Valerie Aleta Smith Born: July 17, 1954

Currently lives and work in Baltimore, Maryland

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Valerie Smith is an artist working primarily in oils. She often employs bold and bright colors in her surreal paintings.

## **Eduction:**

Graduated Professional Institute of Commercial Art - 1984

Solo Exhibits:

Joe Squared Restaurant (2013)

Padonia Stations Restaurant (2013)

Towson University (2012)

## **Group Exhibits:**

Ukazoo Bookstore (2012)

Stations North Coffee House (2013)

the Downtown Cultural Arts Center (2014)

Hamilton Arts Collective (HAC) (2014/2015) (forthcoming)

Max Galleries (2014)

the Wind Up Space (2015)

Maryland Art Place (2014/2015) (forthcoming)

The Peace of Art at Penn Stations (2015)

Collective Minds Event at Druid Hill Park (2015)

Industrial Arts Collective (IAC) (2015)

Towson Arts Collective (2015)

Member of: Hamilton Arts Collective, Maryland Art Place and Towson Arts Collective, Artist U (Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance)

Interview with Journalist, Oswald Copeland of the Examiner (April 2014) "Utopian Dreamer, Baltimore's Val Smith" on You Tube

Contributed a chapter to book written by Jan Sinnott, PhD Professor, Department of Psychology (2015) Chapter Entitled: "Dual Identities as an Artist" Mentioned at: Gloria's Art Blog at www.gloriasart.com/blog

Interviewed by student of Towson University for her Sociology class (2015)