

# Ahavani Mullen

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## Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 *Friendship with the Unknown*, Gallery 1871, Chicago
- 2018 *Festival*, One River School of Art + Design, Evanston, IL
- 2016 *Ocean Inside the Drop*, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL
- 2015 *Here and Now*, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL
- 2013 *Silence Speaks*, Morpho Gallery, Chicago
- 2012 *Seen/Unseen*, Mignonette, Chicago

## Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2017 *Ahavani Mullen + Lindsay Halleckson*, CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *Elements of Light*, Brickton Art Gallery, Park Ridge, IL

## Residencies / Grants / Awards

- 2019 The Macedonia Institute, residency, Chatham, NY  
Individual Artists Program Grant Award, Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events  
Illinois Art Council Grant
- 2018 Vermont Studio Center residency, Johnson, VT  
Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center residency  
Illinois Arts Council Grant
- 2015 3rd Place, *ArtFutura*, Northwestern Univ., (awarded by James Rondeau, Director, Art Institute of Chicago)  
3Arts Artist Project Award, 3Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Individual Artists Program Grant Award, Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events  
First Prize for *Mountain Silence*, Encaustic Nature in Art, The Art Center, Highland Park  
Second Prize for *Tenderly*, Wax Effects, Art Central Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
- 2013 Illinois Arts Council Grant  
Award of Excellence for *Winter*, Small Art Big Impact, Manhattan Arts International, NY  
First Prize for *Tenderly*, Fluidity, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL  
Special Merit Award for *Calling You*, Abstract Art, Light Space & Time Gallery
- 2012 Special Recognition Artist in Painting, Seasons Art, Light Space & Time Gallery

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2019 *Nouveau*, Circa Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Painting with Fire*, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Variations in Wax*, Robert Morris University, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Rockford Midwestern Biennial*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL (juror Aron Packer)  
*Bold Boho*, Circa Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Summer Show*, Gallery 1871, Chicago  
*Summer Salon*, CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *New Horizons*, Gallery 1871, Chicago

- Encaustic 2017: Rebirth of an Ancient Medium* (invitational), Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago  
*Diffused Surface* (invitational), Gallery 201, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL  
*Winter Salon*, CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 *New Works by Gallery Artists*, Gallery 1871, Chicago  
*Summer Salon*, CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *ArtFutura*, Northwestern University, juror James Rondeau, Director, Art Institute of Chicago  
*Another Way of Keeping a Diary*, San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, San Luis Obispo, CA  
*New Works by Gallery Artists*, Gallery 1871, Chicago  
*Expansive Visions*, Christopher Art Gallery, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights, IL  
*12th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition*, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL  
*Honouring Pollinators*, Alton Mill Art Centre, Caledon, Ontario, Canada
- 2014 *Abstract Sanctuary*, Verum Ultimatum Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Wax Effects*, Art Central Art Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA  
*Encaustic Nature in Art*, The Art Center, Highland Park, IL  
*Small Art Big Impact*, Manhattan Arts International, New York  
*The Diptych Project*, Engine Gallery, Biddeford, ME  
*Minute Musings*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
- 2013 *National Juried Encaustic Exhibition*, Encaustic Art Institute, Santa Fe, NM  
*Seven*, Truro Center for the Arts, Truro, MA, Juror: Shawn Hill, critic *Art New England*  
*Fluidity*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL  
*Miniatures*, Linus Galleries, Los Angeles, CA  
*6x6x2013*, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY  
*12th Annual Art Inter/National Exhibition*, Box Heart Gallery, Pittsburgh
- 2012 *Repurposed*, University of Maryland, Rockville MD  
*Rhythm in Wax*, Norris Cultural Arts Gallery, St. Charles, IL  
*Sacred Spaces*, The Art Center - Highland Park, IL  
*Encaustic*, Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL  
*Tactile Encounters*, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
- 2011 *Age 1.5 and Up*, Prak-sis Gallery, Chicago
- 2010 *Beyond Abstraction*, Space/Division, Chicago, IL

### **Selected Bibliography**

- 2019 *Paintings and Sculpture by Ahavani Mullen, Praeterita, Phillip Hartigan*
- 2018 *Still Point X*, Still Point Arts Quarterly
- 2017 *Encaustic Arts* magazine, Spring 2017
- 2015 *Studio Visit Magazine*, Vol. 28, Carl Belz, Rose Art Museum, Director, Brandeis University  
*Here and Now by Ahavani Mullen, SSC360, Bulldog Bites* video interview
- 2014 *Ahavani Mullen*, YoungSpace Art Blog, Kate Mothes
- 2013 *Ahavani Mullen*, Featured Artist Interview, FUSEDChicago, Oct. 28, 2013
- 2012 *Natura Viva*, Making Something out of Nothing, Debra Claffey Art Blog

### **Selected Collections**

Museum of Encaustic Art, Santa Fe, NM  
 Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV

Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY  
Million Dollar Round Table, Executive Suite, Park Ridge, IL  
Other private and corporate collections

### **Curatorial Projects**

*The Abstract Show IV*, Juror, Brickton Art Gallery, Park Ridge, IL, 2016

### **Teaching Experience**

Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL, Visiting Instructor  
Prak-sis Gallery, Chicago, Encaustic Painting Instructor  
Arterie Fine Arts, Naperville, IL, Encaustic Painting Instructor  
Ahavani Studio, Chicago, Art Instructor

### **Education**

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, B.A., (cum laude) 1996

### **Representation**

Gallery 1871, Chicago, IL

CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN