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Born: Mansfield, Ohio

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1975, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland

SELECTED AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

2022 Trawick Prize Semifinalist

2022 Bethesda Painting Awards Semifinalist

2020 *WCMFA Juror's Award*, Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD

2019 *Individual Artist Award*, Maryland State Arts Council

2018 Bethesda Painting Awards Semifinalist

2017 *Finalist*, 13th Annual Bethesda Painting Awards

2016 *1st Place: President's Best of Show Award*, 3rd Biennial Maryland Regional, Juried Art Exhibition, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Maryland

2016 Individual Artist Award, Maryland State Arts Council

2015 Two-Year Studio Artist Residency, Motor House, Baltimore, Maryland

2014 *Best in Show*, Lotta Art, School 33 Art Center, Baltimore, Maryland

2014 *Juror's Honorable Mention*, 57th Chautauqua Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Chautauqua, New York

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Étude in See*, Montpelier Center for the Arts, Laurel, Maryland

2017 *Cutting into Art*, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Maryland

2017 *Elsewhere*, BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, Maryland

2017 Galleries at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland

2017 *California*, Greenbelt Community Arts Center, Greenbelt, Maryland

2016 *Crayons*, Creative Alliance Amalie Rothschild Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland

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- 2016 Baltimore County Arts Guild, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2015 *Flip Side*, Athenaeum Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia
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- 2015 *Pentimento*, School 33 Art Center Members Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2013 University of Baltimore Student Center Art Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Art Maryland 2022*, Howard County Arts Council, Ellicott City, Maryland
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- 2022 *Potomac River Life*, Athenaeum Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia
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- 2021 *Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition*, Washington County Museum of Art, Hagerstown, Maryland
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- 2019 *4th Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition*, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Maryland
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- 2019 *Visualizing the Word*, Cade Gallery, Anne Arundel Community College
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- 2019 *Second Tri-Annual Maryland Artists Registry Juried Show*, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2019 *Marquee Ball Show*, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2018 *Into the Light Benefit Exhibition for Friends of the Rail Park*, Bridgette Mayer Gallery in partnership with Arts & Crafts Holdings event, Philadelphia, PA
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- 2018 *Marquee Ball Show*, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2017 *Parents' Day*, Towson University Center for the Arts Gallery, Towson, Maryland
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- 2017 *Edges*, MAXgallery, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2017 *Artscape Show*, Motor House Gallery, Baltimore
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- 2017 *Bethesda Painting Awards Finalist Exhibition*, Bethesda
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- 2017 *Marquee Ball Show*, Creative Alliance, Baltimore
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- 2016 *BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Art Competition*, Baltimore
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- 2016 *35th Anniversary Exhibition*, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore
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- 2016 *Second Athenaeum Invitational*, Athenaeum Gallery, Alexandria
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- 2016 *3rd Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition*, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Maryland
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- 2016 *Soul Space Stories*, Motor House Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
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- 2016 *Big Show*, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland
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2016	<i>Impact 2016</i> , Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, Maryland
2016	<i>Marquee Ball Show</i> , Creative Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland
2016	<i>Maryland Artists Registry Juried Show</i> , Maryland Art Place
2016	<i>Art in Motion: The 25th Annual</i> , Strathmore Juried Exhibition
2015	<i>Athenaeum Invitational</i> , Athenaeum Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia
2015	Two-Person Show, Hamilton Street Club, Baltimore, Maryland
2015	<i>Spatial Conversations</i> , Creative Alliance, Amalie Rothschild Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
2014	<i>BjNGO: First Annual Juried Exhibition</i> , Platform Gallery, Baltimore, Maryland
2014	<i>57th Chautauqua Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art</i> , Chautauqua, New York
2014	<i>Transformations: From One Thing to Another</i> , McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, Virginia
2013	<i>2nd Biennial Maryland Regional, Juried Art Exhibition</i> , University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, Maryland

COLLECTIONS

University of Maryland University College

Robert W. Deutsch Foundation

INOVA

Sharr Cancer Institute

BIO

A 1975 graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art, Mike McConnell worked for more than 30 years as an illustrator before focusing on his fine art. He often turns to nature for inspiration for the vivid visual stories he tells. He uses paint in a collage-like way, cutting out shapes with vibrant colors on handmade wood panels, paper, and found material.

McConnell won the President's Best of Show award for the 2016 Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition for his painting *Bear Carver*. He is also a 2016 and 2019 Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award winner and a 2017 finalist for the 13th Annual Bethesda Painting Awards.

STATEMENT

My paintings, drawings, and constructions are fueled by life experiences and nature. I work intuitively, combining, editing, and recombining marks into compositions that are unexpectedly recognizable. I don't set out to tell a story, but my many years as an illustrator inevitably weave their way into my work. I don't want to learn anything from what I paint. I often look at things in my work and wonder what I did to make them. What I want from finishing a piece is the confidence to start the next one and know it will end up making me happy. In the process of finishing a piece, I want to step back and giggle.