

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

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| <p>1. Ayatana's Biophilium:
 Artist Residencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mycology: Mushroom School for Artists: September • Earth Pigments/WildCraft: August • Ecology/Symbiosis: July, 2023 | <p>2. Hamilton Public Library, Fishers, Ignite:
 Artist-In-Residence</p> <p>I designed a community wide sustainable art curriculum to serve the community of Fishers for the summer May - August of 2026.</p> |
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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:**
 Seattle University, Alumni Association, Women of Seattle University, Board Member;
 Social & Communications Committee Member and Education September 2026–Current

Select Publications

- Women United Art Movement, Maria Schechter, <https://www.womenunitedartmovement.com/artistdirectory/maria-schechter>, Autumn, 2026.
- Amin, Lakshmi Rivera, Hyperallergic, "A View from the Easel," <https://hyperallergic.com/a-view-from-the-easel-321/>, January 2026.
- Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art). "Arte Club." Waller Gallery, IMS at Newfields. December 2025.
- Spagnoli Gabardi, Chiara, "Eco Friendly Artists Who Will Blow Your Mind." Eco Home Magazine, July, 2025.
- WFIU-NPR, Maria Schechter, Interview: Pop of Culture (Producer). (n.d.). S02 E29: We Can't Stop the Beat [Audio podcast episode]. In Pop of Culture. Indiana Public Radio. Retrieved August 22, 2025, <https://indianapublicradio.org/popofculture>.
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- Hirschten, Addie. "The Studio Alchemy Podcast: Episode 99, Bio Art with Maria Medina-Schechter." May 21, 2023, <https://tunein.com/podcasts/Arts--Culture-Podcasts/The-Alchemy-of-Art-p1369555/?topicId=286708344>.
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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/>.