

# Briena Harmening

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## EDUCATION:

**2010** MFA in Painting: School of Art University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**2005** BA Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL.

## Upcoming:

Art Fields 2025: Lake City, South Carolina (April)

Then and Now: Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (Jan. 2026) Curator: Katie Delmez

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

**2024** Jus Piddlin: The Browsing Room Gallery: Nashville, TN

**2023** Just Saying; Coop Gallery, Nashville

**2015** I Bet You Think This Show is About You, Blend Gallery, Nashville, TN

**2013** Inner Compositions, Knoxville, TN

**2011** Layered, Knoxville, TN

**2010** Home Sweet Home, Ewing Gallery, Knoxville, TN

**2008** Intimate Stories, Knoxville, TN

**2007** Alterations, Gallery, McMinnville, TN

**2005** Internal Me, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL

## TWO/THREE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

### 2024

Note to Self: Wasmer Gallery, Fort Myers, FL

### 2013

Layered and Built, A1 Arts Lab, Knoxville, TN

Layered and Built, Majestic Gallery, Athens, OH

The Aftermath, Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

### 2024

Looking In/Looking Out: Conversations with Artists: online:

<https://www.conversationswithartists.com/looking-in-looking-out>

Coined in the South: Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC

Hot Summer Nights: Red Arrow Gallery: Nashville, TN

Euclidea: Gallery 56: Nashville, TN. Curator: Anna McKeown

National Juried Exhibition at Gallery 130: Oxford, Ms

Inner Sanctuaries: Strata Gallery, Santa Fe, NM Juror: Stephanie J. Woods

### 2023

Quilts Unlimited: View, Valley Forge, NY

Artfields: Lake City, NC

Text/Message: Shoebox Projects, online <https://shoeboxprojects.com/text-message/>

Context II: Art Fluent: online <https://www.art-fluent.com/context2>

### 2022

Number INC *Art of the South*: Zeitgeist Gallery, Nashville, TN Juror: Katie Delmez

TEDX Nashville: Unconventional art exhibition: Schermerhorn Symphony: Nashville, TN  
*Nashville Art Teachers: Beyond the Classroom*: Frist Art Museum: Nashville, TN  
Dogwood arts regional art exhibition: Knoxville, TN

## **2021**

Context: Art Fluent: online <https://www.art-fluent.com/context>

## **2020**

Textured II: Envision Arts: online <https://www.envisionartshow.com/textured-ii>

## **2017**

Listen: Snap Gallery, Nashville, TN

*32nd Annual Positive/Negative National Juried Art Exhibition*: Tipton Gallery, Johnson City, TN

20/20: FGCU Gallery, Fort Myers, FL

## **2016**

Encore: Ewing Gallery, Knoxville, TN

Modular Art Pod Exhibition: OZ Arts Nashville, TN

Quilt: Traditional/Not Traditional: Bertha V.B Lederer Gallery, Geneseo, NY

Gravity of the Heart: Art Brokers Gallery, San Rafael, CA

## **2015**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art of the South: Juried Exhibition, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN

Juror: Wayne White

Stitch: Clay-Pool Young Art Gallery, Morehead, KY

The Artist Alphabet: Ground Floor Gallery, Nashville, TN

## **2014**

Artists Collectives Exhibit: Emporium Center for Arts and Culture, Knoxville, TN

You: A1 Arts Lab and Center for Creative Minds, Knoxville, TN

Art Source: University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, TN

## **2013**

Artists Collectives Exhibit: Emporium Center for Arts and Culture, Knoxville, TN

Work Friends: 1324 Art Space, Knoxville, TN

Elaborated Surface: Ground Floor Gallery, Nashville, TN

Members Exhibition: A1 Arts Lab, Knoxville, TN

Art Source: University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, TN

## **2012**

The Found Art Project: The Fiber Arts Exhibition, Raymond S. Wilkes Gallery for the Visual Arts, Lancaster, OH (Invitational)

TEA Member Art Exhibition: Leu Visual Art Building, Belmont University, Nashville, TN (Juried)

Workhorse Collective, Lox Salon, Knoxville, TN

Amalgam: Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN

Elaborated Surface:, Pellissippi Community College, Oak Ridge, TN

## **2011**

Creatures Great and Small, Work Horse Artist Collective, The Lunchbox, Knoxville, TN

The Aftermath: Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN

Point Time: AVA Gallery, Chattanooga, TN

Just What We Can Become Here: Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN

TEA Member Art Exhibition: Leu Visual Art Building, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Pattern Play:, Living Arts and Science Center, Lexington, KY

Point Time: William King Museum, Abingdon, VA (Invitational)

Point Time: Slocumb Gallery, Johnson City, TN (Invitational)

12X12X12: Todd Gallery, Murfreesboro, TN (Juried)

High School Teachers Exhibition: Pearlman Gallery, Art Academy of Cincinnati, OH

## **2010**

1078 Gallery Film Festival 2010, 1078 Gallery, Chico, California

Reconfigured: An A&A Material Exchange, Gallery 1010, Knoxville TN

## **2009**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Narrative Short Film Festival: California State University, Chico, California (Juried)

New Directions: Video Artists Explore Southern Identity Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum of Art, Nashville, TN (Juried)

Knack: Cookie Aytes Elliot Art Education Gallery, Knoxville, TN (Juried)

Seven Times Standard: Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

The Formers: Florida Gulf Coast University Gallery, Fort Myers, FL

Aegis First Graduate Student Biennial: Hite Gallery, Louisville, KY (Faculty Committee Award) (Juried)

Dixie Highway: Reed Gallery, Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

61<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Competition: Ewing Gallery of Art and Architecture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Juried)

## **2007**

Real Live Interaction, A1 Arts Lab, Knoxville, TN

Graduate Painters: Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN

Hole Shot: Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Graduate Preview: Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Museum of Art Open Screening: Knoxville, TN

60<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Competition: Ewing Gallery of Art and Architecture, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville (Juried) (Materials Award)

Hand-Held Film Festival, Downtown West Cinema, Knoxville, TN (Juried)

1<sup>st</sup> Year Graduate Preview, Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

## **2005**

Atlantic Center of the Arts 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Student Exhibition: New Smyrna Beach, FL (Juried)

Juried Student Exhibition: Florida Gulf Coast University Art Gallery, Fort Myers, FL

2004 Juried Student Exhibition: Florida Gulf Coast University Art Gallery, Fort Myers, FL

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

2022-Current

Way East Artists Community: Member of local artist group, Nashville, TN

Southern Cits: Guest critiques, started by Jodi Hays, Nashville, TN

## **2013-2014**

Founding Member of Vacuum Shop Studios, a group of 8 girls that maintain a non profit studio space. Knoxville, TN

2011- 2013

Member of the Work Horse Artist Collective The collective seeks to recycle and reuse objects for art creation. Knoxville, TN

**AWARDS:**

Honorable mention: Common Threads, Gallery 130 Oxford, MS (2024)

Honorable mention: Art Fluent: Textured II

Ewing Graduate Scholarship, University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Artist Award, KNACK Juried Exhibition

Hite Gallery Faculty Committee Award, Aegis First Graduate Biennial, Hite Gallery, Louisville, KY

Materials Award, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

**Media:**

**2024:** Mitchell, Mike, Interviewer. "Conversations with Briena Harmening, Drawing South Podcast. Spotify, June 18 2024.

<https://creators.spotify.com/pod/show/drawing-south/episodes/Conversation-with-Briena-Harmening-e211a10>

**2023**

"New Discoveries", by Laura Huntson Hunter, Nashville Scene. December 28th 2023

[https://www.nashvillescene.com/arts\\_culture/coverstory/new-discoveries-of-2023/article\\_a7a41b5a-a049-11ee-ad1e-af808faca103.html](https://www.nashvillescene.com/arts_culture/coverstory/new-discoveries-of-2023/article_a7a41b5a-a049-11ee-ad1e-af808faca103.html)

"Sharing a love for quilting in Old Forge" by

BY TODD MOE (WEEKDAY MORNING HOST AND PRODUCER) , IN OLD FORGE, NY

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/48687/20231027/sharing-a-love-for-quilting-in-old-forge>

**2022**

[Beyond the classroom: Nashville art teachers' work on display at the Frist, by Zach Hill: Main Street Nashville, March 4th 2022](#)

**2016:**

Best of Nashville - Writer's Choice Award, "Best Use of Peeps - The Peeps Pod at Modular Art Pods", The Nashville Scene, Nashville, TN, 2016

"Most Original" and "Best Soundtrack", Modular Art Pod Awards (The Poddys), Nashville, TN

**2015**

"Art of the South": Wayne White and Number create an exhibit, [denise](#)

[stewart-sanabria.blogspot.com](#), by Denise Stewart-Sanabria, Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015

The Artist's Alphabet at Ground Floor Gallery, A Nashville Scene Arts and Culture Blog, Erica Ciccarone, Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2015

"I bet you think this show is about you," [Blend Studio: June, 27th, 2015](#)

**2009**

Young Video Artists Focus on Southernness, The Tennessean, MiChelle Jones, December 27, 2009

Around the world in 10 Short Films, The Orion, Joe Hersch, November 11, 2009  
[www.theorion.com/entertainment/around-the-world-in-ten-days-1.892305](http://www.theorion.com/entertainment/around-the-world-in-ten-days-1.892305)  
Canvas of Life, *Pentacle Magazine*, Summer 2009 pp. 34-36

**2008**

60 Word/Min Art Critic, (review) by Lori Waxman: *Quarterly Journal of Art and Culture*,  
Published by the Art Gallery of Knoxville, TN

60 Word/Min Art Critic, by Lori Waxman:

[www.metropulse.com/photos/galleries/66-words-minute-art-reviews](http://www.metropulse.com/photos/galleries/66-words-minute-art-reviews)

**LECTURES:**

2012

Tusculum College, Knoxville, TN

2009

Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN