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Education

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ceramics, Minors in Public Health and Art History (2022)

- Honors College of Arts and Architecture, Chancellor's list

Relevant Experience

Foundation For The Carolinas; Arts and Science Council, Charlotte N.C

Project Manager for Public Art

- Guided artists through the Public Art process for various projects for the City of Charlotte; Charlotte Fire Department, CMPD, and the Charlotte Douglas International Airport to ensure on-time delivery of various design phases
- Delivered project information and updates to the Public Art Commission for approval in accordance with the emphasis on community involvement in curating Charlotte's Public Art Collection
- Identified areas for improvement, communicated with upper management, and initiated a project focused on ensuring a welcome environment for all artists and community members engaged in each project

Kenny Nguyen Contemporary Art LLC, Concord N.C

Studio Administrator

- Assisted artist Kenny Nguyen in commissioned pieces, conferring with galleries, handling artwork shipping details, and organizing studio space to create an effective studio practice
- Worked with other studio assistants and art handlers efficiently to optimize projects and led others in creating commissions and installing works on site
- Scheduled, trained, and supervised the intern program by writing work responsibilities, handling hiring paperwork, and leading interns in their specific tasks

Thomas Schmidt Studios, Charlotte N.C

Studio Assistant

- Completed tasks such as making porcelain, slip casting, glazing pieces, and firing kilns to assist Thomas Schmidt in making various commissioned ceramic installations while keeping organized records of production
- Worked on and installed multiple large scale public art installations for organizations such as Hodges Taylor Gallery, and other private company clients

Clayworks Inc, Charlotte N.C

Studio Artist/Community Engagement Instructor

- Organized, prepared, and led ceramic hand building workshops for members of the Charlotte community and created unique project ideas to teach students ranging from children to seniors
- Taught wheel throwing workshops and private lessons for beginners and created lesson plans to effectively convey complex ceramic methods

UNC Charlotte- College of Arts and Architecture

Ceramics Department Studio Assistant

- Worked closely with professors to assist other students with technical and conceptual project issues as well as led ceramic making days for non-art students
- Was responsible for weekly tasks including assisting students with ambitious projects, and updating policies and procedures for the Ceramics Department

College of Arts and Architecture 2020 Strategic Planning Retreat

Art and Art History Department Student Representative

- Selected from the eight studio art disciplines to represent the department of Art and Art History for a planning retreat involving creating a 5-year plan to integrate the art, architecture, and preforming arts departments together
- Collaborated with other UNC Charlotte colleges and the Charlotte community by researching issues and bringing forth different solutions to the Art and Art History Department Board

Proficiencies

Proficient in Microsoft Office software, Google Suite software, Canva, and Adobe Acrobat, trained construction and installation skills, strong interpersonal communication and writing skills, strong customer service skills