology Convergence, <i>MushLove</i> , October, Portland, OR, group	2022
EcoAware Gallery, <i>Dispose to Reuse</i> , February, India, group	
Sacramento County Board of Chambers, <i>Women of Courage</i> , January - July, Sacramento, CA, solo	
Las Laguna Art Gallery, <i>Botanical Art and Illustration</i> , December, Laguna Beach, CA, group	2021
Blue Line Arts, <i>Members Medley</i> , September, Roseville, CA, group	
Humanifest Indy, <i>Health and Wellness Fair</i> , August, Indianapolis, IN, group	

Women Soaring Project: <i>Women Suffragists</i> , Online Exhibition, September, New York, NY, group	2020
Triton Museum, <i>Covid-19: Life in a Pandemic</i> , Online Pocket Exhibition, June, Santa Clara, CA, group	
Triton Museum, <i>We Can't Breathe</i> , Online Pocket Exhibition, May, Santa Clara, CA, group	
Abrams Claghorn Gallery, <i>The Ground Upon Which We Stand</i> , April - May, Albany, CA, group	
Palo Alto Art Center, <i>Happy Place: a Members Exhibit: Womens Caucas for Art</i> , Palo Alto, CA, group	

Select Grants, Awards, Juror

Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, Medical Emergency Grant, Administered by NYFA, New York, NY	2026
CERF+, Get Ready Grant	2025
DeHaan Artist of Distinction Award, Indianapolis Arts Council, IN, Award	2024
National Society of Arts and Letters, Visual Arts Competition, Juror	
Hamilton Public Library East, Ignite Studio, The 700's, First Place, Fishers, IN, Award	
Hamilton Public Library East, Solo Exhibition, Award	
Artist Achievement Award, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, Award	2023
Eco-Heroes, 2nd place, City of Bloomington, Office of the Mayor	
Environmental Commission, Bloomington, IN, Award	
Adolph and Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant, New York, NY, Grant	2022
16lb. donation of mycelium by Ecovative, New York, Donation	2021
Arts and Accessibility Grant, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, Grant	
Center for Cultural Innovation, Los Angeles, CA, Grant	
Fantastic Fungi Global Summit, Scholarship, Los Angeles, CA, Scholarship	2020
Benjamin Franklin Award, Schiller International University	2007
MacArthur Award, Founder of What Is Art -What Is Sound? Nominee	2002
Goethe Institute Mannheim, Kulturmittlerin (cultural liaison) from the Goethe-Institut New York to attend an intensive 8-week language course at the Goethe-Institute Mannheim, Germany from December - February	2002 - 2003
California Arts Council, UCLA, NADC Arts and Accessibility Grant	2020

Select Artist Residencies

1.Ayatana's Biophilium: Artist Residencies	2. Hamilton Public Library, Fishers, Ignite: Artist-In-Residence
• Mycology: Mushroom School for Artists: September • Earth Pigments/WildCraft: August • Ecology/Symbiosis: July, 2023	I designed a community wide sustainable art curriculum to serve the community of Fishers for the summer of May - August of 2026.

Select Teaching

Yale University: Teacher Leadership Program	2022 - Present
The Teacher Leadership Program is led by Jessica Sack, the Jan and Frederick Mayer Curator of Public Education; Wurtele Gallery teachers; and Education Department staff. In this program, educators explore innovative ways to connect their curricula and interest in art with the Yale University Art Gallery's collection. The sessions also address online and in-person teaching methodologies	
Bloomington Foods , Designed a pop-up eco-print workshop for the Bloomington community ErathFest.	2026
Bloomington Community Orchard , Eco-Printing a documentation of the Orchard, October, sponsored by Target and the Bloomington Community Orchard.	2025
Bloomington Forestry School: Soul Craft, Forage, Fossils and Fun, Youth Workshop, April, Bloomington, IN, sponsored by Minnetrista Museum	
Monroe County Public Library Southwest Branch , Processing Avocado Seeds into a pink dye, Adult Workshop, March, Bloomington, IN, sponsored by Fresh Thyme Market	

Hamilton Public Library East , August, Adult Botanical Workshop, Fishers, IN	2024
The FAR Center on Contemporary Art , July, Birds in Space. This was a one hour, youth workshop: Inspired by Romanian sculptor Brancusi. Bloomington, IN	2023
The FAR Center on Contemporary Art , April, Mycelium as a Medium, The Importance of Trees, and Botanical Palettes. Workshop. This was a 3 hour, adult workshop sponsored by The FAR, North Spore, and Rainbow Bakery, Bloomington, IN	
Studio Alchemy Gallery , January, Mycelium as a Medium, The Importance of Trees and Botanical Palettes. A 3 hour adult workshop, Indianapolis, IN	2022
Crocker Art Museum , August, Teacher Training, (E.S.L) Emotional, Social, Learning, online program, Sacramento, CA	2021
Private Online instruction: Teaching; Drawing, Painting and Art History	
Palo Alto Arts Center , Arts Instructor, City of Palo Alto, CA	2020

Membership

The Women of Seattle University, Board Member; The Board of Education. Seattle, Wa	Current
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Select Publications

Hyperallergic, "A View from the Easel," <https://hyperallergic.com/a-view-from-the-easel-321/>, January 2026.

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Mack, Justin, "DeHaan Artists of Distinction. Axios Indianapolis, February 2025, <https://www.axios.com/local/indianapolis/2025/02/06/dehaan-artists-of-distinction>.

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Scola, Anna, "Meditations on Music." WhiteHot Magazine, Brooklyn, NY, April 29, 2019, <https://en.palungjit.org/threads/wm-whitehot-magazine-of-contemporary-art-maria-schechter-meditations-of-music-and.6912/>.