KARIN DAHL



I come to my artistic work from a career in academia. My work as a professor included research and teaching about Emergent Literacy, particularly children's composing processes. I studied the marks that young children made when inventing letter-like forms. Their enthusiastic attempts inspire my current sense of line and marks today.

This process is an unruly one where my intentions for a painting are changed by ideas from the developing work. I engage with new possibilities and use what I know to respond. My fascination is with the emerging set of ideas and the challenge of developing them in a process that I cannot control. What keeps me painting is my respect for this open-ended process and the quality of its surprises.

Education includes many years of independent art study with private teachers and a Ph.D. in Language Studies. In addition to the regional exhibitions where my work has been shown, there have been many juried shows. Recently I have combined abstract art and original jazz interpretations as a way of extending meaning in my work. There have been two solo shows featuring this combination of art forms.

CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Indiana University Ph. D. College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC HISTORY

The Ohio State University Professor Emeritus in Language, Literacy and Culture | 2003 - Present Full Professor in Language, Literacy and Culture | 1999 - 2003

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING

Critical Thinking Program, Open Society Institute Chiang Mail, Thailand | 2001 - 2004 Tashkent, Uzbekistan | 1998 - 2001

KARIN DAHL - EXHIBITIONS

Solo Exhibits

Solo Exhibition "Art and Jazz" Cultural Arts Center Columbus, Ohio | October 2021

Solo Exhibition "Art and Jazz" The James Art Gallery Columbus, Ohio | December 2021

Solo Exhibition The Ohio State University Faculty Club Columbus, Ohio | 2010

JURIED EXHIBITS

Annual Juried Art Exhibition Zanesville Museum of Art Zanesville, Ohio | 2019, 2018

Fine Arts Competition The Ohio State Fair Columbus, Ohio | 2016, 2015 Statewide juried exhibition

D'art for Art Columbus Museum of Art Columbus, Ohio | 2016 Biennial fundraiser hosted by the Women's Board of the Columbus Museum of Art in support of the Museum's special programming

Annual Bryn Du Art Show Bryn Du Mansion Granville, Ohio | 2017, 2015, 2014, 2011 Awarded First Prize, Professional Division, 2015

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITS

Vision of Color High Road Gallery Worthington, Ohio, Ohio | 2022

It's All Abstract Art Access Gallery Columbus, Ohio | 2019

Invitational Exhibition Ohio State Department of Education Columbus Ohio | 2016

20th Anniversary Exhibit The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology Newark, Ohio | 2015

Artworks Ray's Living Room Short North, Columbus, Ohio | 2013

Medium and Message The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology Newark, Ohio | 2013

Brushes with Art The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology Newark, Ohio | 2008