

Onix Nieves Vanga

Artist and Visual Arts educator with extensive experience and passion, committed to creating meaningful and stimulating art programs for students.

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated educator with a strong foundation in public art and traditional techniques such as painting, sculpture, and woodcut. Holding an MFA in New Media with a focus on immersive experiences and emerging technologies in the arts, I blend classic and innovative approaches in my teaching. Passionate about fostering a collaborative classroom, I inspire students to express themselves creatively while building a sense of community through art.

Art Instruction | Curriculum Development | Project-Based Learning | Classroom Management |
Assessment Design | Art History | Art Theory | Art Critique | Traditional Techniques | Studio Practice |
Multimedia Art | Contemporary Art | Digital Media | Decisiveness | Pressure Management |
Critical Thinking | Cultural Awareness.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Case Manager Oct 2023 - Current
El Rescate Transitional Living Program Chicago, IL

- Provided individualized coaching and mentorship to residents, teaching strategies for conflict resolution, effective communication, and time management.
- Developed personalized action plans, integrating educational and employment goals to address residents' unique needs and challenges.

Art Teacher August 2023– June 2023
Noah Webster Microsociety Magnet School West Hartford, CT

- Developed and executed comprehensive art curriculum for 27 classes, engaging over 375 students across Prekindergarten to 8th grade.
- Fostered creativity and artistic skills in a community-focused educational environment, enhancing student learning and personal growth.

FAB Lab Technician August 2021– May 2023
Paris College of Art Paris, France

- Operated and maintained digital fabrication equipment, including 3D printers and laser cutters ensuring optimal performance and safety standards.
- Guided students and staff in utilizing fabrication tools, providing training and support for project design and prototyping.

Art Teacher August 2020– May 2021
Nueva Escuela Urbana (Hybrid-Remote) Ciales, Puerto Rico

- Nurtured creativity and self-expression through the Montessori method, while thoughtfully assessing student progress to enhance individualized learning experiences.
- Successfully adapted art curriculum from in-person to online learning via Google Classroom, ensuring continued student engagement and creativity through digital tools and virtual platforms.

Secondary English & Art Teacher August 2019– December 2019
Presbyterian Academy San German, Puerto Rico

- Facilitated creative learning for 1st–5th grade students, leveraging Montessori principles to assess progress and inspire artistic development tailored to individual needs.

EDUCATION

- Master of Fine Arts (MFA) New Media** May 2023
Paris College of Art | Paris, France
- US Accredited Institution
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Visual Art Education** May 2020
Interamerican University | San German, Puerto Rico
- US Accredited Institution
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LANGUAGES

English (Fluent, Native), Spanish (Fluent, Native), French (A1)

TECHNOLOGIES

Classroom Management: Google Classroom
Communication: Gmail, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Teams
Organization: Microsoft Excel, Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Drive
Creative: Fusion 360, Tinkercad, SketchUp
Coding: p5.js

PUBLICATIONS

- Relational Bodies; The Story of Sugar*** October 24, 2024
Decolonial Thoughts Magazine | Paris, France
- Mural Arasibo*** March 4, 2018
Arte Urbano Murales | Arecibo, Puerto Rico
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RESIDENCIES

- Résidence d'artiste*** August 2022 - May 2023
Fondation des Etats-Unis | Paris France
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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- Light Upon Arrival*** May 2023
Bastille Design Center 2022 | Paris, France.
- Lignes Figées, Lignes Vivantes*** January 2023
Fondation des Etats-Unis | Paris France
- FLAWED DISTINCTION: A virtual reality experience*** April 2022
Nuit Blanche 2022 | Paris, France.
- Is This Moving*** November 2021
La Vitrine | Paris, France
- Hablando con Kafka*** April 2018
Galería de Arte | San German, Puerto Rico
- Cuarta Biennial Municipal de Arte*** May 2017
Biblioteca Municipal Ponce | Ponce, Puerto Rico