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## ART-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Principal, IRRESISTIBLE LLC, Chicago, IL, 1/2018 – present

Nail Artist, Bedazzled Nails & Spa, Chicago, IL, 2/2023 – present

Founder & Creative Director, IRRESISTIBLE: Creating Art for Social Change, Portland, OR, 5/2020 – present

Social Media Coordinator, Hey Jane Online Abortion Clinic, New York, NY, 5/2022 — present

Digital Content & Social Media Producer for National YoungArts Week 2023, YoungArts, Miami, FL, 1/2023

Director of Artistic Programming, The Artist Initiative 4 Revolution, Boston, MA, 9/2021-8/2022

Teaching Artist, ARTivism Week, Boston Mayor's Office of Resilience and Racial Equity, Boston Public Schools, AIR Boston, Boston, MA, 4/2022

Assistant, Red Chair Project with Human Trafficking Activist Kendall Alaimo, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2/2022

Workshop Facilitator, SOZE Agency and Yara Shahidi's 18xeighteen, Los Angeles, CA, 7/2019

Programs and Curatorial Intern, NO LONGER EMPTY, New York, NY, 1/2019 - 5/2019

Teaching Assistant, MOMA TEEN PROGRAMS x ARTS NOT PARTS, New York, NY, 12/2018

Muralist, Hollywood Transit Center, CITY OF PORTLAND, Portland, OR 3/2018 - 6/2018

Artist, Don't Shoot Portland, Portland, OR, 2016 - 2021

Camera Operator, STORY FIRM, Portland, OR, 10/2015 – 10/2018

## LECTURES, SPEECHES & WORKSHOPS

2023

Guest Artist, Artist Talk & Artivism Workshop, 826 Boston, Boston, MA

Guest Artist, "Writing for Asian America", Brown University, Providence, RI

2022

Lecturer, "[Going Home Again: Searching for Asian America and Lost Legacies on the Railroad](#)", School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2020

Speaker, "[The In-Betweeners](#)," TEDx Sciences Po Paris, Paris, France

Guest Artist, "Asian American Identity and Social Justice: Art as a Tool for Social Change," Asian American Arts Alliance, Brooklyn, NY

2017

Speaker, "Live Your Truth," TEDx Youth, Portland, OR

Guest Artist, "Civil Disobedience: Theory and Praxis," Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

## RESIDENCIES

2020

Don't Shoot Portland, Portland, OR

## COLLECTIONS

Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, New York, NY

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020

"Black Lives Matter," Dismantle, Change, Build Center, Portland, OR

2018

"Ameya Marie," Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR

"Ameya Marie," Pearl Frame Central, Portland, OR

"Ameya Marie," ASCETA, Portland, OR

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022

"Dream of a Common Language," Paula Estey Gallery, Newburyport, MA

"Juneteenth," Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA

"It's All Right," CAPX BIPOC student exhibition, Chicago, IL

2020

"do it. (home)," Curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist, The National YoungArts Foundation, Miami, FL  
"Bound up Together: On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment," Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY  
"Stop Killing Us: A Black Lives Matter multimedia installation," Holding Contemporary, Portland, OR  
"Combined Degree Spring Showcase," Curated by Bella Kiser, Ezri Horne and Celia Glastris, Tisch Library, Boston, MA  
"Black Lives Matter," Don't Shoot Portland, Portland, OR  
"Abortion Is Normal: Parts I & II," Curated by Jasmine Wahj and Rebecca Jampol, Eva Presenhuber Gallery and Arsenal Contemporary, New York, NY  
2019  
"InJustUs," Curated by Y.Ex, No Longer Empty, Brooklyn, NY  
2018  
"Education as Practice of Freedom 2018 Alumni Exhibition," Curated by Jasmine Wahj, National YoungArts Foundation, Miami, FL  
"Insight/Incite," The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Washington, DC  
"Total Tolerance," U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC  
"Finalist Exhibition," National YoungArts Foundation, Miami, FL  
2017  
"Stolen Angels," Williamson Knight Gallery, Portland, OR  
"The Art is Ours," Portland Art Museum and the Museum of Impact, Portland, OR  
"Working Towards a Just World" Commissioned Group Show, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). Portland, OR  
"Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Exhibit," U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.  
"Scholastic Art Awards Show", Gold Gallery, Parsons School of Design, New York, NY  
2016  
"Scholastic Art Awards Show," Gold Gallery, Parsons School of Design, New York, NY  
2015  
International Youth Silent Film Festival, Portland, OR

## PERFORMANCE

2021  
"Follow Me," National YoungArts Foundation, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL  
2018  
"Living in America," The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Washington, DC

## PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

The #GoingHomeAgainProject, School of the Art Institute of Chicago & Projects for Peace Foundation, USA, 2022  
When I Grow Up: A Memorial Service and Installation for the victims of the Robb Elementary Shooting in Uvalde, TX, Boston, MA, 2022  
We Are Resilient: Rally for George Floyd, Boston Mayor's Office of Resilience & Racial Equity, Boston, MA, 2021  
Rally for Black Lives, Black Voices & Jacob Blake, Copley Square, Boston, MA, 2020  
Black Lives Matter Blvd Street Mural, Good Projects DC and The Palm Collective, Washington, DC, 2020  
UNQUIET. Zine, March for Our Lives, Miami, FL, 2020  
Chinatown Solidarity Mural, RACC, Portland, OR, 2020  
Reclaim It! Community Installation, Don't Shoot Portland and Fridays4Freedom, Portland, OR, 2020  
Black Lives Matter, Don't Shoot Portland, Portland, OR, 2020  
Memorial Mural, "We Choose Love," TriMet and City of Portland, Portland, OR, 2018  
National Zine "Know Your Rights" Series in collaboration with the National Lawyers Guild, Lewis and Clark Law School, Willamette University Law School, the Independent Publishing Resource Center, Pacific Northwest College of Art, and the Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR, 2018  
Protest Posters, Various Marches, Don't Shoot Portland, Portland, OR, 2016 - present  
Protest Installation, "#NotBlackFriday," 42nd Avenue Transit Center, Portland, OR, 2017

## PRESS AND FEATURES

Featured Creator, [Instagram Main Feed](#), Meta, 2023  
Featured Nail Artist, "[Asian-American artist and nail tech gaining sense of community through social media.](#)" CBS News Chicago, 2023  
Featured Artist, "[Student activist Ameya Okamoto on using art to advocate for social justice.](#)" Assembly a Malala Fund Publication, 2023  
Cast, "[ARTIVISM: The Documentary.](#)" Film by The Artist Initiative for Revolution and City of Boston, 2022  
Featured Artist and Organizer, "[Dozens gather to remember Uvalde shooting victims in Copley Square.](#)" WBUR News, 2022  
Featured Artist and Organizer, "'We are here for humanity': Boston artists honor Texas shooting victims at Copley Square event," Boston.com, 2022  
Featured Guest, Nails & Beauty Talk, AsiaThaBird, Youtube, 2022  
Cover and Featured Artist, "[Anya. Ameya and Art Activism.](#)" JUMBO Magazine, Tufts University, 2021

Featured Artist, "Finding Social Change and Justice in Creating Art," Justice for Society, 2021  
Featured Artist, "Boston rally celebrates the legacy of George Floyd," Boston Globe, 2021  
Speaker, "Stop Asian Hate Panel," Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, 2021  
Speaker, "do it. (home) YoungArts Panel," Miami Art Basel, 2020  
Featured Artist, "Pair of protests — one decrying Trump, the other decrying police violence — become one in Copley Square," Boston Globe, 2020  
Featured Artist, "[2020 Gen-Z List](#)," Refinery29, 2020  
Featured Artist, "[The Faces Of Protest: The Memorial Portraits Of Artist Ameya Marie Okamoto](#)," Oregon Public Radio, 2020  
Featured Artist, "'Abortion is Normal' Art Exhibition," Bloomberg QuickTake, 2020  
Featured Artist, "[Cindy Sherman, Nan Goldin, and Other A-List Artists Are Raising Money for Reproductive Rights...](#)" ArtnetNews, 2020  
Featured Artist, "Marilyn Minter, Laurie Simmons Open 'Abortion Is Normal' Exhibition to Fund Planned Parenthood," Observer, 2020  
Featured Artist, "Meet the 2019 Adobe Creativity Scholars," Adobe Blog, 2019  
Featured Artist, "How to Advocate for Yourself at Work," Teen Vogue, 2019  
Featured Artist, "50 Years Since Stonewall," Planned Parenthood NYC, Medium, 2019  
Featured Artist, "[Creating Social-Justice Themed Artwork - Young activist motivated to make a difference.](#)" The Portland Observer 2019  
Featured Artist, "[6 rising art stars to catch in Miami — before everyone else does.](#)" NY Post, 2018  
Featured Artist, "Your Concise Guide to Miami Art Week 2018," Hyperallergic, 2018  
Featured Artist, "[AMEYA for Human Rights Day Spotlight](#)," Adobe, Adobe Japan, and Adobe Project 1324 Blogs, 2018  
Cover Artist, "Miami Art Basel 2018", Whitewall Magazine, 2018  
Featured Artist, "Guide to Miami Art Week," South Florida Luxury Guide, 2018  
Featured Artist, "Visual Artist Ameya Marie Sounds Off," Adobe Project 1324  
Featured Artist, "At The Education Department, Student Artworks Explore Tolerance And Racism," NPR, 2018  
Featured Artist, "There's an edgy art show on tolerance. Where? At Betsy DeVos's agency.," The Washington Post, 2018  
Featured Artist, "[Ameya Okamoto Wants to Make the Revolution Irresistible.](#)" PAPER Magazine, 2018  
Feature, "[Oregon's 3 new Presidential Scholars hail from Portland, Medford.](#)" The Oregonian, 2018  
Featured Artist, "Art-activists Renee Lopez and Ameya Okamoto are breathing new life into social justice activism," The Tempest, 2018  
Featured Artist, We Choose Love, 2017  
Featured Artist, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Catalogue, 2017  
Featured Artist, Blick Art Materials: Celebrating Art Magazine, 2017  
Featured Artist, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Catalogue, 2016  
Featured Artist, "I am My Own Muse Now" Zine, 2016  
Features Writer, "My Period Story," Seventeen Magazine, 2016

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2022 Projects for Peace Grant Awardee, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 3/2022  
2020 Laidlaw Research Scholar, "The Role of Protest Art in Asian America," Tufts University, 3/2020  
2019 Adobe Creativity Scholar, Institute of International Education, 5/2019  
U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, U.S. Department of Education, 6/2018  
2018 YoungArts Finalist in Visual Arts, National YoungArts Foundation, 1/2018  
National Gold Medal in Digital Art for "Intersectional Supper," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 3/2018  
National Silver Medal in Art Portfolio for "Black Lives," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 3/2018  
National Silver Medal in Digital Art for "Black Life: Quanice Hayes," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 3/2018  
Regional Honorable Mention in Design for "Bakku Pakku," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2018  
Juried Summer Art Grant by The Heidi Olsher Fund, Catlin Gabel School, 6/2017  
National Gold Medal in Digital Art for "Black Life: Eric Garner," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 3/2017  
National Silver Medal in Digital Art for "Tradition: Geisha," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 3/2017  
Regional Gold Key in Digital Art for "Tarot: The Magician," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2017  
Regional Gold Key in Digital Art for "Black Life: Eric Garner," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2017  
Regional Honorable Mention in Painting for "Harakiri (Self)," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2017  
Regional Honorable Mention in Digital Art for "Golden Dragon," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2017  
Juried Summer Art Grant by the Pacific Northwest College of Art, 3/2016  
National Gold Medal in Digital Art for "Black Lives," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 3/2016  
Regional Gold Key in Digital Art for "Black Lives," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2016  
Regional Silver Key in Photography for "White Womb," Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 1/2016  
International Youth Silent Film Festival Finalist for "No Such Thing as an Accident," 5/2015  
GLSEN National Student Advocate of the Year Runner-Up, 9/2014  
Honorable Mention, Be Kind to Animals Poster & Story Contest, Oregon Humane Society, Portland, OR, 1/2008

**EDUCATION**

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL – *Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Studio Art* '24

Trebbih Inc. – Tooth Gem Technician Certification '23

A+ Nail School, Chicago, IL — Nail Technician License '23

Tufts University, Medford, MA - *Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology* '24