

# Trustina Fafa Sabah

## Interdisciplinary Artist

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My goal is to keep making gourd art and calming lamps, so that many people can own, experience and have a relaxing time with them. I also hope to help others in our community to find their inner joys by teaching them to explore “gourding” for themselves.

## Experience – Gourd Art

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### **Artist and Owner, Gourds By Fafa, LLC**

*June 2016 - Present*

Making and selling original gourd art and lamps online, in person and at various events including the Baltimore’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Farmer’s Market.

### **Instructor, Arrowmont School of Crafts and Arts (Arrowmont)**

*May 2022 & October 2023*

Developed and taught weekend and weeklong classes on gourd crafting at Arrowmont school, Tennessee.

### **Instructor, Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL)**

*June and August 2023*

Developed and taught classes on gourd crafting to BCPL’s children and adult patrons. Taught the adults how to make wall hangings from gourds and the children how to make gourd ornaments.

### **Exhibitor/Vendor, North Carolina Gourd Society’s 80<sup>th</sup> Gourd Art Festival**

*November 2021*

Exhibited, sold and entered original works into the gourd art competition and won three awards. Awards won included **1<sup>st</sup> Place**, **Best in Division** and **Best Booth**.

### **Artist in Resident, Baltimore County Public Library, Hereford Branch**

*October 2022*

Awarded a month’s residency at BCPL, as part of the library’s Artist in Residence program. Spent 10 hours a week at the library making gourd work and interacting with patrons. Also developed and taught two public workshops during residency.

## Education

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2013-2015

**Master of Fine Arts** in Theater with focus on devising and experimental theater

2006-2010

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**, Theater and Dance

## Exhibitions

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### **August 2021-Present**

The Barn Gallery at Wellspring Manor  
Upper Marlboro, MD

### **May 2022 & May 2023**

Arrowmont Instructor Exhibition,  
Main Gallery, Arrowmont, TN

### **January-February 2023**

Artists In Residence Exhibition, BCPL,  
Hereford, MD

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Having made and performed in theater for over 18 years now, the new phase I am entering into is to see how best I can incorporate more of my gourd artwork, music and movement to keep creating an immersive, inclusive and hands-on theater experience for my audience.

## Experience - Theater

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### **Core Team Member - Designer, Fabricator and Performer - "Katalepsis" by Submersive Productions (Submersive)**

*May 2023*

- Collaborated with three other artists to develop the concept of Katalepsis, as core team member and led the day to day devising process of the show.
- Designed the living space of a character named Madame and created original gourd art and lamps for the space.
- Performed the role of Madame.

### **Core Team Member - "Recholection" by Submersive**

*November 2021*

Collaborated with three other artists to conceptualize "Recholection", a prequel to the Show Katalepsis which would later be staged in 2023.

### **Core Team and Performer - "See Also" by Submersive**

*February 2020*

- Collaborated with seven other artists to conceptualize and lead the devising of "See Also".
- Performed the role of The Seeker of Smells in this immersive show staged at the incredible Peabody Library, Baltimore.

### **Performer/Deviser - "Mass rabble" By Submersive**

*April 2019*

Performed as part of a large cast using mostly movement, choreography and sound to portray the narrative of "Mass Rabble".

### **Deviser/Performer - "H.T. Darlings's Incredinle Musuem by Submersive**

Played the role of Aku Maxilla, an alien or humanoid specimen, which H.T. Darling brought back from his's expeditions. Staged At The Peale, Baltimore

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