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Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 *Ocean Inside the Drop*, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL
- 2015 *Here and Now*, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL
- 2013 *Silence Speaks*, Morpho Gallery, Chicago
- 2012 *Seen/Unseen*, Mignonette, Chicago

Two Person Exhibitions

- 2017 *Ahavani Mullen + Lindsay Halleckson*, CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *Elements of Light*, Brickton Art Gallery, Park Ridge, IL

Grants + Awards

- 2015 3rd Place for *Above*, *ArtFutura*, Northwestern University Lurie Center, awarded by James Rondeau, Director, Art Institute of Chicago
3Arts Artist Project Award, 3Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Individual Artists Program Grant Award, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
First Prize for *Mountain Silence*, Encaustic Nature in Art, The Art Center - Highland Park, IL
Second Prize for *Tenderly*, Wax Effects, Art Central Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
- 2013 Illinois Arts Council Grant for Professional Development
Award of Excellence for *Winter*, Small Art Big Impact Exhibition, Manhattan Arts International, NY
First Prize for *Tenderly*, Fluidity, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
Special Merit Award for *Calling You*, Abstract Art, Light Space & Time Gallery
- 2012 Special Recognition Artist in Painting for *Winter*, Seasons Art, Light Space & Time Gallery

Selected Exhibitions

- 2017 *New Horizons*, Chicago Art Source Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *New Works by Gallery Artists*, Chicago Art Source Gallery, Chicago, IL
Summer Salon, CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *ArtFutura*, Northwestern University, juried by James Rondeau, Director, Art Institute of Chicago
Another Way of Keeping a Diary, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, San Luis Obispo, CA
New Works by Gallery Artists, Chicago Art Source Gallery, Chicago, IL
Expansive Visions, Christopher Art Gallery, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights, IL
12th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL
Honouring Pollinators, Alton Mill Art Centre, Caledon, Ontario, Canada
Textual Encounters, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
Winter Salon, Chicago Art Source Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Abstract Sanctuary*, Verum Ultimum Gallery, Portland, OR

- Wax Effects*, Art Central Art Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
Encaustic Nature in Art, The Art Center, Highland Park, IL.
Unbound(ed), Morpho Gallery, Chicago
Fused, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
Small Art Big Impact, Manhattan Arts International, New York
The Diptych Project, Engine Gallery, Biddeford, ME
Green, Fine Arts Building, Chicago
Minute Musings, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
2013 *National Juried Encaustic Exhibition*, Encaustic Art Institute, Santa Fe, NM
Seven, 7th International Encaustic Conference, Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill, Truro, MA,
Juror: Shawn Hill, critic *Art New England*
Fluidity, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
Miniatures, Linus Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
6x6x2013, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY
Abstract II, Brickton Art Center, Park Ridge, IL
12th Annual Art Inter/National Exhibition, Box Heart Gallery, Pittsburgh
WAX(in') Blue, Morpho Gallery, Chicago
Growth, Expansion Gallery, Lacuna Artist Lofts, Chicago
Fused Chicago 3, Fine Arts Building, Chicago
8th Annual Emerging Artist Exhibition, Morpho Gallery, Chicago
Introspect, Arterie Fine Arts, Naperville, IL
Abstract, Light Space Time Gallery, Jupiter, FL
2012 *Repurposed*, University of Maryland, Rockville MD
Rhythm in Wax, Norris Cultural Arts Gallery, St. Charles, IL
Sacred Spaces, The Art Center - Highland Park, IL
Encaustic, Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
Tactile Encounters, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
The Buzz, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago
ReInvention, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
Morsels, AnySquared Projects, Chicago
For the Love of Paint!, Flow Art Space, Minneapolis
Painting: Color Dominates, Evans Encaustics, Sonoma, CA
Seasons, Light Space Time Gallery, Jupiter, FL
The Abstract Show, Brickton Art Center, Park Ridge, IL
2011 *Age 1.5 and Up*, Prak-sis Gallery, Chicago
2010 *Resident Artists Exhibition*, Space/Division, Chicago, IL

Selected Bibliography

- 2017 *Encaustic Arts* magazine, Spring 2017, featured artist
2015 *Studio Visit Magazine*, Volume 28, Carl Belz, Rose Art Museum, Director Emeritus, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Here and Now by Ahavani Mullen, SSC360, *Bulldog Bites* video interview
Elements of Light, What's Your Process, Artguardian
2014 *The Diptych Project II: A Collaboration in Wax - New England Wax + FUSEDChicago*,

Dietlind Vander Schaaf

Ahavani Mullen, YoungSpace Art Blog, Kate Mothes

Collaboration and Inspiration: The Diptych Project II, Below the Surface Blog, New England Wax

2013 *Ahavani Mullen*, Featured Artist Interview, FUSEDChicago, Oct. 28, 2013

Panorama Arts Magazine, Tenderly, August

2012 *Natura Viva*, Making Something out of Nothing, Debra Claffey Art Blog

Repurposed: Earth-Friendly Art, Exhibition Catalogue

Ahavani Art Studio Encaustic Paintings, Encaustic Art Blog, Cherie McClelland Smith

The Abstract Show, Chicago Tribune, Trib Local Park Ridge, June 28, 2012

Collections

Museum of Encaustic Art, Santa Fe, NM

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV

Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY

Other private and corporate collections

Curatorial Projects

The Abstract Show IV, Juror, Brickton Art Gallery, Park Ridge, IL, 2016

Teaching Experience

Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL, Visiting Instructor

Prak-sis Gallery, Chicago, Encaustic Painting Instructor

Arterie Fine Arts, Naperville, IL, Encaustic Painting Instructor

Ahavani Studio, Chicago, Art Instructor

Education

Advanced Encaustic Teacher Training with Shawna Moore, Whitefish, MT, 2014

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, B.A., (cum laude) 1996

University College London, University of London, England 1994

Representation

CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

Chicago Art Source Gallery, Chicago, IL