

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:

In her place: Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (Jan. 2026) Curator: Katie Delmez

Aesthetics of Power: Arc Gallery, Chicago (October 2025)

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:

2025

Partisan: David Lusk Gallery, Nashville, TN: Auction to raise money for Tennessee Rise

Ancestral Lines: Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL

Art Fields 2025: Lake City, SC

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

Euclidean: 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, SC

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

2nd 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

2nd 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

61st 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

2nd Year Graduate Preview: Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Museum of Art Open Screening: Knoxville, TN

60th 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)

1st Year Graduate Preview, Gallery 1010, Knoxville, TN

2005

Atlantic Center of the Arts 16th 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, founded by Jodi Hays, Nashville, TN

2013-2014

Founding Member of Vacuum Shop Studios, a group of 8 girls started 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

1st place: Modular Art Pod Exhibition: OZ Arts Nashville, TN

Ewing Graduate Scholarship, University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

3rd 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-e211ql0>

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

"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 31st 2015

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

LECTURES:

2012

Tusculum College, Knoxville, TN

2009

Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN