

# Ahavani Mullen

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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