

JESSICA T. KOVAN

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# Education

BS, MS, PhD Adult Education

Certified GOLDEN Artist Educator, GOLDEN Paints, 2016

# National and International Juried Exhibitions and Awards

2023 Mural Artist, Love Is Love Is Love, ArtPath, Lansing, MI

2022 Honorable Mention, Member show, Oliver Art Center, Frankfort, MI

2019 Artist-in-Residence, Glen Arbor Arts Center, Glen Arbor, MI (May)

2018 2nd Place Award, International Society of Experimental Artists, 27th Annual Juried Exhibition

20184th Place award, International Society of Experimental Artists, 4th Annual Online Member Only

Exhibition

2014 ISAP Most Creative in Acrylic Medium Award, International Society of Experimental Artists, 22nd Juried Exhibition

2014 Golden Artists Color Award, Michigan Watercolor Society, 66th Annual Juried Exhibition

2013 Venus Art Supply Award,International Society of Acrylic Painters,16th Annual International Open

Exhibition

2013 Devines in the Pines Award, Michigan Artists Competition, Annual Juried Exhibition

2010 First Place, Susan K. Black Foundation, Annual Miniature Art Show, Dubois, WY

2014-2018 International Society of Experimental Artists Board Member

# Exhibitions

2023 Solo Exhibition, *The Birds Are Watching*, Glen Arbor Art Center, Glen Arbor, MI

2023 Joint Exhibition, *In Love With The World*, Hayley Gallery, New Albany, OH

2022 Solo Exhibition, *Bearing Witness*, Center Gallery, Glen Arbor, MI

2020 On-line Exhibition, *Toward Justice*, Rock Paper Scissors Collective

2020 Joint Exhibition, *Trapped in the Grey*, MI Institute for Contemporary Arts, Lansing, MI

2019 Solo Exhibition, *Hineini: Here I Am*, Peppermint Creek Theatre, Lansing, MI

2019 Solo Exhibition, *Trapped in the Grey*, Williamston Theater, Williamston, MI

2017 Joint Exhibition, *Three artist exhibition*, Elizabeth Lane Oliver Center for the Arts, Frankfort, MI

2016 Solo Exhibition, *Shadow Side*, Grove Gallery, E. Lansing, MI

2015 *Time/Place: A Showcase of Michigan Artists*, Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI

2014 Solo Exhibition, *Fragmented Realities*, Michigan Women’s Historical Museum, Lansing, MI

2014 Solo Exhibition, *Daily Gratitudes*, Janice Charach Gallery, W. Bloomfield, MI 2011 Solo Exhibition, *I Believe In*, E. Lansing Public Library, East Lansing, MI

# Selected Workshop Instructor, Lecturer, Juror Experience

2023 “Exploring Grief Through Creativity,” Glen Arbor, MI

2023 “Zines for Reflection,” Kanuga Watermedia Workshops, Montreat, NC

2022 “Collage for the Soul,” Oliver Art Center, Frankfort, MI

2022 “From Art Journal to Canvas,” Kanuga Watermedia Workshops, Montreat, NC

2019 “Painting for Self-Expression,” International Society of Experimental Artists, Grand Rapids, MI

2019 “Painting Conceptually: Behind the Scenes,” Northeast MI Artist Guild, Lincoln, MI

2018 “A Golden Experience: Finding Your Direction with Acrylics,” Northeast MI Artist Guild, Lincoln, MI

2018 “Going Bigger: Your Art Journal As A Planning Tool to Paint,” 21 Secrets, On-Line Art Journaling

Workshop

2018 “Discovering Your Personal Style: A Creativity Workshop,” Okemos, MI

2017 “Art Journaling for the Jewish Soul,” Limmud Michigan, Detroit, MI

2017 “Coffee, Tea and Creativity,” Grove Gallery, E. Lansing, MI

2015-2018 “Good Morning Creativity!,” On-line Art Journaling Workshop

2017 “Create & Paint Your Own Handmade Mixed Media Art Journal,” Alcona Arts Retreat, Alcona, MI

2016 Juror, MSUFCU Student Art Exhibit, Lansing, MI

2016 “Art for Healing,” Women’s Center of Greater Lansing, Lansing, MI

2015 “Experimental Collage Workshop**,”** Alcona Arts Retreat, Alcona, MI

2014 “Art for the Soul,” Alcona Arts Retreat, Alcona, MI

2012-2019 Assistant to the Director, Kanuga Watermedia Workshop, Hendersonville, North Carolina

# Print Media

2023 “An Ode To Hope,” Jessica Kovan, **Strawberry Moon - Art Journal Magazine** (March 2023)

2019 “How one artist dug deeper into acceptance,” Audrey Matusz, **Lansing City Pulse**, June 12, 2019

2018 “Meet the Cover Artist,” Brianna Twiddy, **Lansing City Pulse**, July 26, 2018

2016 **Incite 4, Relax. Restore. Renew: The Best of Mixed Media**. Edited by Tonia Jenny. Included Piece: “The Creative Life”

2015 **Incite 3, The Art of Storytelling: The Best of Mixed Media**, Edited by Kristy Conlin, Included Piece: “The Shadow Side”

2014 **Art Journal Kickstarter: Pages and Prompts to Energize Your Art Journals**, Edited by Kristy

Conlin, Included Piece: “The Beetnik”

# Professional Affiliations

International Society of Experimental Artists (Chairperson and Nautilus Fellow)

International Society of Acrylic Painters (Signature Member)

Consulting Editor, Journal of Transformative Education

# Gallery Representation

Sleeping Bear Gallery, Empire, MI

Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI

Blue Arts North, Suttons Bay, MI

Hayley Gallery, New Albany, OH

**Social Media**

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[www.facebook.com/Jessica-Kovan-Art](http://www.facebook.com/Jessica-Kovan-Art-128345337232458/)

# Professional Activities Non-Art (selected)

1994-2006 Adjunct Faculty/Instructor, Adult Education and Environmental Ed, MSU/CMU/WMU, MI

1996-2001Executive Director & Board Member, Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, Lansing, MI

1987-1994 Program Director, Water Resources Programming, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, MI