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Artist, Educator, Curator, Artistic Founding Director of Blu Art Foundation.

Education

Pennsylvania State University, Class of 2005
Bachelors of Integrated Arts

Pennsylvania State University, Class of 2006
Bachelors of Science in African and African American Studies

Professional Experience

Creative Director, *Blu Art Foundation*, Various Locations
(2006-Present)

- Work with staff to develop and design after-school programs based in visual arts, digital media, acting, and professional development.
- Interface between faculty, elementary, and high-school students.
- Partner with educational institutions in Baltimore, DC, Pittsburg, and
- Facilitate students art history, and painting 101 workshops that enhance creative cognitive development. Worked with over 100 students to date.
- Develop curricula that uses art as a medium to enhance self expression.
- Implement workshops that focus on social life skills, art education, and character building.
- Utilized digital media education to develop PowerPoint presentations, web e-portfolios, and group presentations.

Facilitator, *Aaron Maybin Foundation*, Baltimore, MD
(2009-2016)

- Collaborated with teammate, Aaron Maybin, to develop an outreach program to aid Baltimore city schools with their retention, leadership skills, and self-expression through the arts.
- Coordinated with other NFL athletes and entertainers to get assistance with sponsorship, host seminars, and to serve as keynote speakers
- Shared my personal biography with teachers, students in order to serve as an example that "Rags to Riches" success is still possible.

- Visited local hospitals to inspire patients by positively impacting their lives through art.

**Featured Artist, Art with a Heart, Baltimore, MD
(2010- 2014)**

- Produced and Hosted Art Shows that showcased artwork that I created to raise awareness of Art with a Heart overall mission.
- Mentored students and staff in city wide program to ensure the different programs located around Baltimore and participated in forums for students to speak openly about their lives and how art has impacted them.

**NFL Defensive Line-Backer, National Football League
(2006- 2008)**

- Served as Defensive Line-Men & Offensive Tight-end with the NY Giants from (2006 to 07).
- Served as Defensive Line- Backer with the Detroit Lions from (2007)
- Served as Defensive Line-Men with the Germany Rhine Fire from (2007).
- Worked with each team to learn their entire play

Select Group Shows

2017

Ole Mane Frame Gallery | ***State of Blu Art*** | Happy Valley, PA

2017 - 2010

Annual NFLPA Smocks and Jocks/Super Bowl Art Auction

- Participated in the last 10 Art auctions in annual super bowl art, Miami, FL; Phoenix, AZ; Tampa, FL; Miami, FL; Arlington, TX; Indianapolis, IN; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Phoenix, AZ; San Francisco, CA; and Houston, TX

2016

GALLERY X | ***United Chapters*** | Richmond, VA

Lehmann and Lehmann | ***A Journey Through Life Exhibit*** | Hamburg, Germany

2015

Raw Art Gallery | ***Raw Art Phili*** | Philadelphia, PA

Incredible Little Art Gallery | ***The Little Art Show*** | Baltimore, MD

Hidden Truths Gallery | ***Hidden Truths Art Auction*** | Costa Mesa, CA

Eubie Blake Gallery | ***Abstracts and Facts*** | Baltimore, MD

2014

Historic Riverside Church | ***Harlem Fine Art Show*** | New York, NY

Barsky Gallery | ***Rotating Group Exhibition*** | Hoboken, NJ

2013

Wynwood Art District | **Art Basel** | Miami, FL

2012

BlacksInWax Mansion | **Kings Still Exist** | Baltimore, MD

2011

Eubie Blake Cultural Art Center | **Group Show** | Baltimore, MD
Penn State University | **P.S.U Black Alumni Art Show** | State College, PA
Audi Gallery | **5th Annual Fashion and Football** | New York, NY
Miami Bamboo Art Showing | **Aaron Maybin & Mateo Blu** | Miami, FL
Lord Baltimore Hotel | **Project Mayhem** | Baltimore, MD

2010

Ole Mane Frame Gallery | **Blue and White** | Happy Valley, PA
Liberty Mansion Gallery | **Perfect 10** | Baltimore, MD
Bryce Jordan Center | **Nittany Lion Club Showing** | Happy Valley, PA
Greenmount | **Darker Than Blue Art Gallery** | Baltimore, MD
Reginald F. Lewis Museum | **Project Mayhem** | Baltimore, MD

2008

Various Locations | **South Baltimore Arts Festival** | Baltimore, MD
Various Locations | **Miami Ball Harbor Showing** | Miami, FL

2007

Penn State Sports Museum | **Obama Fundraiser** | Happy Valley, PA
Temple University Gallery | **October Fest Black Arts Show** | Philadelphia, PA

Lectures and Press

- Hamburger-Wochenblatt <http://www.hamburger-wochenblatt.de/wandsbek/kultur/vom-football-spieler-zum-kuenstler-d33458.html>
- Art Talk; Penn State Virginia Chapter; Discussed healing and art.
- <https://littlepatuxentreview.org/tag/matthew-rice/>

Artist Residencies

- 2 month Artist Residency | Mateo Blu Travels | Hamburg, Germany
- Traveled around Hamburg, created a photo journal documenting graffiti throughout Germany, Holland and Switzerland.
 - Researched and documented cultural production and architecture in the region.
 - Attended Art Basel 2016. Participated in panel discussion on global african art.