

BIO

AVA COSEY

GIFTED ARTIST & PRINTMAKER

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I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education with a minor in English from the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. I reside in Houston, Texas.

As it was no ordinary beginning, my art career began in 1997 with an epiphany to become an artist. From that time, I have felt a strong desire to delve into the arts of painting and printmaking. Therefore, I had an obligation to start on my path by researching information, attending creative workshops, visiting art venues, collecting supplies and equipment.

I volunteered for many years at the Museum of Printing History where I learned the printmaking process for monoprints and lithography on the Bavarian limestone and linocuts.

Utilizing various art methods, I work in all mediums using oil, oil bars, acrylic, pastels, ink and mixed media; and, also the process of monoprints, silkscreens, etchings, sculpting and fiber arts. I use vivid colors, majestic characters and universal themes in my work.

My subjects are chosen by imaginably channeling the image of the muse to the canvas. I stop everyday individuals to take pictures to achieve my artistic goal. I am passionate about storytelling and depicting ancestral beings, meaningful images, places and objects. I strive to captivate the interest of the viewer by creating a visual story that will intrigue and invoke emotions that communicate and reflect their experiences.

My epiphany and experiences have catapulted into a creative, remarkable and phenomenal talent that has changed the trajectory of my life.

RESUME

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“Eye of the Gifted”

- 2020 Commissioned art work for the Kinsey Collection.
Commissioned art work for private collection.
Dallas Museum of African American Culture, Lecturer, Kinsey Collection, Dallas, TX
Kinsey Collection, Houston Museum of African American Culture – HMAAC, Houston TX
Future interview with the Museum of Fine Arts Houston to include work in the museum’s collection.
- 2019 Studio art work.
Nominated Texas State Artist - 2019/2020
- 2018 Holocaust Art Circle, Private Exhibition, Houston, TX
Private Commission, Houston, TX
- 2017/ University Museum & Art Gallery, The University of Hong Kong
2016 Holocaust Museum, Genocide Show, Houston, TX
- 2016 METRO, “Women Influence on the Arts”, METRO
Kinsey Collection Exhibition, The Heritage, Little Rock, Arkansas
Kinsey Collection Exhibition, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
Kinsey Collection Exhibition, Cincinnati Underground Railroad Museum
Art Lecture, Houston Community College-Southeast, Houston, TX
Kinsey Collection Exhibition, Department of Arkansas Heritage, Little Rock, AR
Kinsey Collection Exhibition, Florida A&M Univ., Foster Tanner Arts Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
- 2015 Kinsey Exhibition, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
Missouri City Group Show - “It Takes A Village”, Missouri City, TX
Prairie View A&M University, Gateway to the Gifted I & II, Prairie View, TX
Nominated Texas State Artist – 2015/2016 – Texas Commission on the Arts.
Texas Commission on the Arts – Participant for the Arts Advocacy at the 84th State Legislation, Austin, TX
- 2014 Kinsey Collection – Unveiling Art Presentation, Houston, TX
Houston Museum of African American Culture - Kinsey Collection Exhibit, Houston, TX
Art and Studio Work, Houston, TX
The Passionate Collector, The Woodlands, TX
Art exhibited at Black Heritage Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2013 Houston Community College - NE, Houston, TX, Artist – Solo Show & Gallery Exhibit
International “Taste” for the Cure – Fundraiser benefiting Susan G. Komen, Houston, TX,
Houston Community College - Southwest, Houston, TX, - Solo Show & Gallery Exhibit

- 2012 ExxonMobil, Houston, TX, Selected Artist - Solo Show
 Art and Studio Work
 California State University Dominguez Hills, Picture Art Foundation – Finalist, International Juried Exhibition
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2011 Bombay Artisan Series Finalist, National Juried Group Exhibition, Houston, TX
 Private Solo Show, Houston, TX
 Created & donated art quilt, M.D. Anderson Hospital – Cherrywood Quilt Challenge, Houston, TX
 Donated/participated in juried selection of Retreat, Inc. National Competition, New York, NY
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
 Houston Community College - Northeast, Houston, TX, Exhibit
- 2010 Commissioned Art and Studio Work
 B. Gallery Group Show, Houston, TX
 Museum of Cultural Arts, Houston, TX, Juried Group Exhibit
 Private Solo Show, Houston, TX
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2009 Commissioned Art and Studio Work, Houston, TX
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2008 Commissioned Art and Studio Work, Houston, TX
 Philanthropic Boot Designer - Kickin' Cancer Out of Texas, Houston, TX
 Hob Nob Gallery, Leland, MS, Gallery Representation
 Gin Mill Gallery, Indianola, MS, Solo Show & Exhibit
 Community Artists' Collective, Houston, TX, Group Show
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2007 Private Solo Show, Chicago, IL
 Women in Visual & Literary Arts, Writer Presentation
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2006 University Museum, Houston Folk Art Show, Houston, TX, Group Show
 Commissioned Art and Studio Work, Houston, TX
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
 ACT-SO Judge, Houston TX
- 2005 Chevron Marathon Expo, Houston, TX, Exhibit
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
 ACT-SO Judge, Houston TX
- 2004 Alpha Kappa Alpha Annual Celebration, Houston, TX, Solo Exhibit
 Bellaire Art Festival, Bellaire TX, Exhibit
 Brentwood/Foley's Spring Blossoms, Houston, TX, Solo Exhibit
 National Black MBA Conference, Houston, TX, Exhibit
 HCC Central College, Houston, TX, Solo Exhibit
 National Black Sisters' Conference, Houston, TX, Exhibit
 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff National Conference, Houston, TX, Exhibit

- 2003 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Fine Art Exhibit, Group Show
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, City Wide Art Group Show
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
Chevron Texas Marathon Conference, Houston, TX, Exhibit
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Fine Art Exhibit, Group Show
Woodlands Art Festival, Woodlands, TX, Exhibit
Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles, CA, Solo Exhibit
Locus Media Gallery, New York, NY, Finalist - National Competition Juried Group Show
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Solo Show & Exhibit
- 2002 Metropolitan Transit Authority Conference, Houston, TX, Solo Exhibit
METRO, Government Procurement Conference, Houston, TX, Solo Exhibit
HCC Southwest College, Houston, Art Lecturer, Solo Show & Certificate of Achievement Award
METRO Annual Awards Celebration, Houston, TX, Solo Exhibit
NAACP Annual Convention, Houston, TX, Art Exhibit
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Houston, TX, Art Exhibit
7th Annual Women's Conference, Church Without Walls, Houston, TX, Exhibit
Private Solo Show, Houston, TX
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2001 International Quilt Festival, Memory Lane, GRB, Houston, TX, Exhibit
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Museum Solo Show
Queens of Art, Houston, TX, Collaborative Group Show
Buffalo Soldier's Museum, Houston, TX, Commissioned Art
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 2000 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Women in Visual & Literary Arts (WIVLA) Group Show
Brush Strokes, Chicago, IL, 8th Annual Art Exhibition
The Alliance National Professional Development Conference, Houston, TX, Exhibit
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 1999 Mayor's Summit on Women, Houston, TX, Exhibit
Brush Strokes, Chicago, IL, 7th Annual Art Exhibition
Palette to the Millennium, GRB, Houston, TX, Group Exhibit
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 1998 Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Women in Visual & Literary Arts (WIVLA) Group Show
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer
- 1997 Gifted artist career commenced.
Museum of Printing History, Houston, TX, Volunteer

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Work was selected to travel with the Kinsey Collection. Exhibited at Cleveland Underground Art Gallery; Dallas Museum of African American Art, Department of Arkansas Heritage, Little Rock AR; Florida A&M University, Foster Tanner Arts Gallery; Tallahassee, FL; Mayor's Summit on Women, Houston, TX, Exhibit; Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS; and University Museum & Art Gallery; The University of Hong Kong, Rising Above Exhibit and other venues.

I have participated in group and solo shows in Texas, Illinois, California, New York and Mississippi. I have donated art to benefit many worthy causes.

Nominated Texas State Artist (2019/2020)

National & International Gifted Artist Award - 2017 Black History Scholarship Gala.

Nominated Texas State Artist (2015/2016)

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY – METRO 2016 - “Awarded Ava Cosey for her impact on the arts” by President & CEO Tom Lambert, staff, committee and community joined in an official ceremony in the celebration presenting her with a beautiful crystal award in honor of “Women who influence the arts” for Women’s History Month”.

Solo exhibitions - Artist for Women’s Month by Prairie View A&M University, Gateway to the Gifted – Gallery I & Gallery II

Holocaust Museum Houston’s contemporary juried exhibition, “GENOCIDE: Man’s Inhumanity to Humankind,” Selected works featured from more than 600 submissions by Texas area artists.

Selected as a finalist for the Bacardi Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series Competition at the Houston Museum of African American Culture.

California State University Dominguez Hills, Picture Art Foundation – Finalist, International Juried Exhibition.

Locus Media Gallery, New York, NY, Finalist - National Competition Juried Group Show

PUBLICATIONS: South China Morning Post, Ming Pao Sunday Newspaper, Kinsey Collection advertisement, Holocaust Museum Magazine and website, Attitudes Magazine, California State University Publication, Décor Magazine, Egalitarian Newspaper, and Onyx Magazine. I have done television and radio interviews.

MEMBERSHIPS: Guggenheim Museum

Holocaust Museum of Houston & Holocaust Museum Art Circle

Museum of Fine Arts Houston & MFAH African American Art Advisory Association

National Women’s Museum

The National League of American Pen Women, Bayou City Branch, First Vice President Charter Member

National Museum of African American History & Culture

Oil Painters of America

Texans for the Arts