

## Artist Résumé & CV

### Professional Experience

2023 - present      visiting lecturer  
Seattle Film Institute, Seattle, WA

2022 - present      visiting lecturer  
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

2022 - 2023          Gallery Director & Chief Curator  
Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA

2022                  visiting lecturer  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2021 - 2022          Operations Manager  
Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA

2019 - 2022          art instructor for Kirkland Arts Center,  
Kirkland, WA

2019 - 2022          art history lecturer for SCC Continued Education,  
Seattle Central College, Seattle, WA

2017 - present      art history lecturer/art instructor for OSHER,  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2016 - 2020          art history lecturer/art instructor for TELOS,  
Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA

2014 - 2015          Grants Project assistant  
Artist Trust, Seattle, WA

2012                  American Art intern  
de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA

2011 - 2012          gallery attendant/curatorial assistant  
Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA

2007 - 2012          barista/shift supervisor  
Starbucks Coffee Company, San Jose, CA

### Education

2019                  MA (art history)  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2015                  BFA (painting + drawing)  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2012                  San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

2011                  Mission College, Santa Clara, CA

1996                  Gimnazija Moste, Ljubljana, Slovenia

## **Solo Exhibitions**

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|------|--|
| 2025 | <i>Art Matters - Select Works</i> , UW Tower, Seattle, WA                          |
| 2024 | <i>PENTIMENTO</i> , Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA                                     |
| 2024 | <i>SLVN MCHN</i> , Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA                           |
| 2024 | <i>The Punctum Void: a retrospective</i> , Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA   |
| 2022 | <i>AMENDS</i> (retrospective), Jacob Lawrence Gallery, Seattle, WA                 |
| 2022 | <i>Formal Life of Color</i> , Kirkland Library, Kirkland, WA                       |
| 2021 | <i>Formal Life of Color</i> , Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA                           |
| 2020 | <i>Everywhere at Once</i> , Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA                             |
| 2019 | <i>Flip Side</i> ,<br>Russell Day Gallery, Everett, WA                             |
| 2019 | <i>EKPHRASIS of BECOMING</i> , Art Building, University of Washington, Seattle, WA |
| 2018 | <i>Small Portrait on Paper</i> , KEXP, Seattle, WA                                 |
| 2016 | <i>Mythopoesis Plastique</i> , Saetia, Edmonds, WA                                 |
| 2015 | <i>SEEAtle: Tracing Town</i> , A Gallery, Seattle WA                               |
| 2013 | <i>Trojan Soul</i> , Vargas Gallery, Santa Clara, CA                               |

## **Group Exhibitions (selected)**

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|------|--|
| 2025 | <i>Gilded Legacies: Alumni Art Exhibition</i> , 50th Anniversary Celebration Alumni Exhibition, Mission College, Santa Clara, CA |
| 2024 | <i>What's the Story?</i> group exhibit, Chatwin Arts, Seattle, WA  |
| 2024 | <i>Shift at 20 (Anniversary Show)</i> group exhibit<br>Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  |
| 2023 | <i>PARALLEL PRACTICES (Shift &amp; Waterstone)</i> group exhibit<br>Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA                                   |
| 2023 | <i>SEATTLE / PDX / SHIFT</i> group exhibit<br>Waterstone Gallery, Portland, OR   |
| 2022 | <i>SHIFTING GEARS</i> group exhibit<br>Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  |
| 2021 | <i>FABULOUS</i> group exhibit<br>Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  |
| 2021 | <i>It Must be Here Somewhere</i><br>Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA   |
| 2020 | <i>BOUNCE</i> group exhibit<br>Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  |
| 2020 | <i>Visual Impressions - 4th Biennial Juried Show</i><br>Ryan James FA Gallery, Kirkland, WA                                      |

2020 SEATTLE DECONSTRUCTED ART FAIR  
Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA

2020 *Threshold* (juried)  
Kirkland Arts Center Gallery, Kirkland, WA

2019 *Homecoming: Art by Mission College Alumni*,  
Vargas Gallery, Santa Clara, CA

2019 \* *19th Annual Olympia Comics Festival* (juried),  
Olympia Center, Olympia, WA

2019 *The Affordable Art Fair* (juried),  
Metropolitan Pavilion, New York, NY

2018 \* *18th Annual Olympia Comics Festival* (juried),  
Olympia Center, Olympia, WA

2018 *Artist Trust 2018 Benefit Art Auction* (juried),  
Fisher Pavilion, Seattle, WA

2017 \* *7th Annual Short Run Comix & Arts Festival* (juried),  
Fisher Pavilion, Seattle, WA

2017 *Unity at the Bemis* (juried),  
The Bemis Building, Seattle, WA

2017 *Artist Trust 2017 Benefit Art Auction* (juried),  
Fisher Pavilion, Seattle, WA

2017 *Seattle University's Search for Meaning - Art Exhibit* (juried),  
Vachon Gallery, Seattle, WA

2016 \* *6th Annual Short Run Comix & Arts Festival* (juried),  
Fisher Pavilion, Seattle, WA

2016 *Seattle Fashion Week: The Convergence Experience* (juried),  
King Street Station, Seattle, WA

2016 *Love Circus - An Art Show Experience*,  
The Summit on Pike, Seattle, WA

2016 \* *Short Run Zine & Print Fair at Graphic Masters* (juried),  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

2016 *Visions of Savonarola*, Apex Aerial Arts, Seattle, WA (Two-  
Person Exhibition)

2015 *18th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium: Arts &  
Design Showcase* (juried),  
Odegaard Library, Seattle, WA (catalogue)

2015 *UW Painting + Drawing BFA/BA Exhibit*,  
Sand Point Gallery, Seattle, WA

2015 *UW Painting + Drawing BFA Show*,  
Jacob Lawrence Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(curated by Scott Lawrimore) (catalogue)

- 2015 *UW Painting + Drawing Studio Open House & Exhibition*  
(faculty selection), Sand Point Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2014 *UW School of Art OPEN Show* (juried),  
Jacob Lawrence Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2013 *Vanitas*,  
Kaleid Gallery, San Jose, CA
- 2012 *Exquisite Corpse*,  
Kaleid Gallery, San Jose, CA
- 2012 *Matter!*, 16th Annual New Generation Showcase (juried),  
de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA (catalogue)
- 2011 *Best of the Best*, 1st Annual Celebration (juried),  
Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA

\* *It's Gud Comix* publication

### **Collaborative Projects**

- 2023 *En Titled*, Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration with Dana Blume)
- 2022 *Warming Up the House*, Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration Hustle & Soul Collective, Puget Sound Residency,  
and City of Light Gallery in association with the Seattle Art  
Museum)
- 2022 *It Could be Said*, Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration with Elizabeth N. Copland)
- 2021 *Lost and Found*  
Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(collaborative project with William Marsh, David Traylor, Karey  
Kessler, Anna Macrae and The Vanity Host)
- 2021 *Gallery View*  
Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration with Sylvia Kurin)
- 2019 *EKPHRASIS of BECOMING*, University of Washington,  
Seattle, WA  
(collaborative project with Kolya Rice, Catharina Manchanda,  
Rebekah TenBroek Hansen, Caean Couto, William J. Blake  
and Mackenzie Clemente)

- 2018 *Short Talks: Art and Small Portrait on Paper*, KEXP, Seattle, WA  
(event included guest speakers: Priya Frank, Randy Ford, Martín Sepulveda and Jaebadiah S. Gardner, and organized by the University of Washington Alumni Association)
- 2017 *Sound, Light, & Movement*, Lovacitylove, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration with Rahikka - Carson Blair Rennekamp, and movement performances by Sarah Hogland, Randy Ford and Adera L. Gandy)

### **Grants/Awards**

- 2022 Washington State Arts Commission curator
- 2020 Nominee for the 2020 Mayor's Arts Awards
- 2019 Husky 100 award
- 2015 Student speaker at the graduation ceremony for the School of Art + Art History + Design
- 2013 Kathryn Hinckley-Martin Scholarship in Art

### **Lectures/Presentations**

- 2024 *Cultivating Creativity: How to Foster a Resilient Art Community*, guest speaker, Seattle Art Fair, Seattle, WA
- 2021 *The First 90: History of the Portrait with Miha Sarani*, guest speaker, The Whole U, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2021 *Next in Art*, guest speaker, Woodinville Arts Alliance, Woodinville, WA
- 2021 *Unveiling the Artist - Leonardo da Vinci*, guest speaker, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Seattle, WA
- 2020 *Successful Creative Careers Revealed!*, guest speaker, Woodinville Arts Alliance, Woodinville, WA
- 2020 *"Everywhere at Once"* artist talk, Shift Gallery, Seattle WA
- 2019 *The Artwork of Miha Sarani*, guest speaker, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Seattle, WA
- 2019 *The Artwork of Miha Sarani*, guest speaker, Bellevue College North Campus, Bellevue, WA
- 2019 *Chagall: Supernaturally in 4 parts*, guest speaker, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, Seattle, WA
- 2019 *Guest at Docent Meeting*, speaker, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
- 2017 *Seattle Arts Commission*, presenter, Seattle City Hall, Seattle, WA

- 2017 *Art & Social Justice Tour*, presenter, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2016 *My Favorite Things Tour*, presenter, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2016 *Naramore Art Show 2016*, juror, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2014 *Mad Campus* by MadArt, docent, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

### **Curatorial Projects**

- 2024 *PENTIMENTO*, Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2023 *En Titled*, Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration with Dana Blume)
- 2023 *The Last Time - Summer Salon 2023*, Kirkland Arts Center Gallery, Kirkland, WA  
(with Danielle Librera)
- 2023 *Hard Thinker*, Kirkland Arts Center Gallery, Kirkland, WA  
(with Ellen McGivern)
- 2023 *phantom burned*, Kirkland Arts Center Gallery, Kirkland, WA  
(with Ellen McGivern)
- 2022 *AMENDS* (retrospective), Jacob Lawrence Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2022 *The Artist's Alchemy: Transforming the Found*, Kirkland Arts Center Gallery, Kirkland, WA (with Ellen McGivern)
- 2022 *It Could be Said*, Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA  
(collaboration with Elizabeth N. Copland)
- 2020 *Everywhere at Once*, Shift Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2015 *SEEatle: Tracing Town*, A Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2012 *stARTbucks - When Passions Collide II*, San Jose, CA
- 2012 *stARTbucks - When Passions Collide*, San Jose, CA

### **Print Media**

- 2022 Jesse Rhodes, *PEAK Grantmaking Journal*, issue 19
- 2021 Calma/Judd, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 39
- 2020 Mickee Cheung, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 38
- 2019 Sneha Mohidekar, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 37
- 2018 Ashley Ferguson, *It's Gud Comix*, issue 3
- 2018 Cameron Eldridge, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 36
- 2017 Ashley Ferguson, *shadeLESS* (charity zine)
- 2017 Ashley Ferguson, *It's Gud Comix*, issue 2

- 2017 Jocelyn Beausire, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 35
- 2016 Ashley Ferguson, *It's Gud Comix*, issue 1
- 2016 Erika Mann, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 34
- 2015 Oliver Smith-Denny, *Periodical*, Vol. 1
- 2015 Stephanie King, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 33
- 2014 Sara Patton, *Bricolage Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, issue 32

### **Online Media**

- 2025.....Michell Martinez "**Miha Sarani**," *Slavic Immigrant Artists in the Northwest (SIAN)*, April, 2025.  
<https://sian.uoregon.edu/artists/miha-sarani/>
- 2023....."**Meet Miha Sarani**," *CANVAS REBEL*, July 10, 2023.  
<https://canvasrebel.com/meet-miha-sarani/>
- 2023.....Elaine Velie "**Is Your Organization Adequately Paying Artists?**" *HYPERALLERGOC*, June 7, 2023.  
<https://hyperallergic.com/825784/is-your-organization-adequately-paying-artists-wage/>
- 2022.....Evelyn Archibald "**Miha Sarani reflects on the past and welcomes the future in 'Amends'**," *The Daily*, Nov 21, 2022.  
[https://www.dailyuw.com/arts\\_and\\_culture/miha-sarani-reflects-on-the-past-and-welcomes-the-future-in-amends/article\\_edd1c47e-6945-11ed-b32e-a33e99ac9ba2.html](https://www.dailyuw.com/arts_and_culture/miha-sarani-reflects-on-the-past-and-welcomes-the-future-in-amends/article_edd1c47e-6945-11ed-b32e-a33e99ac9ba2.html)
- 2020.....Amanda Manitch "**Miha Sarani**," *Sketchbook Porn Blog*, April 21, 2020.  
<https://sketchbookporn.com/2020/04/21/miha-sarani/>
- 2020.....Peggy Murphy, "**Enigmatic**," *Shift Gallery Blog*, Jan 2020.  
<https://shiftgallery.org/2020/01/11/enigmatic-miha-sarani-through-february-1-2020/>
- 2019.....Ashlie Beach, "**INTERVIEW**," *Kirkland Arts Center Catalog*, Aug 22, 2019.  
[https://issuu.com/kirklandartscenter/docs/kac\\_catalog\\_fall\\_2019\\_no\\_bleed\\_or\\_markup/6](https://issuu.com/kirklandartscenter/docs/kac_catalog_fall_2019_no_bleed_or_markup/6)

- 2019.....Katja Nakrst, "**Sarani iz ZDA: Po vseh teh letih sem tujec v tujini in doma,**" *SIOL.NET*, Feb 3, 2019. 20:02 pm.  
<https://siol.net/novice/slovinci-v-tujini/sarani-iz-zda-po-vseh-teh-letih-sem-tujec-v-tujini-in-doma-489484>
- 2018.....Bryan Nakata, "**Whitewashing: Seattle artist calls attention to censored history in series on WWII war crimes,**" *Seattle PI*, Nov 20, 2018. 15:43 pm.  
<https://www.seattlepi.com/seattlenews/article/Whitewashing-Seattle-artist-WWII-crimes-13410087.php>
- 2018.....Quinn Russell Brown, "**Meet the artist: Painter Miha Sarani,**" *Columns* (blog), Jun 5, 2018. 15:10 pm.  
<https://magazine.washington.edu/feature/meet-the-artist-miha-sarani/#>
- 2017.....Amber Cortes, "**Using Pieces from a Vandalized Painting Last Year, Artist and UW Grad Makes Something New,**" *The Stranger* (blog), Nov 9, 2017. 12:30 pm.  
<https://www.thestranger.com/slog/2017/11/09/25555664/using-pieces-from-a-vandalized-painting-last-year-artist-and-uw-grad-makes-something-new>
- 2016.....Ana Sofia Knauf, "**UW Grad's Confrontational Painting of Black Musician is Defaced on Campus,**" *The Stranger* (blog), Dec 20, 2016. 10:35 am.  
[www.thestranger.com/slog/2016/12/20/24731748/uw-grads-confrontational-painting-of-black-musician-is-defaced-on-campus](http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2016/12/20/24731748/uw-grads-confrontational-painting-of-black-musician-is-defaced-on-campus)
- 2016.....Jenelle Birnbaum, "**Making art out of rejection: Miha Sarani paints his heroes,**" Undergraduate Academic Affairs: Feature Stories  
[www.washington.edu/uaa/news/feature-stories/miha-sarani-paints-his-heroes/](http://www.washington.edu/uaa/news/feature-stories/miha-sarani-paints-his-heroes/)
- 2013.....Melissa McKenzie, "**Sarani Combines Music, Visual Art in New Show,**" *The Santa Clara Weekly*, October 2013.  
[https://www.santaclaraweekly.com/2013/Issue-41/sarani\\_combines\\_music\\_visual\\_art\\_in\\_new\\_show.html](https://www.santaclaraweekly.com/2013/Issue-41/sarani_combines_music_visual_art_in_new_show.html)
- Video**
- 2025.....Michell Martinez, "**The Slovene Machine: Miha Sarani on Art and Identity**"  
<https://youtu.be/m4ElyzJSUR0?si=DxyWqIN7vPUgN3o4>



- 2025.....Michell Martinez, "**Coffee, Creativity, and Midtones: Miha Sarani's Artistic Process**"  
[https://youtu.be/RNAWLxvtQdE?si=fle\\_8806zdfh4LDs](https://youtu.be/RNAWLxvtQdE?si=fle_8806zdfh4LDs)
- 2022.....Aaron Bourget, "**Salon Machine Artist Archive: Miha Sarani, Amends**"  
<https://youtu.be/EzLiCR6B9YA?si=1nuU9Px00ntDdrLK>
- 2022.....Bryan Callanta, "**Art Matters Conversation (in Five Acts)**"  
<https://youtu.be/ePhFKq0hCk0>
- 2021.....Aaron Bourget, "**Miha Sarani - Formal Life of Color at Shift Gallery**"  
<https://youtu.be/i2sLULq4bCU>
- 2020.....The Design Network, "**Commissioned: What's Old is New Again**"  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=p1\\_ejwc57UI&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=p1_ejwc57UI&feature=emb_logo)
- 2018.....Seattle PI, "**Whitewashing: Seattle artist calls attention to censored history in series on WWII war crimes**"  
<https://www.seattlepi.com/seattlenews/article/Whitewashing-Seattle-artist-WWII-crimes-13410087.php>
- 2018.....KING 5, "**Seattle artist uses coffee and wine to capture unforgettable faces**" *YouTube*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWenO1wBZGE>
- 2017.....University of Washington, "**Torn from the lips: Concentric paintings**" *YouTube*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc1\\_NV3rEug&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc1_NV3rEug&feature=youtu.be)
- 2016.....Bryan Nakata, "**Making art out of rejection: Miha Sarani paints his heroes**" *YouTube*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOPEGfGdKpg>
- 2015.....Emiko Peterson-Yoon, "**Let's Talk Art: Artist Interview - Miha Sarani**" *YouTube*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLg5K1LbZ-k>

## **Cover artwork**

- 2024 Miha Sarani, *SLVN MCHN - An Exhibit Soundtrack*, album design
- 2019 Chel Strong, *She Ready*, single cover
- 2018 Chel Strong, *Fondue*, single cover
- 2018 Chel Strong, *Cano*, single cover
- 2018 Chel Strong, *Almost Lost Detroit*, single cover
- 2017 Chel Strong, *The Beta*, single cover
- 2016 Chel Strong, *30 Thousand Above*, single cover
- 2016 Chel Strong, *Forever Starts Tomorrow*, album cover
- 2016 Chel Strong, *Mink Baby*, single cover

## **Miscellaneous**

2020.....original portrait for *University of Washington Magazine*, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

<https://magazine.washington.edu/feature/juliet-sperling-american-art-history/?fbclid=IwAR3IcgAndmiKLOfaYIa3t7GJ0cQZnmXeNmtUB-Nka8mEFE55d6a4zyvNq1c#>

2020.....original Kirkland Arts Center mural in support of Black Lives Matter, Kirkland, WA

2020.....featured on NASH Northwest Arts Streaming Hub, Seattle, WA

<https://nwartstream.org/miha-sarani>

2020.....original drawing of MLK used for week-long celebration and Art & Social Justice Tour promotion on Seattle Art Museum website, Seattle, WA

<http://seattleartmuseum.org/visit/calendar/events?EventId=69447>

2019.....original drawing of MLK used for celebration of MLK Day on Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

[https://www.hydeparkart.org/event/mlk-celebration-day/?fbclid=IwAR18Vx2Q\\_NvSJakgb\\_09pnTMgXpkavIVyGBKA4GmmT3zagtWHIM8H6hzNXg](https://www.hydeparkart.org/event/mlk-celebration-day/?fbclid=IwAR18Vx2Q_NvSJakgb_09pnTMgXpkavIVyGBKA4GmmT3zagtWHIM8H6hzNXg)

2019.....original drawing of MLK used for week-long celebration and Art & Social Justice Tour promotion on Seattle Art Museum website, Seattle, WA

<http://seattleartmuseum.org/visit/calendar/events?EventId=64952>

2018.....original cover artwork for *Columns Magazine*, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

<https://magazine.washington.edu/feature/meet-the-artist-miha-sarani/>

2018.....original poster artwork for *Art Talks*, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2018.....original drawing of MLK used for celebration of MLK Day on Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

[https://twitter.com/HPAC\\_chicago/status/951588347931168774](https://twitter.com/HPAC_chicago/status/951588347931168774)

2018.....original drawing of MLK used for week-long celebration and Art & Social Justice Tour promotion on Seattle Art Museum website, Seattle, WA

<http://seattleartmuseum.org/visit/calendar/events?EventId=59211>

2012.....original invitation artwork and design for *Let's Catch a Wave at the Triton*, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA