

TESSA GREENE O'BRIEN CV

B. 1982, St. George, ME

Lives & works in South Portland, ME

EDUCATION

2016 MFA Maine College of Art, Portland, ME

2004 BS Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 Dowling Walsh Gallery, *Eastport Paintings*, Rockland, ME

2019 Dowling Walsh Gallery, *New Works*, Rockland, ME

2018 Elizabeth Moss Galleries, *Clear Blue Morning*, Falmouth, ME

2016 Friedman Gallery, *Structures*, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME

2015 Gallery 49, *Farmhouse*, Oxbow Blending & Bottling, Portland, ME

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 Studio E Gallery, *TBD*, Seattle, WA

2020 Young Space Online exhibition, *As Inside, So Outside*, Curated by David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, CO

2020 New Systems Exhibitions, *Laundry Day 2*, Portland, ME

2019 Grant Wahlquist Gallery, *Part of The Summer Never Dies*, Portland, ME

2019 T.W. Wood Gallery, *Galen Cheney & Tessa O'Brien*, Montpelier, VT

2019 William Ulmer Building, *SPF 32*, Curated by Madeleine Mermall, Brooklyn, NY

2019 Stove Factory Gallery, *Boston Key Party*, Curated by Jaws Group, Charlestown, MA

2019 The Magenta Suite, *Seam Set: Tessa Greene O'Brien & Jenny Plante*, Exeter, NH

2019 Young Space, *Salad Days*, Juried Online Exhibition

- 2018 ICA at Maine College of Art., *Curious Nature | 2018 Alumni Triennial Exhibition*, Portland, ME
- 2018 Elizabeth Moss Galleries, *Narrative Landscapes*, Falmouth, ME
- 2018 Gallery 49, *Hewnoaks Alumni Show*, Oxbow Blending & Bottling, Portland, ME
- 2017 Ocean House Gallery, *Modern Summer*, Cape Elizabeth, ME
- 2017 Elizabeth Moss Gallery, *Midtoast, Curated by John Bisbee*, Falmouth, ME
- 2017 Able Baker Contemporary, *Selvedge*, Portland, ME
- 2017 Firehouse Gallery, *Joseph A. Fiore Painting Prize Exhibition, Juried by Elizabeth Finch*, Damariscotts, ME
- 2017 ICA at Maine College of Art, *COLLECT: Invitational Summer Art Sale*, Portland, ME
- 2017 Chocolate Church Art Center, *Far Away/ Home*, Bath, ME
- 2017 Maine Farmland Trust Gallery, *Inside View*, Belfast, ME
- 2016 Alpha Gallery, *New Talent*, Boston, MA
- 2016 Space Gallery, *Genuine Article, Curated by Leon Benn*, Portland, ME
- 2016 Sarah Orne Jewett House Museum, *New England Village: Rethinking Regional Identity*, South Berwick, ME
- 2016 3S Artspace, *Big Picture*, Portsmouth, NH
- 2015 801 Commonwealth Gallery, *Boston Young Contemporaries*, Boston, MA
- 2015 Engine, *Ode to Letters*, Biddeford, ME
- 2014 *Rumpus Revival*, Engine, Biddeford, ME
- 2013 *Erstwhile*, Lot F Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2004 *Thesis Exhibition*, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

#### PUBLIC ART

- 2021 *Flowers for Tammy, Flowers for Biddeford*, Biddeford, ME
- 2020 *Night Garden Mural*, UMaine Gardens at Tidewater Farm, Falmouth, ME
- 2019 *Water Sheds to the Lake*, City Hall Park, Burlington, VT
- 2018 *Chaval Mural*, West End, Portland, ME
- 2015 *Red Circle Mural*, East Bayside, Portland, ME

## RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Studioworks Residency at the Tides Institute, Eastport, ME
- 2019 Joseph A. Fiore Residency at Rolling Acre Farm, Jefferson, ME
- 2018 Open Studio Residency, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME
- 2018 Monson Arts Residency, Monson, ME
- 2017 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2017 Hewnoaks Artist Colony, Lovell, ME
- 2017 Pace House Residency, Stonington, ME

## AWARDS

- 2020 St. Boltophs Club Foundation Emerging Artist Award
- 2019 Ellis Beaugard Travel Grant
- 2018 Project Grant, Maine Arts Commission
- 2017 Vermont Studio Center Merit Award, Johnson, VT
- 2017 Joseph A. Fiore Painting Prize
- 2015 Professional Development Grant, Maine College of Art
- 2015 Community Project Grant, Allagash Brewing Company (Portland Mural Initiative)
- 2015 Project Grant, Maine Arts Commission (Portland Mural Initiative)
- 2015 Presidential Scholarship, Maine College of Art
- 2014 Kindling Fund Grant, SPACE Gallery (Portland Mural Initiative)
- 2014 Presidential Scholarship, Maine College of Art

## VISITING ARTIST & JURIES

- 2021 Juror, Maine Arts Commission Project Grants, Augusta, ME
- 2020 Juror, *Shelter* (Online Exhibition), Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockland, ME
- 2020 Guest Critic, Ellis-Beaugard Foundation Residency, Rockland, ME

- 2020 Juror, Hewnoaks Artist Colony, Lovell, ME
- 2020 Juror, Monhegan Artist Residency, Monhegan, ME
- 2020 Visiting Artist, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
- 2020 Visiting Artist, Institute of Art & Design, New England College, Manchester, NH
- 2019 Visiting Artist, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2016 Visiting Artist, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
- 2015 Visiting Artist, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

## COLLECTIONS

Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA

Portland Press Hotel, Portland, ME

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Curator, Public art programming, TEMPOart, Portland, ME
- 2020 Mentor, MFA Program, Institute of Art & Design, New England College, Manchester, NH
- 2019 Co- Director, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
- 2016 Studio Manager, Aaron Stephan Studio, Portland, ME
- 2014 Co- Founder, Portland Mural Initiative, Portland, ME

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

Debra Spark, *Collage as Lifestyle*, Decor Maine, June 2021

Edgar Allen Beem, *Painting the town: Tessa Greene O'Brien and Will Sears make their marks on Portland*, Portland Phoenix, May 13, 2020

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Daniel Kany, *Art Review: Tessa O'Brien takes a leap forward at Elizabeth Moss*, Portland Press Herald, Maine Sunday Telegram, December 23, 2018

Dana Sawyer, *Inquisitive Views of a 'Curious Nature'*, Curious Nature Catalog, ICA @ MECA Publications, August 2018

Nick Schroeder, *A Show of Support: Able Baker's 'Selvedge' Sees Painting Through a Totally Different Grain*, July 18, 2017

Daniel Kany, *Fiber and painting grow closer in exhibit at Able Baker Contemporary*, Portland Press Herald, July 30, 2017

Jessica Skwire Routhier, *Visual Arts Profile: Tessa Greene O'Brien*, Maine Womens Magazine, July 28, 2016