



ARTIST BIO

Valerie Smith - Currently lives and retired in Baltimore, Maryland

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Valerie A Smith is artist She employs bold and bright colors in her surrealism style of painting.

A Baltimore surrealist, illustrator and painter. Working primarily in oils and acrylic on canvas. She designs and paint bottles, cigar boxes, shoes, found objects. and Vinyl LP Record Artworks.

The source of her work comes from her dreams and her great imagination. Her vivid and colorful paintings will tell a story which will leave an impression on the viewer.

Ms. Smith studied fine arts at Maryland Institute (MICA), fine arts at the Towson University's College of Fine Arts and Communications. She earned her degree from the Professional Institute of Commercial Arts (PICA). She studied Basic Electronics and learned a great deal about drawing and reading schematics, and Architectural Design at RETS Electronic School. Her work has a unique blend of architectural design, fine and commercial arts combined to make her distinctive surrealistic style.

She was an active member of the Hamilton Arts Collective, Artist U (GBCA –Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance), MaxGalleries, the Sankofa Children's Museum of African Cultures and the Towson Artist Collective (TAC).

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SOLO EXHIBITS:

- 2009 - Joe Squared Restaurant
- 2013 – Padonia Stations Restaurant
- 2013 – Towson University, Department of Chemistry
- 2021 – Alchemy of Arts

GROUP EXHIBITS

- 2012 – Ukazoo Bookstore
- 2013 – Stations North Coffee House
- 2014 – The Downtown Cultural Arts Center
- 2014-2019 Hamilton Arts Collective (HAC)
- 2014 – 2917 Max Galleries
- 2015 – The Wind-Up Space
- 2014-2017 Maryland Art Place (MAP)
- 2015 – Interviewed by a Towson University Sociology student for her studies in sociology classes
- 2015 – The Peace of Art at Penn Stations
- 2015 – Collective Minds Event at Druid Hill Park
- 2015 – Industrial Arts Collective (IAC)
- 2015 -2018 Towson Arts Collective (TAC)
- 2014-2019 Soundheim and Baker’s Artist Awards
- 2014 – 2019 Hamilton Gallery Collective Arts
- 2018 – Columbia Arts Association
- 2018 – Artist Compound at Mount Vernon
- 2018 – Peale Museum
- 2018 – Lexington Market
- 2018 – Kromah Gallery at Howard Street
- 2019 – Member of the Upton Visual Artist’s Collective and exhibits
- 2019 – Arena Players Playhouse Exhibit
- 2019 – Sankofa Children’s Museum of African Cultures
- 2020 – Exhibited at Baltimore LED Billboard
- 2020 – Highlandtown Gallery – Magnolia Designs/LLC
- 2021 – Gained notoriety for her Vinyl LP Record Artworks
- 2021- Highlandtown Gallery – Magnolia Designs/LLC
- 2021- Overlea Arts Fest – Won 1st prize for “Birds ‘N’ Feathers” painting
- 2021- Alchemy of Art
- 2022 – Highlandtown Gallery
- 2022 – West Gallery
- 2022 – Motor House Gallery (North Avenue Arts)

2023 – Loud N Clear Festival at The Lyric Theatre
2023 – Maryland Center for History and Culture
2023 – Max Gallery at Maderia Street
2023 – Jewish Community Center- Gordon Center –
 "Healing Bridges Across the Divide."
2023 – Locally Grown Festival at Center Stage
2024 – Exhibited at Baltimore LED Billboard
2024 - Unveiling Equity at University of Maryland (Student Center)
2024 – TRIBE 55+ Black Woman Genius Artists at Morgan University
2024 – INFUSION EXHIBIT AT MAXGALLERY
2024 – INFUSION EXHIBIT AT THE LYRIC PLAYHOUSE
2024 – Creatively Black Baltimore Exhibit (CBB)at Light Street Pavillion
2024 – Overlea Ars Festival – Won 2nd Prize in Painting Category

Member in 2019: the Hamilton Arts Collective, Artist U (GBCA –Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance), the Towson Artist Collective and the Sankofa Children’s Museum of African Cultures

2014 – Interviewed with Oswald Copeland Journalist of the Examiner and posted on You Tube as: “Utopian Dreamer, Baltimore’s Val Smith”

2015 – Contributed a chapter to a book written by Jan Sinnott, PhD. Chapter Entitled: “Dual Identities as an Artist” 2015 – Mentioned in VOLUNTEER: Charles Theatre, Creative Alliance and Everyman’s Theatre

Has work in collections in Baltimore City and County, New Jersey, Nevada, Washington D.C , Hawaii, Ohio and Africa.