

AARON BECKER

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EDUCATION:

June 2014-2016

University of Minnesota, Bachelor of Fine Arts: Ceramics

June 2011-2014

Anoka Ramsey Community College, Associates of Fine Arts: Ceramics

EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Artist, 2023-2024

Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, Il

- Teaching adult ceramic classes
- 10 week courses of Introductory and advanced levels
- Hand building and wheel throwing techniques

Teacher/ Mentor, 2020- 2024

Precious Blood Ministry Reform, Chicago, Il

- Work hands on with high school aged kids
- Teach them the skills they need to make objects out of clay
- Show them how to turn a fun hobby into a way of life

Teaching Artist/ Maintenance, September 2019 - 2024

Lill Street Art Center , Chicago, Il

- Teaching up to four ceramic courses, to the adult ceramics community
- Cleaning facilities and running a cleaning crew
- Maintaining a studio practice
- Incharge of my own studio practice

Resident Artist , September 2018 - 2019

Lill Street Art Center, Chicago, Il

- Teaching up to five ceramic courses, to the adult ceramics community
- writing classroom curriculum
- maintaining a studio practice
- firing the studio kilns

Glaze Technician, May 2016 – 2018

North Prairie Tileworks, Minneapolis, MN

- Creatively and efficiently glazed numerous tiles to meet business and customer needs
- Delicately restored glaze colors to match custom tiles
- Consistently met strict deadlines to ensure complete customer satisfaction

Summer Ceramic Teacher, August 2016 – 2018

Central High School, St. Paul, MN

- Industriously teach students the art and skills of ceramics while connecting the lessons to real world situations
- Promote and advance art skills that challenge each individual learner through the use of differentiation
- Build strong, trusting relationships with students during class to help them succeed and grow
- Effectively oversee the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program for a multi-age

classroom consisting of 14 students

Summer Clay Camp Teacher, June 2014 –2018

Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

- Engage students by using detailed lesson plans for camp sessions which entail wheel throwing, handbuilding, and student centered activities
- Successfully head all aspects of program planning implementation, within the guidelines of the philosophy of NCC's Summer Camp program
- Easily adapted to teaching new classes weekly, ranging from 9-16 years of age

Assistant Ceramic Technician & Woodshop Attendant, August 2014 – June 2016

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Effectively monitored the operation of ceramic, glaze, and woodshop studios
- Repaired and maintained studio equipment. Took initiative to repair equipment and notify supervisor of studio needs
- Cleaned and organized studio to impeccably maintain a safe and effective teaching and learning environment
- Positively supervised open studio hours, including work study and instructional assistants on duty

Assistant Ceramic Technician/Ceramic Tutor, January 2012 – June 2014

Anoka Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, MN

- Actively chaired as an instructional resource by providing technical assistance and support to the academic program through gradual release
- Collaboratively maintained studio best practices with students and faculty
- Executed instruction by example in promoting a safe, professional, and nurturing learning environment for all faculty and students

Custodian, May 2013 - September 2013

University Elementary School, Blaine, MN

- Cleaned floors, sinks, bathrooms, and display surfaces on a regular schedule
- Removed classroom and office garbage on a daily basis
- Facilitated minor plumbing and electrical repairs

Studio Assistant with Steven Rolf, 2013-2014

River Falls, Wisconsin

- Packed and shipped work
- Mixed glazes and reclaimed clay
- Learned how to create patterns for multiple piece molds
- Loaded and unloaded the kiln

Selected Group Shows

- (2023) "Art of Giving" black tie gala fundraiser, Artifact events, Chicago, IL
- (2023) "Parallel Universe" group show curated by Zak Blatt, Hairpin Art, Chicago, IL
- (2022) "Back to the Beginning" group show curated by Zak Blatt, Hairpin Art, Chicago, IL
- (2021) "Creature of Kush" a collaboration with Peter Ronan, Lill Street Art Center, Chicago, IL
- (2020) "Yunomi Invitational" a group cup show at Clay Akar, Iowa city, IA
- (2020) "Constructed Ceramics" Group Exhibition at Applied Contemporary, Oakland, Ca

- (2020) “Grades” A group show at Morean Center for Clay, St.petersburg, Florida
- (2020) “Poetry of Pottery” Three person Show at Trax Gallery, Berkely, California
- (2019) “Thanksgiving table” Clay Akar,(*butter dish and Candle stick*) Iowa City, Iowa
- (2019) “Americano Invitational” Clay Akar, Iowa City, Iowa
- (2019) “Plys with Purpose” Prov Gallery, Duluth, MN
- (2019) “Juried National V” Red Lodge Clay Center biennial, Juror Mike Helke, Red Lodge , MT
- (2019) “In residence” A group resident exhibition at Lill street Art Gallery, Chicago, Il
- (2019) “ In house” A group exhibition of in house works at Lill street Art Gallery, Chicago, Il
- (2019) “Drip” A juried group show at The Morean Center for Clay, St.Petersburg, Florida
- (2018) Art house group show, Art house gallery, River Falls, Wisconsin
- (2016) “Manual Transmission” A group show At the Red Garage gallery, Minnieapolis , Mn
- (2016) Bachelor in Fine Arts Group show at the University of Minnesota (Nash Gallery)
- (2015) Anoka Ramsey Community College Alumni Show
- (2015) Apprentice line exhibition at the annual NCECA conference held in Providence, Rhode Island, curated by Mark Shapiro and coordinated by Steve Theberge
- (2015) Group scholarship show at the University of Minnesota
- (2014) 8th Annual All-For-Art Juried student Exhibition, Anoka Ramsey Community College
- (2013) Associates in Fine Arts, end of the year exhibition
- (2013) 7th Annual All-For-Art Juried student Exhibition, Anoka Ramsey Community College
- (2012) 6th Annual All-For-Art Juried student Exhibition, Anoka Ramsey Community College

Solo Exhibition

- (2022) Solo “Cultivate pop up” at Lill street art Center, Chicago, Il
- (2019) Solo exhibition at Lill Street art Center , Chicago IL, “Hand Held” a ceramic exhibition
- (2019) Solo exhibition at The Porch Gallery, Minneapolis Mn, “ Mental Spaces” Nceca 2019
- (2013) Solo exhibition at Krista Artista, Anoka MN, Anoka Ramsey art student of the month

Awards

- (2019) PowderHorn Park Art Fair, Invitational Clay Award
- (2015) Brown Mackenzie art scholarship, University of Minnesota
- (2013) Perpetual Clay Scholarship for Anoka Ramsey Community College
- (2013) People’s Choice Award at the 7th Annual All-For-Art Juried Student Exhibition, Anoka Ramsey Community College
- (2012) Honorable Mention at the 6th Annual All-For-Art Juried student Exhibition, Anoka