

Rebecca Sira

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Artistic Work — Selected, 2009–Present

- *Technology and Humanity Canvas* (installation), Vernissage at Kanvas, Dubai, UAE — 2023
- *Inclusiverse*, 0x17 Gallery, Seaport, New York, NY — 2023
- *Signal* (Installation), Artist in Residence, TEDxSalem (talk: *Reframing the Journey*), 2019; Portland Winter Lights Festival, Portland, OR, 2019; Pickathon, Happy Valley, OR, 2023
- *The Act of Stillness* (installation) — TEDxMtHood, Portland, OR — 2015
- *The Act of Stillness, Untangled* (installations), Artist in Residence, TEDActive, Whistler, Canada — 2015
- *Beyond the Story*, Hillsboro Public Library, Hillsboro, OR — 2014
- *Untangled* (installation); debuted TEDxConcordiaUPortland, 2013 (talk: *Untangling the Stories*); Portland International Airport, Concourse E, 2013–2014; TEDActive, Whistler, Canada, 2015
- *Spiral* (installation), Cascade AIDS Project, Portland, OR (installation) - 2012
- *Real Lives of Women Artists*, Smith College Museum of Art, 2010
- *SEE* (installation), Portland City Art at Milepost 5, Portland, OR (installation) - 2009

Selected Earlier Exhibitions — 1998–2008

Exhibited and installed work throughout the Pacific Northwest and Northeast, including a solo show at Smith College (Northampton, MA), Cascade AIDS Project, DragonFire Gallery (Cannon Beach, OR), Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts, PICA, and numerous Portland-area galleries, festivals, and civic arts initiatives.

Collections

- Smith College, Northampton, MA
- A.K. Bingham, Portland, OR (private collector)

Commissions

- Footloose Enterprises, Cambridge, New Zealand — 2011
- Eco-Luxury Fur, LLC, Portland, OR — 2008

Illustration & Publication Credits

- Article & illustrated art walk map, Oregon City Chamber of Commerce Travel Guide — 2026
- Conceptual illustrator for Disney-licensed sculptor — 2021-2023
- Illustrations, Histology & Gross Anatomy syllabi, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR — 1994-1999
- Illustrations, *Rescue the Rainforest, Save Some for Me*, Moon Sun Emporium, Boulder, CO) — 1999
- *Art E. Facts*, illustrated children's-programming character & spokesperson, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX — 1989
- Illustrations, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, TX, *The Wortham IMAX Theatre, The George Observatory, Dinamation, Carthage: An Ancient Mosaic of Tunisia, The Dinosaur Dash* — 1987-1989
- Illustrations, Histology & Pathology syllabi and Medical Arts Department, University of Texas Medical School, Houston, TX — 1980-1985
- Illustrations, Schmidt, Waldemar A., *Principles and Techniques in Surgical Pathology*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA — 1983
- Illustrations, Bulger, R.E., Dobyan, D.C., *Recent Advances in Renal Morphology, Annual Review of Physiology*, 44:147–179 (figs. 1, 2, 16) — 1982

Selected Press

Published under Rebecca Shapiro prior to 2023

- Anderson, Kare, *Create Interactive Art That Pulls Us Together*, Forbes — May 2015
- Anderson Kare, *Create Art That Spurs Us To Play Together*, Huffington Post — May 2015
- Featured work, *Terra Magazine*, Oregon State University — October 2014
- Featured work, *Accidentally Blue Patented OSU pigment draws interest from artists*, OSU — 2014
- Russo, Carla Herreria, *New Shade of Blue Set To Change Our Homes For The Better*, HuffingtonPost — 2016
- *Painters Shapiro, Mish and Pavlenko Now at DragonFire Gallery in Cannon Beach*, Coast Explorer — Summer 2011, p. 29 2011
- Oujiri, Lauren, *R Shapiro and D Fox*, Artclectic PDX — June 2011
- Haatia, Lorraine, *Shapiro Uses Beeswax to Create Green Art*, Greening Business Everyday — 2010
- Hawkey, Cameron, *Saturday 4/17/10: Rebecca Shapiro, An Artist a Day* — 2010

Achievements & Awards

- Artist in Residence, TEDxSalem — 2019
- Artist in Residence, TEDActive, Whistler, Canada — 2015
- Artist in Residence, TEDxConcordiaUPortland — 2013
- TEDx Incubator Prize for TEDxArtist in Residence program, co-creator with Michelle Jones (TEDxMtHood) — 2014
- Published author, *Work Independently and Live Connectedly: 52 Steps to Freelancing Freedom* — 2014
- Artistic Focus Project Grant recipient, Regional Arts & Culture Council — 2011
- Community Cultural Participation Grant, Multnomah County Cultural Coalition — 2011
- Professional Development Grant recipient, Regional Arts & Culture Council — 2010

Selected Collaborative Work

- Production & conceptual illustrator, tension-structure design-build firm, Portland, OR — 2019-2021
- Creative Arts Director, Creative Science School, built K-8 arts integration program connecting classroom curriculum to original art projects, using parent, artist, and subject-specialist volunteers, Portland, OR — 2010-2012
- Design, writing & programming, placenta.org, Cascadia Placenta Registry, Portland, OR — 1998–2003

Civic & Community

- Travel Oregon City Marketing Board — 2026-2027
- Oregon City Arts Commission, Vice Chair; wrote and designed website content (site built by Ink Stained Creative) — 2024-2026
- Business Development Committee, Oregon College of Art and Craft — 2012
- Arts In Schools, Project Grant Panelist, Regional Arts & Culture Council — 2012

Public Speaking

- *Reframing the Journey*, TEDxSalem — 2019
- Presented TEDx Artist in Residence Program to TEDx organizer trainings: TED Vancouver, BC, TEDxBeaconStreet, TEDxMtHood, TEDxSalem — 2014-2019
- *Untangling the Stories*, TEDxConcordiaUPortland, 2013
- Bates Center for Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR — 2018
- Stories from the Field: How five local artists forged professional paths, Region Arts & Culture Council, Portland, OR — 2014
- Social Media for Artists, Working Artists Network, Portland, OR — 2009

- Designed & led monthly on-air art segments, AM Northwest, KATU, Portland, OR — 2009

Skills

- Painting, Murals, Illustration, Public Art, Photography, Sculpture, Video, Animation
- Procreate, Affinity Suite, Adobe Suite, StudioArtist
- Graphic Design, Marketing, Copywriting

Education

- Therapeutic Arts Facilitator, Youhjung Song, New York, NY — 2025
- Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR — Technical Drafting 2021
- Portland Community College, Portland, OR — Digital Arts Certification, 2013
- Portland Children's Museum, Portland, OR — Artist as Educator Certification, 2011
- Smith College, Northampton, MA — B.A., Fine Art, 1985
- Glassell School of Art, Houston, TX — five-time recipient, Frank Freed Memorial Scholarship for Printmaking, 1986
- University of Texas Medical School, Houston, TX — Graphic Design Department, early 1980s