

# LUSMERLIN

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## **Awards:**

2025 Sondheim Art Prize Semifinalist – Baltimore, MD  
2024 Fellowship for Black Artists – Mural Arts – Philadelphia, PA  
2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Place by Juror at APL's Annual Art Show, Columbia MD  
2013 Honorable Mention for the Caribbean Short Story Prize Casa de Teatro (Dominican Republic)  
2011 Recipient of the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program of the US Department of State  
2010 Honorable Mention, National Poetry Competition of Literary Ateliers (Dominican Republic)

## **Solo Exhibitions:**

2024 *I Seek Quiet Beauty* – Co-Lab Baltimore – Baltimore, MD  
2024 *We Become the Color of Dreams* – Nuestras Raices, Casa de la Cultura – Baltimore, MD  
2024 *The Uncatchable Ciguapa* – Nuestras Raices, Casa de la Cultura – Baltimore, MD  
2022 *Together Alone* - Delaplaine Arts Center – Frederick, MD  
2022 *The Ink Dancer* - TAG/The Artist's Gallery – Frederick, MD  
2021 *In Search of Wings* - Cowork Frederick Foundation – Frederick, MD  
2020 *Solo at Frederick Co* – Frederick, MD

## **Group Exhibitions:**

2024 *Chroma* Trio show – Howard County Center for the Arts – Ellicott City, MD  
2024 *Art Maryland Biennial* – curated by Dr. Kevin Tervalá (BMA chief curator) – Howard County Center for the Arts – Ellicott City, MD  
2024 *In the Company of Trees* – The Mansion at the Strathmore, MD  
2024 *Morning Noon Night* – Juried Show at Attleboro Arts Museum, Attleboro, MA  
2024 *APL Annual Art Show*– APL, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, MD  
2024 *Modern Day Monet* – Juried Show at Hill-Stead Museum, Hartford, CT (Juried by William O'Riley)  
2024 *Blossoms of Hope* – Invitational show at the Columbia Art Association, Columbia, MD  
2024 *Free Your Mind v2.0* Juried Group Show – El Barrios ArtSpace - NYC  
2023 *HoCo Open Group Show*– Ellicott City, MD  
2023 *Free Your Mind* Juried Group Show – Jamaica Center for the Arts - NYC  
2023 Center Stage Juried Group show – Red Wall Gallery NYC (curated by Danny Simmons)  
2022 *Naturalization* - Live performance at Juried Show - Whiteboxny, NYC  
2022 *Phantasmagoria* Juried Group Show - Carroll Arts Center – Frederick, MD  
2022 *National Juried Exhibit* - Delaplaine Arts Center – Frederick, MD  
2021 *16th Annual Juried Exhibition* - Off the Wall Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
2021 *Words Words Words* Juried Salon Show - The Plastic Club Philadelphia, PA  
2021 *National Juried Exhibit* - Delaplaine Arts Center – Frederick, MD  
2021 *TAG Blooms* group show - TAG/The Artist's Gallery Frederick – Frederick, MD  
2021 *Up Market Revival* group show - TAG/The Artist's Gallery – Frederick, MD  
2021 *Frederick County Art Association Member Show* – Frederick, MD  
2020 *2da Bienal del 7* - Dominican International Biennial – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
2020 *National Juried Exhibit* - Delaplaine Arts Center – Frederick, MD  
2020 *Online Show National Juried Exhibit* - Delaplaine Arts Center – Frederick, MD  
2020 *Spring, Summer and Splendor Juried Show* - Crestwood Center (Frederick Women's Health Center) – Frederick, MD

## **Visual Art Publications and Press**

2024 *Lusmerlin Captures Attention with The Uncatchable Ciguapa* feature interview - BmoreArt Magazine, 10/11/24  
2024 *3 Questions with philanthropist Lusmerlin in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month* - Women  
2021 *Maryland: Visual Artists*, book by First Lady of Maryland State Yumi Hogan, featuring two artists per county

## Literary Publications

2021 *Ellas Narran*, compilation of short stories by female Dominican writers published in NYC

2020 *The Actress*, pastel, cover of the Delaplaine Arts Center Magazine

2019 *Han*, a short story on book *Sombrero para gatos* - Taller Narradores de Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic)

2016 *La noche de las variables malditas* poem Zile-a Antoloji, in both Spanish and Creole (Haiti, Dominican Republic)

2014 *Solo ejecuta*, short story on book *Sospecha Colectiva* (Dominican Republic)

2012 *La máscara de la muerte*, short story on book *El fondo del Iceberg* (Dominican Republic)

2012 *Esto no es una antología: palabras que sangran* poetry compilation, Colectivo Literario El Arañazo

2011 *El regreso del dedo zombie*, short story on book *Mujeres en pocas palabras* (Guatemala)

## Book Covers

2021 *Ellas Narran*

2019 *Sombrero para gatos* - Taller Narradores de Santo Domingo

2019 *Cortos, corticos y no tan cortos*

## Current and Past Affiliations

2021 Board Member of the Frederick Arts Council (Frederick, MD)

2021-2022 Juried Member of The Artist's Gallery (Frederick, MD)

2021 Art Director for Black Lives Mural

2018-2019 Board Member of the DMV Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (Washington, DC)

2019-2020 Science Advisory Board for Carroll Community College (Westminster, MD)

## Public/Organizational Commissions and Collections

2021 Frederick Community College – Painting Collection

2021 Olney Theater – Mural Collection

2020 Black Lives Mural Frederick - outdoor mural/installation

2020 Salon Champu - Frederick, MD

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### HEIDELBERG MATERIALS

**Plant Manager, Camden NJ**

(June 2021-September 2023)

**Plant Manager, part time**

(September-December 2023)

- Delivered record profitability (+2.5MM over previous record) in 2022, after a business turnaround in 2021 (from losses the year prior) – responsible for P&L for the business unit (including distribution terminals)
- Align and work closely with the Sales, Logistics, and Operations teams to ensure scheduling, key accounts and contracts are managed to maximize financial results
- Key-decision maker in inventory management around the mid-Atlantic network (VA-MD-DE-PA-NY), and occasionally OH, including timing on barges during critical moments
- Support the mechanical and electrical teams to identify optimization opportunities

**Region Continuous Improvement Engineer, Union Bridge MD**

(October 2018-August 2021)

**Continuous Improvement Coordinator, Union Bridge MD through Manpower**

(July 2017-October 2018)

- Exceeded financial savings target every year, 2017 to 2019, at the corresponding plant and region level
- Achieved #1 place in the Continuous Improvement Program ranking within the HeidelbergCement group, which is based on a comprehensive assessment of the program, in a pool of 111 plants. After working at

regional level, two other plants are en route of being in the top 10 of the same listing, and four plants are at Steady State

- Train, support and coach leadership teams across the region (from Maryland to Picton, Ontario) in the philosophy and methodology of Lean Six Sigma

#### **GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR,**

**Process and Training Engineer, Dominican Republic** (August 2015-September 2016)

**Management Trainee** (January 2015-August 2015)

- Led a multi-disciplinary Continuous Improvement Team for Die Cutting that increased Housekeeping/Safety scores by 10% and supported a 15% increase of production; the team also identified and targeted quality and safety needs through audits and Lean Six Sigma tools
- Achieved record SOP compliance indicator (up 3% in entire plant) by implementing a new training model
- Led a project to save \$56k annually by pinpointing low performance factors in process variables and equipment

#### **LABORATORIOS DR. COLLADO, Dominican Republic**

Leading pharmaceutical and cosmetics manufacturer in the D.R., FDA registered. Fast-paced operations.

**Quality Control Inspector** (January 2014-December 2014)

- Increased analysts' productivity by 27% by automating product analysis calculations
- Oversaw GMP compliance in product lines and monitored processes by auditing products, performing chemical, microbiological and physical analyses on products, and updating Statistical Process Control

#### **MINISTRY OF CULTURE, Dominican Republic**

*Governmental agency that promotes arts and culture; organizer of a book fair with 150k+ weekly attendees*

**Project Coordinator (Part time, per project)** (May 2008-May 2011)

- Coordinated and conducted over 200 talks and conferences featuring local and international public figures
- Scripted and Conducted literature radio show "Biblioteca en el Aire" along 3 other radio hosts
- Supervised 3 Cultural Social Workers performing activities in 30+ public and private institutions nationwide

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## **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Harvard Business Online – Business CORE Credential (Passed with Honors) – 2024**

**eCornell (Online Cornell University) Strategy Certificate course – 2023**

**Project Management Professional (PMP) certification – 2017**

**Bachelor's Degree of Science, Chemical Engineering – 2014**

Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo

Montana State University – Exchange student (1 year)

**Management Trainee** (Training in leadership, human resources, production, quality, maintenance, engineering, organizational, development, technical training, EHS, finance, inventory, payroll,) – Gildan, 2015

**STOP® for Supervision, Safety in the Workplace – DuPont, 2015**

**Good Documentation Practices – Laboratorios Dr. Collado, 2014**

**SACHE Safety Certificate program – American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 2013**