

**Education:**

University of Pittsburgh – B.A. Studio Arts, 2006  
Drexel University – Media Design / Post- Baccalaureate Studies, 2006  
Fleisher Art Memorial – Studio Arts / Lithography, 2007-2009

**Selected Solo Exhibitions:**

“Gamine” – The Gallery 4; Pittsburgh, PA, 2015  
“Natural Selection” – Touchstone Center for Crafts; Chalk Hill, PA, 2014  
“In Medias Res” –The Gallery 4; Pittsburgh, PA, 2013  
“Call And Response” – The August Wilson Center; Pittsburgh, PA, 2013  
“Debutante” – The Gallery 4; Pittsburgh, PA, 2011  
“Featured Artist for February” – Mugshots; Philadelphia, PA, 2009  
“Expose” –The Franklin Institute; Philadelphia PA 2008-2009

**Selected Group and Feature Shows:**

"Future Visions" - Carnegie Museum of Art; Pittsburgh, PA (June 2022)  
"Hitchazkut: Strengthening Each Other in Pursuit of a More Just World" - EECM; Pittsburgh, PA (Jan 2022)  
"Progeny of Change" - Women of Visions and the Brewhouse Association; Pittsburgh, PA (Jan. 2022)  
"Black Lives in Focus" - Carnegie Museum of Art / University of Pittsburgh, PA (Sept. 2021)  
"Art as Liberation" - Pittsburgh, PA (June 2021)  
"Distillery 8" six-person art show- Brew House Association Gallery; Pittsburgh, PA (2018)  
"Retrospective" - The Gallery 4; Pittsburgh PA, (2017)  
"Bared" - Ground Floor Gallery; Nashville, TN (2017)  
"Sub Persona" – The Columbia Writers – Baltimore, MD. (July 28th, 2015)  
"Les Femmes Folles Presents: TALES" – The Monongalia Arts Center (May 2015)  
"Trapped Tales" – The Columbia Writers – Baltimore, MD. (March 14th, 2015)  
"The Annual Salon Show" – The Gallery 4; Pittsburgh, PA (March 2015)  
"Children's Hospital Benefit Show"- Pittsburgh Athletic Association; Pittsburgh, PA (Dec.. 2015)  
"Annual Art Benefit" – Touchstone Center for Crafts; Chalk Hill, PA, (2014)  
"Black History Month Group Show" – WashArts; Washington, PA, (2014)  
"Children's Hospital Benefit Show" – Pittsburgh Athletic Association; Pittsburgh, PA, (2014)  
"Fountain Art Fair"- Art Basel; Miami, FL (Dec. 2012)  
"Release" – The Gallery 4; Pittsburgh, PA, (2011)  
"Artist of the Pike" – Melega Art Museum; Brownsville, PA, (2011)  
"7x11" – Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts; Grand Rapids, MI, (2011)  
"Artprize 2010" – Hopcat; Grand Rapids, MI, (2010)  
"Starving Artist" – Art House Co-op; Brooklyn, NY, (2010)  
"The Sketchbook Project" – Art House Co-op; Atlanta, GA-International traveling exhibition, (2010)  
"Everything But The Kitschen Sync" –La Luz De Jesus Gallery; Los Angeles, CA, (2009)  
"Grand Small Works Show" – F.U.E.L. Collection; Philadelphia PA, (2009)  
"Artfully Crafted – Blue Moon Brewing Co's Art of Beer"- F.U.E.L. Collection; Philadelphia PA, (2008)  
"Children's Hospital Benefit"- Random Thought Collaborative; Philadelphia, PA, (2008)  
"Art of I" – The Franklin Institute; Philadelphia, PA, (2007)  
"Halloween Group Show" – Tiberino Museum- Philadelphia PA, (2007)

**Installations and Public Projects:**

City Theatre - Pittsburgh, PA (2022)  
Highland Park Art in Parks commission - Pittsburgh, PA (2022)  
Smallman Street Plaza design project - Pittsburgh, PA (2022)  
BASBD public project - Pittsburgh, PA (2021-2022)  
"Pop-up Pittsburgh - Art on the Move" - Pittsburgh, PA (2021-2022)  
"Homewood Harvest" mural - Pittsburgh, PA (2020)  
"Young Explorers" mural; Pittsburgh, PA (2018)  
"Art in the Heart" - public art installation - Ithaca, NY (2016)  
"Progress" public art installation for the Sidewall Project; Pittsburgh, PA (April 2016)  
"40th Street mural" - public art installation for Art All Night; Pittsburgh, PA (2015)  
Crescent Street School "ABC-123" murals - New York, NY (2008)

### **Residencies, Events, and Special Projects:**

Brew House Distillery - Resident Artist - (2017-2018)  
Dick Blick - Prismacolor Event, Featured Artist (April 2016)  
Art All Night - Featured Artist, Pittsburgh, PA (April 2015)  
78 Tarot– created an original piece interpreting the “Two of Cups” for the 78 Tarot Art Card Deck Project (2015)  
Art All Night, Pittsburgh, PA - Featured Mural Artist and Live Painter (2015)  
Touchstone Center for Crafts – Mixed Media Workshop (July-August, 2014)  
Art All Night, Pittsburgh, PA - Live Painter (April 2014)  
78 Tarot – Featured Artist / Designer (2014)  
TALL Program Fellow with Gateway to the Arts; Pittsburgh, PA (2013-2014)  
August Wilson Center Fellowship and Visual Art Residency; Pittsburgh, PA (2013-2014)  
Jozart Center for the Arts: Volunteer and Resident Artist,(2012)  
New York Cares – Lead Mural Artist (2008)

### **Selected Public Collections:**

2008: Molson-Coors Art Gallery - Colorado, USA  
2008: New York Department of Education - New York, USA  
2015: Urban League - Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
2018: Brownsville Area Revitalization Corporation (BARC) - Pittsburgh, PA  
2020: The Oasis Community Kitchen - Pittsburgh, PA  
2021: Strip District - Pittsburgh, PA  
2021: PSU Hampden Medical Center - Enola, PA  
2022: Highland Park - Pittsburgh, PA  
2022: City Theatre - Pittsburgh, PA

### **Selected Awards and Grants:**

2007: Art of I – 1st Place/Patron’s Choice  
2008: Artfully Crafted – 1st Place  
2011: Artist of the Pike award– The Melega Museum  
2013: August Wilson Center Fellowship Award Recipient (Visual Art)  
2013: Gateway to the Arts – Tall Grant Recipient  
2021: RADical Impact Grant - Art in Parks  
2021/2022: Artists Bridging Social Distance in the Public Realm - Grant Award Recipient  
2022: RADical Impact Grant - City Theatre Company

### **Selected Bibliography and Press:**

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Deskins, Sally. “Artist Feature: Marlana Adele Vassar.” Luna Luna Magazine. September 2014  
Editorial Illustration - “Cash Only.” Herald-Standard News. June 26th, 2014  
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