

# KATHERINE HESS (She/Her)

*Fine Artist. Muralist. Painter. Fiber Artist.*

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## Exhibitions, Awards & Accomplishments:

Suzanne Anderson Art Award Recipient 2021  
Member of the Pocono Arts Council 2021-2024  
Posca USA Featured Artist 2021  
PCA&D Portfolio Scholarship 2021  
3D Artist for Blackbear Film Festival Charity Auction 2022  
PCA&D Presidential Scholarship 2021-2024  
“Essential Connections” Core Gallery Exhibition 2023  
“Home” Hayden Gallery Exhibition 2024  
Mary Colleen Heil Presidential Scholarship 2024  
Representative of College Art at Rock Lititz 2024  
Mural Arts Intern for Lancaster City Public Art 2024

Muralist for Penn Medicines LGH 2024  
Mentor for PCA&D Career Corner Mural 2024/2025  
Rehabilitation Center Artist for Water Street Mission Nonprofit 2024  
“As It Is” Demuth Museum Exhibition 2024  
“Further & Again” North Museum of Arts & Sciences Exhibition 2025  
“Passion” Core Gallery Exhibition 2025  
Art By Artists - Interview 2025  
PCA&D Senior Show Exhibition 2025  
Americorp ArtistYear Resident Artist 2025/2026

## Professional Experience:

### Freelance Artist - Lancaster, PA

*2018 - present*

- Collaborate with clients to understand their vision and requirements for commissioned artwork, ensuring satisfaction with the final product.
- Create original paintings, drawings, murals, and digital art pieces for clients, employing a diverse range of styles and techniques to suit various preferences.
- Manage all aspects of the commission process, including communication, contract negotiation, project timelines, and delivery of finished artwork.
- Develop and maintain relationships with clients, resulting in repeat business and referrals.
- Execute commissioned murals for businesses, public spaces, and private residences, transforming environments with visually striking and thought-provoking artwork.
- Establish an online presence through social media platforms and personal websites, showcasing portfolio pieces and attracting clients.

### Pennsylvania College of Art & Design - Lancaster, PA

*Career Services Coordinator - Student Employee  
2023 - present*

- Develop engaging social media posts and graphics to promote events and career opportunities.
- Craft compelling narratives and visually appealing content to attract and engage students.
- Oversee the day-to-day management of social media channels, including scheduling posts monitoring engagement, responding to inquiries, and fostering a sense of community among followers.
- Identify internship opportunities in the art field and liaise with employers to establish partnerships.
- Maintain organized student files and documentation related to internship/career development.
- Collaborate with the Director of Exhibitions to curate the Career Services Office gallery space showcasing student artwork.

### Lancaster City Public Art - Lancaster, PA

*Mural Arts Intern for LLC River Connections  
2024*

- Created original digital designs and 3D rendering and mock-ups.
- Assisted in the preparation and execution of large-scale mural projects, contributing to visual concepts, surface preparation, and painting techniques.
- Collaborated with artists and project managers to ensure timelines and artistic vision were met while maintaining quality and safety standards.
- Engaged in community outreach and public interaction during installations, fostering positive relationships and promoting the artistic process.
- Supported logistical tasks, including material sourcing, budgeting for materials, and applying for traffic permits.

## Education:

### Pennsylvania College of Art & Design - Lancaster, PA 2021 - Present

*BFA Fine Arts, Art History Minor, 3.91 GPA*

- Recipient of the Mary Colleen Heil Presidential Scholarship
- Recipient of PCA&D Portfolio Scholarship 2021
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