

Born Providence RI, 1976

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Cum Laude, University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI, 1994-1998

San Diego City College, San Diego CA, 2006

UCLA Extension, Los Angeles CA, 2013

LUX Art Institute, Encinitas CA, 2016

Lives and works in La Mesa CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018 Mesa College Gallery Window, 'X-ray + Infrared', site conditional installation, San Diego, CA

2017 Space-In-Between Gallery, San Diego, CA
1805 Gallery, 'Dark Energy', San Diego, CA
Bread & Salt, 'A Study of Dark Matter', San Diego, CA

2016 Teros Gallery, 'A New Stellar Order', San Diego, CA

2014 The Vishuddha Creatives, 'Lines and Dots and Rulers', San Diego, CA

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 Oceanside Museum of Art, Art Auction, Oceanside, CA
Quint Gallery, 'Distant Light', La Jolla, CA
Central Library Art Gallery, 'A Method for Reaching Extreme Altitudes', San Diego, CA
Mesa College Gallery, 'Art That Cuts', San Diego, CA
Vivid Space, 'Geometric Milk', San Diego, CA
Claremont Graduate College, 'Breaking Illusions: Artists as Scientists', Claremont, CA
City College Gallery, 'Contributions II', San Diego, CA

2017 Smithsonian's S. Dillon Ripley Center, 'Artist at Work', Washington D.C.
San Diego International Airport, 'Intergalactic Dreaming', San Diego, CA
Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, '26th Annual Juried Exhibition', La Jolla, CA
Bread & Salt, 'Museum School Fundraising Auction', San Diego, CA
San Diego Art Institute, 'Extra-Ordinary Collusion', San Diego, CA
Visual Shop, 'Microcosm', San Diego, CA
1805 Gallery, 'Art Above', San Diego, CA
Thumbprint Gallery, 'Alchemy: Handcrafted Illustrations', San Diego, CA
La Bodega Gallery, 'SD Fundraiser for Mexico and The Caribbean', San Diego, CA
101/Exhibit, 'Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series Semi-Finals', Los Angeles, CA
Del Mar Fairgrounds, 'KAABOO', Del Mar, CA
La Playa Gallery, La Jolla, CA
Thumbprint Gallery, 'Collide', La Jolla, CA
The Ink Spot, 'DNSE.af', San Diego, CA
La Bodega Gallery, 'VENUS', San Diego, CA
San Diego Art Institute Project Space, 'Potluck Mythologies', San Diego, CA
Helmuth Projects, 'Nasty Women Exhibition', San Diego CA

2016 Torrance Art Museum, 'MAS Attack', Torrance, CA
A Ship in the Woods, 'Flat Earth', Escondido, CA
Quartyard, 'Built Culture Scholarship Fundraiser', San Diego, CA
City Gallery, San Diego City College, 'Contribution', San Diego, CA
City Heights Performance Annex, 'Line | Align | Realign', San Diego, CA
The Vishuddha Creatives, 'Lunatics Run', San Diego, CA
San Diego Art Institute, 'Monster Draw', San Diego, CA
Visual Shop, 'Microcosm', San Diego, CA

2016 Del Mar Fairgrounds, 'KAABOO', Del Mar, CA
cont. La Bodega Gallery, 'The Little Big Art Show', San Diego, CA
San Diego Art Institute, 'SDAI Annual Benefit at Writerz Blok', San Diego, CA
La Bodega Gallery, 'Perfect 10', San Diego, CA
Thumbprint Gallery, 'Creative Blocks', La Jolla, CA
The Vishuddha Creatives, 'A Study in Balance', San Diego, CA
Thumbprint Gallery, 'Manufacturing Significance', La Jolla, CA
San Diego Art Institute, 'MAS Attack', San Diego, CA
Gallery D, 'An Intersection of Muralists', San Diego, CA
Thumbprint Gallery, 'Small Wonders', La Jolla, CA

2015 Thumbprint Gallery at Basic, 'Deck the Walls', San Diego, CA
Thumbprint Gallery at Basic, 'P.O.P (Pen on Paper)', San Diego, CA
La Bodega Gallery, 'The Sharpie Show', San Diego, CA
The Vishuddha Creatives, 'Reaping the Harvest', San Diego, CA

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2017 1805 Gallery, San Diego, CA
Bread & Salt, San Diego, CA

ARTIST TALKS

2018 Contemporary Arts Committee for the San Diego Museum of Art, Del Mar, CA
Artists + Designers in Real Time, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
Museum Studies Class, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, CA
2017 University of California, Berkley, CA
'New Stellar Order' Documentary Premiere and Encore, Ruben H Fleet Science Center, San Diego, CA
2016 Coronado School of Art, Coronado, CA

PRESS

May 2018 SD Voyager "Art & Life with Melissa Walter" by Patrick Harris
Apr 2018 Vanguard Culture "DISTANT LIGHT: A Group Exhibition of Black & White Work" by Antoinette Genevieve
Vanguard Culture "THE BUZZ: The Art of the Cut" by Rebecca Romani
Dec 2017 San Diego City Beat "The Year in Art: 2017" by Seth Combs
Oct 2017 "New Stellar Order" Documentary by The Artist Odyssey, Premiere at the Fleet Science Center, San Diego, CA
Voice of San Diego "Culture Report: NASA Designer Makes One Giant Leap to Full-Time Artist" by Kinsee Morlan
Voice of San Diego Culture Cast Podcast "NASA Designer Makes One Giant Leap to Full-Time Artist" by Kinsee Morlan
Sept 2017 Pacific Magazine "KAABOO Shines Bright Through Local Artists" by Scott McDonald
Art Guide San Diego "Artists of KAABOO 2017 Part 5: Melissa Walter" by Brian Baxter
June 2017 San Diego City Beat "To See or Not to See: Dark Energy" by Seth Combs
Hatch Magazine "Is San Diego a Creative City?" by Marie Tutko and Erin Chambers Smith
Feb 2017 San Diego Reader "Where Art Resides" by Barbarella Fokos
Jan 2017 Art Guide San Diego "The Creative Balance of Art and Science" by Brian Baxter
June 2016 Teros Magazine
May 2016 San Diego Reader "Abstract works by NASA science illustrator on display in North Park Gallery" by Barbarella Fokos
Fall 2016 Canyon Voices
Nov 2015 Products of the Mind Podcast "From Art School to NASA (and Beyond)" by David Lizerbram

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Honorable Mention – 26th Annual Juried Exhibition at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library
2016 Art Around Adams Juried and Popular Vote Winner – Thumbprint Gallery and Exodus Studios, San Diego, CA
2012 Finalist – National Science Foundation, International Science & Engineering Visualization Challenge, Web
1998 Award of Excellence – Juried Show, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island