

MIRA GANDY

Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

EDUCATION

2011 Bachelor of Fine Arts, USC Roski School of Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA

1985 Study Abroad, American University in Paris

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013-Present **Arts in Action Community Charter School, Los Angeles, CA**

Art Instructor

- Provide weekly art instruction in painting, ceramics and arts and crafts to K-5th graders.

2003 – 2011 **STAR Education, Art Department, Culver City, CA**

Assistant Art Director/ Art Instructor

- Created, and implemented visual arts curriculum for non-profit organization serving 179 schools via after-school program, community outreach and art camps
- Served diverse communities in East Los Angeles, Compton, Watts, South Central, Inglewood, Torrance, Hollywood, Culver City and Beverly Hills
- Collaborated with Art Director on creation of standards based multi-media art programming resulting in new and innovative art classes
- Administered art demonstrations to prospective schools to promote program escalating student enrollment and increase in company visibility
- Drafted lesson plans, class descriptions, syllabi for all STAR art classes for marketing publications
- Coordinated and planned annual STAR Children's Art Festival and exhibition of 2,000 pieces of student artwork and over 500 public participants
- Oversaw and curated annual STAR African American Art Festival exhibition, supporting emerging artists from the Los Angeles community

STAR Art Instructor

- Originated multi-media sample art projects and age appropriate lesson plans for year round 8-week sessions.

- Taught lessons in acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, pencil, collage, and clay to children ages 5-12
- Managed 12 to 25 students per class in 45 minute rotations
- Used a “step by step’ teaching method ensuring completion of project for all skill levels

2010

Optimist Youth Services Group Home, Los Angeles, CA,

Teaching Assistant

- Assisted Optimist High School art teacher with preparation for art classes in the East Los Angeles
- Individually instructed and mentored high school students during weekly open art workshops
- Taught painting, drawing and clay to 14 students per class

OYS Art Therapy Assistant

- Helped facilitate art therapy sessions for at-risk males ages 15-17
- Participated in weekly anger management sessions and supported individual clients personal growth

2005-2006

Jeff Griffith Youth Center, Los Angeles, CA

Art Instructor

- Provided weekly art instruction in painting and drawing to LGBT homeless youth

EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 "Appeal: Beauty, Race, Intimacy", Advocate & Gochis Galleries, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 "Art Takes Seoul", Knox Gallery, New York, NY
"Onirism", La Maison d'Art, New York, NY
"Women of Colours", Knox Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 "Spirit of Community II", Dwyer Culture Center, New York, NY
"Images, Iconic, Insurgent, Divine and Decadent Glimpses into the Lives of Black LGBT..."
William Grant Still Arts Center, Los Angeles, CA
"The 45Art Show", Twenty Miles East Gallery, Pomona City, CA
"Arkhe, Domus, (Re)collect", Helen Lindhurst Fine Arts Gallery, USC,
Los Angeles, CA
"Here and Now", Fisher Gallery, USC, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 "Twelfth Week", Helen Lindhurst Fine Arts Gallery, USC, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 "205b/305 Painting", Helen Lindhurst Fine Arts Gallery, USC, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 "Full Tilt Vigilantes", BLK/MRKT Gallery, Culver City, CA
"Virtual Genius Odyssey", Gallery 1988, Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 "Los Angeles Juried Exhibition", Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2003 "Random Thoughts", Lankershim Gallery, North Hollywood, CA
"The Essential Woman", Le Florence Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 "Our Diversity, Our City, Our People, Our Art!" El Pueblo Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 "Feminist Edge: Social and Political", Backstreet Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1995 "Sankofa II, Go Back and Fetch It Again", Jupiter Interactive, Federal Plaza,
New York, NY
"With A Child's Heart, Duo show with Synthia Saint-James", Third World Art Exchange,
Los Angeles, CA

LECTURES / SYMPOSIA

- 2013 *Artist's Lecture*, USC Roski School of Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 *Artist's Talk, "Onirism"*, La Maison d'Art Gallery, New York, NY
Artist's Talk, "Art Takes Seoul", Knox Gallery, New York, NY
Artist's Talk, "Women of Colours", Knox Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Artist's Talk, "Perspectives on Harlem"*, Dwyer Culture Center, New York, NY

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2013 Dawson, Jeseca. "Mira Gandy-"The Dons" of Baldwin Hills- 11/15/13." Otis College of Art and Design Freeway Studies: Studio Visits with LA Artists, December 4: online.
- 2012 Brillantes, Mariam. "Art Takes Seoul Bridges Cultural Divide." The Wall Street Journal. December 10: online.
Kyles, Yohance. "Baring her Soul." DZI: The Voice. December 10: online.

AWARDS

- 2012 Woman of Excellence Award, National Action Network

- 2011 Discovery Scholar Honors ,University of Southern California
Black Alumni Association Outstanding Scholar of the Year Award,
University of Southern California
- 2010 Edward Ewing Painting Scholarship Award, University of Southern California