

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- ❖ 2020 - 2023 - MFA (Master of Fine Arts) University of Calgary (UoC), Calgary, AB.
- ❖ 2013/19 - BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2017 - Tauernhof, Torchbearers Bible School, Schladming, Austria.
 - Upward Bound wilderness program 2017.
- ❖ 2016/17 - Study Abroad UAP (University of Arts Poznan) In Poland
 - Two semesters abroad studying art history, drawing, painting, and sculpture.
- ❖ 2016 - Diploma in Visual Arts University of the Fraser Valley
- ❖ 2016 - Study Abroad SNU (Sichuan Normal University), Sichuan, China.
 - Two weeks drawing program.
- ❖ 2014/16 - CBC (Columbia Bible College) Abbotsford, BC. Canada.
 - Two years studying Biblical History and Christian Theology. Audit only.
- ❖ 2012 - MEI (Mennonite Educational Institute) Secondary School, Abbotsford.

Solo Exhibitions

- ❖ 2025 - *Altar the the Unknown God 2.0* - Curated by J. O. Klassen, S'eliyemetaxwtexw Gallery, UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2024 - *Mission Sip'n'Stroll* - Curated by J. O. Klassen, Mission, BC.
- ❖ 2023 - *Atangard Community Project Open House* - Curated by Jesse Klassen, ACP, Abbotsford BC.
- ❖ 2022 - *Art On Demand 8.4* - Curated by Aaron Scobbie, The Reach Gallery, Abbotsford BC.
- ❖ 2022 - *Altar to the Unknown God* - Curated by J. Klassen, Nickle Galleries, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2022 - *Finding Altars In Artistic Objects* - The Little Gallery, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2022 - *The Voice of One Crying in the Desert* - The Arnatt Gallery, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2021 - *Jesse Klassen* - The Artist's Circle Gallery, online exhibition. USA.
 - <https://www.theartistscirclegallery.com/jesse-klassen-solo-exhibition>
- ❖ 2021 - *Building an Altar* - Gallery 621, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2021 - *(De)Constructing the Living Temple* - The Little Gallery, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB.
- ❖ 2020 - *Of Eden, Sirens, and a Single Passion* - Ranger Station Art Gallery, Harrison, BC.

Group Exhibitions

- ❖ 2025 - *Anonymous Arts Show* - Kariton Art Gallery, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2025 - *AAC Open Studio and Exhibition* - Peer Curated, The Abby Arts Collective, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2025 - *Chaos In Creation* - Curated by Meghan Dahl, The Kariton Art Gallery, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2024 - *3rd Annual GAP* - Jury Curated, Gallerium online galley.
 - <https://www.gallerium.art/p/gap-2024.html>
- ❖ 2024 - *Abstract Zone* - Jury Curated, Exhibizone online gallery.
 - <https://www.exhibizone.com/p/abstractzone2024.html>
- ❖ 2024 - *AAC Open Studio and Exhibition* - Peer Curated, The Abby Arts Collective, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2024 - *Emerge 10th Anniversary Exhibition* - Curated by Kelley Tialiou, The Reach Gallery, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2024 - *I Want to Believe* - Jury Curated, Gallerium online gallery.
 - <https://www.gallerium.art/p/believe-2024.html>
- ❖ 2024 - */ 'ab ,strak(t)/* - Curated by Amy Matteson Neill, Art-Fluent online gallery.
 - <https://art-fluent.com/gallery/abstrakt/>
- ❖ 2024 - *Shapes and Colors* - Jury Curated, Gallerium online gallery.
 - <https://www.gallerium.art/p/shapes-and-colors-2024.html>
- ❖ 2023 - *Zapta Release: Halloween Bash* - Curated by J. O. Klassen, Isssue Co., Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2023 - *AAC Open Studio and Exhibition* - Peer Curated, The Abby Arts Collective, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2023 - *TANGLE* - Curated by Ty Martens, Isssue Co., Abbotsford BC.
- ❖ 2023 - *New Beginnings* - Curated by Theresa Mura, The Gallery George, Vancouver BC.
- ❖ 2022 - *SUMMER COLLECTIVE Art Exhibition* - Curated by Letizia Bocci, Gallery One 962, digital international exhibition.
 - <https://galleryone962.com/home>
- ❖ 2022 - *Ritual Arts* - Curated by Jai Benteau, NVRLND Arts Foundation, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2022 - *Emerging Artists Unleashed, EAU: 2022* - The Alberta Society of Artists, jury curated.
 - <https://www.albertasocietyofartists.com/education/eau2022/>
- ❖ 2021 - *Network Society* - International Mail Art Exhibition, Curated by Müberra Bülbül, Namazgah Culture Centre, Kandira, Turkey.
- ❖ 2021 - *Sacred Strands* - Curated by Elaine Nguyen, i19 Gallery, international exhibition.
 - <https://www.i19gallery.com/sacredstrands>
- ❖ 2021 - *8th Catholic Arts Biennial* - Verostko Center for the Arts, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. USA.
- ❖ 2021 - *Faculty Exhibition* - The Little Gallery, University of Calgary, Calgary BC.
- ❖ 2021 - *An Abstract State of Mind* - Kariton Art Gallery, Abbotsford, BC. Canada.
- ❖ 2021 - *Abstract* - The Artist's Circle Gallery, online exhibition. USA.
 - <https://www.theartistscirclegallery.com/abstract-exhibition-1>

- ❖ 2021 - *International Mail Art Exhibition* - Curated by Müberra Bülbül, Ministry of Education, Istanbul, Turkey.
- ❖ 2021 - *[Insert Art Here]*, Live-Performance, international virtual exhibition. UK.
- ❖ 2021 - *Call and Response: Collaboration at a Distance Round #12*, Shoebox Arts, online exhibition. USA.
 - <https://shoeboxarts.com/2021/03/13/call-and-response-collaboration-at-a-distance-round-12/>
- ❖ 2020 - *Religion* - The Artist's Circle Gallery, online exhibition. USA.
 - <https://www.theartistscirclegallery.com/religion-exhibit>
- ❖ 2020 - *Devotional Presence* - Gallery 621, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB.
- ❖ 2020 - *Open Studio Show* - Abby Arts Collective, Abbotsford, BC.
 - Open studio arts exhibition with the Abby Arts Collective.
- ❖ 2020 - *Belong* - Township of Langley Civic Center, Langley, BC.
 - Online Exhibition - <https://www.langleyarts.ca/aifs-online-galleries>
- ❖ 2019 - *Anonymous Arts Show* - Kariton Art Gallery, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2019 - *Modern Surrealism* - Ranger Station Art Gallery, Harrison, BC.
- ❖ 2018 - *Interpret: Creative and Performing Arts Festival* - Bachelor of Fine Arts Grad Show, UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2018 - Concourse Gallery (Faculty Curated), UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2017 - Concourse Gallery (Faculty Curated), UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2017 - *Made In Between* - R20 Gallery, Poznan, Poland.
 - Poznan Art Week 2017 - <http://www.poznanartweek.com/#>
- ❖ 2017 - *Coevality* - UFV Diploma Grad Show, S'eliyemetaxwtexw Gallery, UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2016 - *Making It!* - The Art Room, Chilliwack, BC.
- ❖ 2016 - Concourse Gallery (Faculty Curated), UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2016 - *UFV Photo Show* - The S'eliyemetaxwtexw Gallery, UFV, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2015 - *Open House Arts Show* - Private Residence, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2015 - *University Students Show* - Kariton Art Gallery, Abbotsford, BC.
- ❖ 2014 - *Anonymous Arts Show* - Kariton Art Gallery, Abbotsford, BC.

Publications

- ❖
- ❖ 2022 - *Art On Demand 8.4: Jesse Klassen*, The Reach Gallery; produced by Colla Films. Digital Interview - December 22. [Art on Demand 8.4 | Jesse Klassen - YouTube](#)
- ❖ 2022 - *The Mobile Library: Fairy Tale, Volume 2 Issue 3*. The Aerogramme Center for Arts and Culture - June 2022.
- ❖ 2021 - *The Artist's Circle Gallery Volume IV: Art is Love* - September, 2021.
- ❖ 2021 - *NōD Literary Magazine* Volume 27 - July 2021.
- ❖ 2020 - *Raspberry Magazine* - February 2020, https://issuu.com/raspberrymagazine/docs/raspberry_-_february_2020
- ❖ 2018 - *Louden Singletree: Writing and Visual Art from the University of the Fraser Valley* - Issue 10 / Spring 2018.
- ❖ 2018 - *The Cascade* Volume 26, Issue 9, Page. P. 11. Student Newspaper.

- ❖ 2017 - Poznan Art Week 2017 Catalog - <http://www.poznanartweek.com/#>
- ❖ 2017 - *Bezal*, online magazine, interview and video - <https://www.facebook.com/bezal.art/>

Notable Commissions and Participations

- ❖ 2021/22 - Gallery and Exhibition Committee member - University of Calgary, Department of Art and Art History.
 - Exhibition schedule and logistics planning.
 - Communication and protocol development.
- ❖ 2021 - Dunaj Instytut Dialogu - *How Does Art Relate To Spirituality and Religion?* - Acted as moderator for this virtual panel discussion.
- ❖ 2020/Current - Abby Arts Collective - Active member of the Abby Arts Collective and studio.
- ❖ 2019 - Abby Arts Collective - Founder - founded group and established a shared contemporary studio space.
- ❖ 2018 - Central Heights Artists Cafe, contemporary art show and sale.
- ❖ 2018 - TEDx Abbotsford, four hour live painting during official event.
- ❖ 2018 - TEDx Abbotsford, "Photo Booth" backdrop and "TEDx Abbotsford" advertisement panel painting.
- ❖ 2018 - TEDx Abbotsford, "REVOLUTION" panel painting.
- ❖ 2016 - AHS Mural Project, Abbotsford Hospice Society.
 - Three Murals of varying size and subject matter.
- ❖ 2015 - Abbotsford Arts Battle - AB 312, The Reach Gallery, Abbotsford.
- ❖ 2015 - AAC Cross Commission, Aldergrove Alliance Church.
 - Twelve foot by six foot airbrushed Cross mural.

Awards

- ❖ 2018 - Undergrad Research Excellence Award, \$1000.
- ❖ 2016 - The Premier's International Scholarship, \$10,000.

Additional Travel and International Experience

- ❖ Canada, USA, Mexico, Guatemala, China, Poland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Italy, Vatican, Portugal.
- ❖ 2017 - *Workaway*, Malpica do Tejo, Portugal.
 - Three weeks of land development and agriculture in Portugal.
- ❖ 2016 - Nootka Island Backpacking, Vancouver Island Bc.
 - 5 day wilderness survival trip.
- ❖ 2012 - *Stoney Creek*, San Quintin, Mexico.
 - Two weeks community development and aid.
- ❖ 2011 - *MEI Cultural Exchange*, Guatemala.
 - Four weeks studying culture, history, and agriculture.

Work Experience

- ❖ 2022 - Teaching Assistant - Professor Gerald Hushlak (January - April), Figurative Painting, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2021/22 - Gallery Coordinator GANT (Sept. 2021 - Aug. 2022), Department of Art and Art History, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2021 - Teaching Assistant (January - April), Art History, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2020 - Teaching Assistant - Professor Gerald Hushlak (September - December), Figurative Painting, University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- ❖ 2012/20 - Construction Contractor, Drywall Taper, Fraser Valley.
- ❖ 2020 - Life Model, University of the Fraser Valley, Visual Arts Department.
 - Drawing and Painting Studio draped and undraped life model.
- ❖ 2018/19 - Drawing instructor, community art classes
 - Drawing classes in which students explore new drawing materials and techniques with a focus on rendering the human body.
- ❖ 2017 - Life Model, University of the Fraser Valley, Visual Arts Department.
 - Drawing Studio draped and undraped life model.
- ❖ 2014 - *Cool Stuff Studios* Internship, 31087 Peardonville Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2T 6K4.
 - Three months as a studio Technician and Airbrush Artist.

Volunteer Experience

- ❖ 2020 - *Abby Arts Collective Open Studio Show* - Studio Docent
- ❖ 2018 - Burn Camp 2018, camp photographer, photo editor, and tech. Support.
 - One week working western Canadian fire fighters and youth burn survivors.
- ❖ 2017 - *Witness Blanket* art installation take down and pack-up crew, UVF.
 - Helped de-install and crate for shipping.
- ❖ 2017 - *Poznan International Church* (PIC) youth leader, Poznan, Poland.
 - Volunteered weekly with youth (age 12-17) as a group leader and coordinator.
- ❖ 2013/16 MEI Missions Class Small Group Leader
 - Volunteered weekly as a small group leader working with highschool boys and participating as a group leader on yearly events and missions trips.
- ❖ 2012/16 - AAC Youth Leader
 - Volunteered weekly as a small group leader and events coordinator.
- ❖ 2016 - Potters Place, Vancouver, BC.
 - Guest Speaker.
- ❖ 2015 - UGM (Union Gospel Mission) volunteer, Vancouver, BC.
 - Meal prep./serving, donations sorting.
- ❖ 2015 - Jacobs Well - Vancouver, BC.
 - Various jobs
- ❖ 2015 - Potters Place, Vancouver, BC.
 - Guest Speaker.
- ❖ 2015 - Mission Possible, Vancouver, BC.
 - Volunteer Art teacher, donations sorting, and studio assistant.
- ❖ 2014 - Potters Place, Vancouver, BC.
 - Volunteer Construction, building repair.