DEFNE AKSOY

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EDUCATION

2023 *Maryland Institute College of Art,* Baltimore, MD
BFA in Interdisciplinary Sculpture, Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023- *ongoing* Conservation Technician, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

PUBLIC ART

2025 *Street Machine*, Vision Zero Creative Campaign, BCDOT, Baltimore, MD

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 *(upcoming) Cyber Hellscape*, Area 405, Baltimore, MD
2025 *Hurda ve Heykel,* Dinazor, İzmir, Türkiye

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *BMA Staff Exhibit*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Vitrine Exhibit, Baltimore Jewelry Center, Baltimore, MD
2025 *Sideworld Art Party,* SIDEWORLD, Baltimore, MD
2024 *Fire House Show,* The Fire House, Baltimore, MD
BJC Focus: *In the Making,* Baltimore Jewelry Center, Baltimore, MD
2023 *gently, we exist*, Middendorf Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Party of Six, Middendorf Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2022 *Possibility & Expansion,* Middendorf Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Juried Undergraduate Exhibition, Decker Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Repetition/The Copy/The Clone, Station 206, Baltimore, MD
2021 *abecedarian*, Middendorf Gallery, Baltimore, MD
Fibers Showcase, Station 206, Baltimore, MD
Masquerade, Shana Goetsch Gallery, Baltimore, MD

WORKSHOP & RESIDENCIES

2026 Collecting and Fabricating Landscapes, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Steel for Jewelry (12 week class), Baltimore Jewelry Center
2025 Glazing in Ceramics, Atolye Ki, İzmir, TR
2024 Metals + Jewelry 1 (12 week class), Baltimore Jewelry Center
Hand Building in Ceramics, Atolye Ki, İzmir, TR

AWARDS

2026 Maples Full Scholarship, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts

2026 Project Creativity Grant, Maryland State Arts Council
2025 Vision Zero Grant, Baltimore City DOT
2024 Full Scholarship - Spring Semester, Baltimore Jewelry Center
2018-2023 Creative Vision Award, Baltimore, MD
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Baltimore, MD
Dean's List, MICA
Dean's Grant, MICA
MICA Grant
2018 President's Award for Educational Excellence

PERFORMING PROJECTS

2026 Set designer, *Macbeth,* Theater Camp, Baltimore, MD
2025 Co-creator and cast member, *Small Wins,* AYTWIT? Collective, Baltimore, MD
Cast member and set designer*, As You Like it,* Shakespeare at Summerisle, Bedford, PA
2024 Cast member, *The Tempest,* Shakespeare at Summerisle, Bedford, PA
2023 Performer, *Dark Matters* by Abigail DeVille, Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, DC