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GRANTS:

- Individual Artist Fellowship Grant from the California Arts Council, 2021-2022
- Artists in Communities from the California Arts Council. Art Produce as partner. January-May 2019
- Artists Activating Communities from the California Arts Council. Art Produce as partner. June-November 2017.
- Creative Catalyst Grant with Oceanside Museum of Art as sponsor, from The San Diego Foundation. March–December 2015.

RESIDENCIES

- Women’s Studio Workshop. September-October 2018.
- Modernist Summer Series at the Timken Museum, San Diego, CA. May-June 2018.

EXHIBITION HISTORY:

Solo shows

- Throughlines. Keck School of Medicine Hoyt Gallery. 3/17/20 – 4/17/20 – Cancelled due to pandemic
- Leela – portrait of a woman in a green dress. Timken Museum. San Diego, CA. 6/28/18 – 9/16/18
- My father’s letter. New Americans Museum. San Diego, CA. 5/4/18 – 6/4/18
- Once Upon a Body. Art Produce. 11/1/17 - 11/18/17
- Wheel of Progress. New Americans Museum. San Diego. CA. 4/7/17 - 5/7/17
- Nightfall. Bread and Cie. San Diego, CA 11/11/16 – 12/7/16
- Body 1.0 – Paper installation at Bay Park Press. San Diego, CA. 4/2/16 – 5/13/16
- Cuts and Links: Bhavna and friends. Rose Gallery. San Diego, CA. 12/14/15 – 1/21/16
- Gush - Paper installation at Oceanside Museum of Art. Oceanside, CA. 9/4/15 - 1/3/16
- 'A paper garden' - Solo show at Noel Baza gallery. San Diego, CA 3/8/13 – 4/9/13

Group shows

2020

- Paper Because. Southwestern College. San Diego, CA. 2/6/20 – 3/3/20
- Illumination: 21st Century Interactions Art+Science+Technology. San Diego Art Institute. 2/8/20 – 5/3/20
- Edges Frayed. Cannon Art Gallery. Carlsbad, CA. 2/29/20 – 5/24/20

2018

- My father’s letter. Women’s Studio Workshop. Kingston, NY. 10/9/18 – 12/14/18
- Paperworks, Refolded. Brea Art Gallery. Brea, CA. 7/14/18 – 9/14/18
- Show me your hand. Coagula Curatorial. Los Angeles, CA. 4/28/18 – 5/30/18
- Art that Cuts. San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery. San Diego, CA. 4/12/18 – 4/20/18
- #myvoice #mivoz. 11th Annual Dia de la Mujer Exhibit. Casa Familiar The Front. San Ysidro. CA. 3/8/18 – 5/4/18

2017

- Haven. Cultura Gallery, El Cajon, CA. 5/11/17 - 5/21/17
- Diverge/Converge: Explorations in Contemporary Mixed Media. San Diego Art Institute. 4/1/17 - 5/11/17
- Fresh 2017. South Bay Contemporary, LA. 3/4/17 - 4/16/17
- Cut. Greater Reston Arts Center, VA. 12/9/16 – 2/18/17
- Nasty Women San Diego. Helmuth Projects. San Diego, CA 1/21/17 – 1/28/17

2016

- "Part & Parcel: Selections from SDAI Member Artists". San Diego Art Institute. 11/12/16-12/4/16
- San Diego Book Arts Members show. Rose Gallery. San Diego, CA. 11/7/16 – 12/14/16
- We the people. Boehm Gallery. San Marcos. CA. 10/13/16 – 11/8/16
- Sweet Sixteen. Coagula Curatorial, LA. 10/8/16 – 10/30/16
- Curiouser and Curiouser. BLAM Projects LA. 10/8/16 – 10/30/16
- Feminism now. Gallery D, San Diego. 5/14/16 – 6/11/16
- Point of Entry. San Diego International Airport. 12/10/15-12/31/16
- MAS Attack Group show. San Diego Art Institute. San Diego, CA 3/19/16
- FreshStart 2016. Santa Monica, CA. February 6, 2014

2015

- It takes an artist: A show about Mentorship. Gallery D. San Diego, CA. 12/12/15 – 1/9/16
- Cherchez La Femme: An exhibition of Book Art. Group show at Women's museum of California. San Diego, CA. 10/2/15 - 11/1/15
- (Con)text Rethinking Language in Art. Group show at San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, CA. 7/25/15 - 8/23/15
- San Diego Art Prize 2014 Final show at La Jolla Athenaeum. La Jolla, CA. 3/27/15 - 5/2/15
- 'Women at War'. FIG Group show at Grossmont College. El Cajon, CA. 3/30/15 - 4/23/15
- MAS Attack Group show. San Diego Art Institute. San Diego, CA 2/28/15
- JARS Group show. Art Produce. San Diego, CA 1/10/15 - 2/20/15
- 'Under the same sky'. Group show at Noel-Baza gallery, San Diego History Center. San Diego, CA.

2014

- 'Beyond the Landscape' – Group show at Encinitas Community Center Gallery. Encinitas, CA 12/8/14 – 1/19/15
- 'Render' – 3 person show at Art Produce. San Diego, CA 11/14/14 – 1/4/15
- Art Ability 2014-2015 international juried show at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. Bryn Mawr, PA. 11/2/14 – 1/25/15
- 'Object Object' – Group show at Helmuth Projects. San Diego, CA 11/1/14 -11/30/14
- San Diego Contemporary Art fair 2014. Booth with Art Prize winners. 11/6/14 – 11/9/14
- 'The Fence' – An interactive exhibit/performance around a fence to explore exchange of culture and ideas. Art Produce gallery. San Diego, CA. September 2014
- MAS Attack show at Torrance Art Museum. August 9, 2014. Torrance, CA
- 'New Contemporaries VII' – Group show with 12 other nominees for Emerging Artist San Diego Art Prize 2014. May 2014
- 'Intersecting Lines' - 10th Drawing Invitational at San Diego Public Library. San Diego, CA 4/18/14 – 7/13/14
- Southern California Regional Juried Award Exhibit at the San Diego Art Institute. San Diego, CA. 4/5/14 – 5/18/14
- 'Sanctuary' - Annual Dia de la Mujer juried show. San Ysidro, CA. 3/7/14 – 4/24/14
- 'Labor-Migrant-Gulf' – Art Exhibit at Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA. 3/13/14 – 4/3/14
- 'Momentum' - Pulse gallery group show. San Diego, CA. 1/9/14 – 2/28/14
- FreshStart 2014. Santa Monica, CA. February 1, 2014

2013

- 'Viewing the landscape' - Group show at Noel Baza gallery. San Diego, CA 12/12/13 - 1/7/14
- Art for the View Juried show. Schenectady, NY. 11/18/13 – 12/6/13
- Solo show at Bergamont Cafe, Santa Monica. CA. 10/6/13 – 11/16/13
- Featured Artist at Casa Familiar's Annual Abrazo Awards Gala. San Diego, CA. 8/23/13
- 'Nocturne' – Group show at Protea gallery. San Diego, CA 8/10/13 – 9/7/13
- 36th Annual Art on paper – National Juried Exhibition of works created on or of paper at Maryland Federation of Art gallery. Annapolis, MD. 3/29/13 – 4/28/13
- 'Art of body : Body of Art' – Annual Dia de la Mujer juried show. San Ysidro, CA. 3/8/13 – 3/29/13

- 'Capturing the wonder of women' - Juried show at Women's museum of California. San Diego, CA. 12/7/12 – 2/24/13
- Part of Regional and One foot juried shows at the San Diego Art Institute. San Diego. CA. Ongoing.

2012

- 'Protean' - Protea gallery debut group show. San Diego, CA. 12/7/12 – 1/12/13
- 'Under the Influence' - Pulse gallery group show. San Diego, CA. 9/7/12 – 10/27/12
- Art Ability 2012-2013 international juried show at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. Malvern, PA. 11/3/12 – 1/20/13
- La Jolla Athenaeum 21st Annual Juried Exhibition. La Jolla, CA. 8/4/12 – 9/1/12
- Part of Regional and One foot shows at the San Diego Art Institute. San Diego. CA. Ongoing.
- Southern California Regional Juried Award Exhibit at the San Diego Art Institute. San Diego, CA. 3/31/12 – 5/13/12
- 5th Annual Dia de la Mujer (Day of the woman) juried show. San Ysidro, CA. 3/8/12 – 3/25/12
- FreshStart 2012 show. Santa Monica, CA. February 4, 2012

AWARDS:

- Awarded Emerging Artist San Diego Art Prize 2014
- Juror's choice award at Southern California Regional Juried Award Exhibit at the San Diego Art Institute. San Diego, CA. 4/5/14 – 5/18/14
- First Prize for Emerging artist at the 6th Annual Dia de la Mujer (Day of the woman) juried show. San Ysidro, CA. 3/7/14 – 4/24/14
- Gallery Choice award at 6th Annual Dia de la Mujer (Day of the woman) juried show. San Ysidro, CA. 3/8/13- 3/29/13
- Second prize for works on paper at the Art Ability 2012-2013 international juried show at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. Malvern, PA. 11/3/12 – 1/20/13
- Juror's choice award at Southern California Regional Juried Award Exhibit at the San Diego Art Institute. San Diego, CA. 3/31/12 – 5/13/12
- First Prize at the 5th Annual Dia de la Mujer (Day of the woman) juried show. San Ysidro, CA. 3/8/12 – 3/25/12

ART EDUCATION VENUES:

San Diego City College
 San Diego Mesa College
 San Diego State College
 California State University San Marcos
 University of California San Diego, Extension
 High Tech Elementary, Middle, High School
 Monarch School San Diego
 La Jolla Country Day School
 San Diego City Library
 San Diego County Library
 Oceanside Library
 Mingei International Museum
 Oceanside Museum
 San Diego Museum of Art
 Timken Museum
 Art Produce
 Athenaeum Music and Arts Library
 Institute of Contemporary Art, San Diego
 Penland School of Craft
 San Diego Book Arts
 San Francisco Center for the Book
 The Front Arte Cultura

Women's Studio Workshop

COLLECTIONS:

University of San Diego, Geisel Library
The University of Arizona Poetry Center

PUBLIC ART:

YOUTUBE THEATER, Los Angeles, California. My work called *Let's Talk Now* is made of two distinct works in the theatre VIP lounge. One is a group of 18 panels measuring a total dimension of 12' t x 45' w. The other is pair of botanical branches, each 92" t x 108" w. Both the works are made of stainless steel and colored acrylic waterjet cut, and assembled. Lynn Susholtz consulted with materials and Aragon Construction fabricated and installed the work. Completed in 2021.

LONG BEACH TRANSIT MALL, Long Beach, California. The area consists of 3000 square feet and 4 blocks of LithoMosaics depicting the life one finds on a beach walk. I was part of the team of artists led by Robin Brailsford and responsible for the designs of the mosaics. I hand cut 35 different designs with layers of colored paper. These were converted to mosaics by Robin Brailsford and Wick Alexander. Commissioned, designed, and installed in 2010. Funded by a Federal Economic Stimulus Grant, \$7 million overall project budget. Grand opening June 2011.

EDUCATION:

Paper-cutting workshop at Penland school of Craft with artist Beatrice Coron	April 2008
Certificate Program at UCSD Extension - Art and the Creative Process	May 2004
MS in Computer Science, California State University, Northridge	April 1993
M.S Electronic Science, University of Poona, India	May 1989
B.S Physics, University of Poona, India	May 1987