

MahLeah Art

The Art of Mah Leah Cochran

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Professional Artist with related work experience, as well as a portfolio of varied accomplishments. This includes juried art festivals, exhibitions, and being invited to serve on an arts committee. Possesses a strong sense of artistry and passion that is consistently displayed across all art pieces — desires to work in the community and collaborate with other artists.

Professional Experience

New Albany, Ohio

Visual Artist (Contemporary Abstract Painter) January 2018 – Present

- Design, develop, and deliver art pieces to clients according to specifications
- Create abstract and modern art to be displayed

Gallery Representations

Fresh AIR Gallery, 2021-2023 Columbus, Ohio

Emergent Art + Craft Gallery, 2021-2022 Short North, Columbus, Ohio

934 Gallery (934 Gallery Shop) August 2022- February 2023 Columbus, Ohio

Rela Art September 2020 - 2023, Columbus, Ohio

Current Gallery Representation

Hayley Gallery 2022-Present New Albany, Ohio

Solo Exhibition:

“Sensation & Sentiment” January 2020, Cardinal Pizza, Westerville, Ohio

“Sentiments” March 2020, Stauf’s Coffee, Grandview, Ohio

“Wade in the Water” August 2020, The Momentum Gallery, GAAC Gahanna, Ohio

“Featured Artist of the Month” June 2020, Bottoms Up Coffee, Columbus Ohio

“Abstract Ponderings” December 2021- January 2022, Fresh Air Gallery Columbus Ohio

Ohio Health Riverside Hospital Solo Exhibition May- September 2022 Columbus, Ohio

“Paintings” Emergent Art + Craft Gallery October-December 2022, Columbus Ohio

“The Resurrection” is Seven words that begin with the letter “R” from the Gospel of John. St. Stephens Church April- May 2023 Columbus, Ohio

Duo Exhibitions

“Natural Connections” June-August 2022 Audubon Grange Insurance Audubon Center
Columbus, Ohio With Zachary Jones

“Cochran & Cochran Abstract Art Exhibition Tour “ 2022-2023 October-March 2023
Columbus, Ohio with Brenae Cochran

Publications

Susa, Maggie. “Artists hope you will look — and buy — at the virtual Three Rivers
Art Festival: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette June 10, 2020

Kovac, Marc. “Upper Arlington, Labor Day Arts Festival, kicks off arts, culture, and
pursuit of the master plan.” The Columbus Dispatch September 4, 2018: Metro & State
Section; Pages B1 & B5

Goldstein, Jami. “Columbus Makes Art at Home and Garden Show.” The Columbus
Dispatch February 14, 2019: Dispatch Special Section; Page 17

Lasley, Holly. “Emergent Art & Craft to Feature Local Black Artists During Black History
Month.” The Lantern, Columbus, Ohio. February 8, 2021

Oliphint, Joel. “Recently opened Emergent displays work from local Black artists in the Short
North”. February 3, 2021

Helms, Phoebe. “LOCAL GALLERY FEATURES WORK FROM ARTISTS IN RECOVERY
FROM SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER.” The Lantern, Columbus, Ohio February 23, 2022.

Roth, Megan. “Westerville Music & Arts Festival returns after two years”. City Scene-
Westerville Magazine. June 27, 2022

Westerville Community Guide -Jan/Feb 2023. “Celebrating Black Art”. City of Westerville

ART FESTIVALS

Mah Leah Art Exhibit/France Fundraiser - 2018 New Life Church Gahanna, Ohio

Wo Co Summer Market- Zora’s House 2018 Columbus, Ohio

Westerville Music and Arts Festival 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Westerville, Ohio

Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival 2018, 202, 2022 Upper Arlington, Ohio

Gahanna First Friday Arts in the Alley Emerging Artist 2018, 2019 Gahanna, Ohio

Short North Alliance Gallery Hop October 2018, Columbus, Ohio

Home and Garden Show 2ND Annual Pop Up Art Fest 2019 Columbus, Ohio

1st Annual Westerville Art Hop 2019 Featured Artist Westerville, Ohio

Westerville 4th Fridays Market (Arts Alley) 2018, 2019, 2021,2022 Westerville, Ohio

400 Market at 400 West Rich 2019 Columbus, Ohio

Gahanna Second Saturdays Art Market 2019 Gahanna, Ohio

Avant Garde Art & Craft Show 2019, 2021, 2022 Hilliard, Ohio

Art Studio Clearance Sale 2020, 2022 Designer Craftsman, Columbus, Ohio

Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival. 2020, 2021 “Emerging Artist” The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Columbus Italian Festival. October 2020, 2022 Columbus, Ohio

Old Stream Craft Show. October 2021 Findlay, Ohio

2nd Annual Arts on Arlington. July 2023 Upper Arlington, Ohio

Group Exhibitions

“Hit the Hop Juried Exhibition” September 2018, Studios on High Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
Hit the Hop Fall Juried Show (Second Place Winner)

“Zora’s House” 2018, Columbus, Ohio

“RED” Juried Exhibition February 2019, 3060 Artworks Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

“Expressions of Recovery” 2019, 934 Gallery, Columbus Ohio

“An Artful Affair” 2019 Arts Council of Westerville, Westerville, Ohio

“A Nature Exhibition” September 2019, Westerville Arts League, Westerville, Ohio

“Art of Recovery” November 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Featured Artist, Fresh A.I.R Gallery (Columbus Museum of Art) Columbus, Ohio

“One Night Crazy Hat” November 2019, Ohio Art League, Columbus, Ohio

“Artful Holiday Gifts” December 2019, Marcia Evans Gallery, Short North Columbus, Ohio

“Creative Resilience” November 2020, All People Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

“Art Exhibition” December 2020, Westerville BMV, Arts Council of Westerville & Community Artists of Westerville, Westerville, Ohio

“Black Artist from Columbus” 2021, Emergent Art & Craft, Short North Columbus, Ohio

“Ekphrastic Fantastic” 2021, Cultural Arts Center, Columbus, Ohio

“Share the Love of Art” February 2021. Hilliard Arts Council, Hilliard, Ohio

“934 Gallery Shop” September 2022- February 2023. 934 Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

“Renewal: Works about Hope” May 3, 2023 - July 28, 2023, A group exhibition presented by Fresh Air Gallery at the Loann Crane Gallery at the Greater Columbus Arts Council

Special Honors

TheArtList.com, Artist of the Month (3rd Place) August 2018

Hit the Hop Juried Exhibition September 2018, Studios on High Gallery, Columbus, Ohio Hit the Hop Fall Juried Show (Second Place Winner)

1st Annual Westerville Art Hop 2019- (Featured Artist) Uptown Westerville Inc. Westerville, Ohio

Art of Recovery (Fresh A.I.R Gallery) 2022 (Featured Artist) Columbus Museum of Art Columbus, Ohio

One of three Artists to participate in the 2018 Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival (Emerging Artist Program)

(Invited) to serve on the 2018-2019 Columbus Arts Festival Subcommittee: Artist Market

(Recipient) 2018,2019,2020,2021,2022 Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Professional Development & Research and the Artist in the Community Grant.
Virtual Spring Show Community Artist of Westerville 2020 (Honorable Mention)
Arts Festival Judge Volunteer -Westerville Music & Arts Festival

Residencies

Resident Artist Fresh AIR Gallery at Seen Studios, Winter 2021/Spring /Fall 2022
Fox Hollow Ranch Ohio, 2023

Workshops:

“The Power of the Arts” March 2019 “- Westerville Arts Council, Westerville, Ohio
“Uganda Fundraiser” February 2020- Pataskala, Ohio
“Women’s Paint Night” May 2021- New Life East, Pataskala, Ohio
“Deeply Rooted Women’s Retreat” September 2021, Granville, Ohio
“Pause & Paint” June 2022- Fresh A.I.R Gallery, Columbus, Ohio
“Abstract & Nature July 2022- Grange Insurance Audubon Center, Columbus, Ohio
“Explore Abstract Painting Mini Workshop”- Arts Council of Westerville, Westerville Ohio 2023
“Paint to Freedom Workshop: A Juneteenth Celebration” -Westerville Public Library 2023
“Abstract Art Perspectives of North American Birds” March, June, September, December 2023-
Grange Insurance Audubon Center, Columbus, Ohio

Associations

Westerville Art League (Community Artist of Westerville) 2019- 2023
Arts Council of Westerville 2018
Ohio Designer Craftsmen 2019 & 2020, 2022

Public Collections

Westerville Public Library Permanent Collection Westerville, Ohio
Paintings are also held in numerous private and professional art collections throughout the United States

Community Exhibitions

“Ohio Health Riverside Hospital Public Art Program,” September - November 2019, 2021
Columbus, Ohio
“Chalk A Block” Participant Artist, Franklitenial Celebration May 2022 Columbus, Ohio

Education

Bachelor of Arts
Hofstra University Hempstead, NY