

# MARY ZERAN

## BIOGRAPHY

1964 Born in Iowa City, IA  
Lives and works in Cedar Rapids, IA

## EDUCATION

1992 Professional Development, The University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
1991 M.F.A., The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
1988 B.F.A., The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 *The Ancient Healing Properties of Clay, Paper, Plastic, and Wood*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2022 *Mapping the Intangible*, Iowa Ceramics Center, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Karin Rutkin  
2021 *Dance Party*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2021 *Beauty Seeker II*, Project Art, University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City, IA  
2021 *Happy Zone*, Art Center Burlington, Burlington, IA  
2020 *Mission Happiness*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2020 *Mary Zerán: 10 Years*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2019 *Keeping the Bubble Happy*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2018 *Loud and Proud*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2018 *Beauty Seeker*, Gilded Pear Pop Up Gallery, US Bank, Iowa City, IA  
2017 *A Rainbow Colored Dream*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2017 *Lumpy Swoosh*, Higher Art Gallery, Traverse City, MI  
2016 *KACHOW!*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2015 *Full Throttle Color*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2014 *La Tierra de Mi Corazón, New Work by Mary Zerán*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2014 *JUICY!* Black Hawk College, Moline, IL  
2014 *Living With Forces of Nature: All Things Beautiful*, Center for Faith and Life, Luther College, Decorah, IA  
2013 *Mary Zerán: Made In Many Different Ways*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2012 *Mary Zerán Art Extravaganza*, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2012 *Small Branch*, Maquoketa Arts Experience, Maquoketa, IA  
2011 *Rivers, Clouds, and Wind*, Cole Library, Cornell College, Mt Vernon, IA  
2010 *The Best of all Possible Worlds*, The University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, IA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Abstract Ideas: Abstract Art from the Collection*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Kate Kunau  
2019 *Up All Night*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Kate Kunau  
2019 DUMA Biennial, Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA, curator Sarah Humphreville, Senior Curatorial Assistant at Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
2019 *Into the Blue*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Kate Kunau  
2018 *Beyond the Prairie: Midwestern Art from the Collection*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Kate Kunau  
2016 *Funkytown*, Urbano, Berkely, CA, curator Kimberly Rowe, 17 person exhibition  
*Summer Invitational*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, twenty person exhibit  
2015 *The Iowa Artists Purchase Exhibition*, EMC, Des Moines, IA, seven person exhibit  
2015 *Pushed, Pulled, Shaped: Work that Reflects the Artists Spirit and Environment*, Best Chicago Properties, Chicago, IL, three person exhibit  
2015 *Midwest Summer: Light and Warmth*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Kate Kunau  
  
2014 *Spaces We Inhabit: Sculptures and Paintings by Alicia Forestall-Boehm, Emily Rutledge and Mary Zerán*, Hairpin Arts Center, Logan Square, Chicago, IL, three person exhibit

*2014-2011 Drips and Daubs: Painters Zeran and Tollefson Explore Nature*, Art Guild of Burlington, Burlington, IA, Maquoketa Art Experience, Maquoketa, IA, Lowe Art Center, Marion, IA, Simpson College, Indianola, IA  
*2013 Contemporary Expressionism-The Creative Spirit*, The San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild, San Diego, CA, curator Derrick Cartwright  
*2013 Some Assembly Required: Collage and Assemblage*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Sean Ulmer  
*2013 Three Person Exhibit*, Art in the Airport, Quad City Airport, Rock Island, IL  
*2012 Lure of the Local*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA, curator Sean Ulmer  
*2011 What to Dip*, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand

## **CORPORATE COLLECTIONS AND AWARDS**

US Cellular Center, 2% for the Arts, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Canal One, Boston, MA  
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA  
EMC, one of 7 artists selected for 2015 Sixth Biennial Art EMC Program, Des Moines, IA  
First Bancorp, Southern Pines, NC  
Grafix Corporate Collection, Cleveland, OH  
Grant Thornton, Chicago, IL  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Human Services Building, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Kirkwood Community College, Coralville, IA  
McCarter & English in Boston.  
Manion, Gaynor & Manning, Miami, FL  
Marion Arts Council, Marion, IA  
Newton Wellesley Hospital, Newton, MA  
People's United, Boston, MA  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Raining Rose Corporate Collection, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Reliant Medical Group, Westborough, MA  
School of Art and Art History, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
Skogman  
The Fallon Companies, Boston, MA  
The University of Iowa Hospitals, The University of Iowa, Iowa City IA  
Southeast Iowa Community College, West Burlington, IA  
[Solomon McCown](#), Boston, MA  
United Fire Group, Cedar Rapids, IA  
United Fire Group, Los Angeles, CA  
West Side Transport, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Xilio Therapeutics, Waltham, MA

## **LECTURES**

2020 ArtBites Gallery Talk, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2018 Gallery Talk, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2016 Gallery Talk, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2015 Gallery Talk, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2014 Gallery Talk, Farnham Gallery, Simpson College, Indianola, IA  
2013 Artist Talk, Marvin Cone Club, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2012 Gallery Talk, Maquoketa Arts Experience, Maquoketa, IA  
2012 Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre Artist in Residence  
2012 Gallery Talk, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA  
2012 Gallery Talk, Art Bites, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA

## **VISITING ARTIST**

2013 Visiting Artist, Clinton Community College, Clinton, IA

- 2010 Visiting Artist, Creative Connections, Cedar Rapids Museums of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 1998 Visiting Artist, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA
- 1997 Visiting Artist, Cornish School of the Arts, Seattle, WA
- 1997 Visiting Artist, School of Art, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

### **RESIDENCIES, COOPERATIVE GALLERIES, AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 1997 Co-founding Member, Soil, Seattle, WA
- 1992 Artist in Residence, Oregon School of Arts and Crafts, Portland, OR
- 1990-1991 Teaching Assistant, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, drawing
- 1989 Teaching Assistant, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, metalworking

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2022 The Ancient Healing Properties of Clay, Paper, Plastic, and Wood, Dennis Green, Jazz 88.3 KCKK Culture Crawl, Nov 27, 2022
- 2021 *Dance Party*, Dennis Green, Jazz 88.3 KCKK Culture Crawl, Dec 4, 2021
- 2020 *Mary Zeran Opens First Solo Show at Cedar Rapids*, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Sept 10, 2020
- 2018 *Advise and Select*, Ann Landi, Vasari21, July 29, 2018
- 2018 *Art and Life with Mary Zeran*, Boston Voyager, July 2018
- 2018 *Boston City Guide*, The Boston Arts & Culture Weekly Review, July 30, 2018
- 2018 *Really Flat Sculptures*, Dennis Green, Jazz 88.3 KCKK Culture Crawl, Dec 5, 2018
- 2016 *Eastern Iowa Health Center Holds Grand Opening Celebration*, by Samantha Myers, 2016 *Eastern Iowa Health Center Undergoes Renovation*, by KCRG-TV9, Oct 13, 2016
- 2016 *Assembling An Artful Home*, Katie Mills Giorgio, The Gazette, April 24, 2016
- 2015 *Full Throttle Color*, Culture Crawl, Cedar Rapids, IA, December 3, 2015
- 2015 *Full Throttle Color*, Hoopla, Cedar Rapids, IA, December 3, 2015
- 2015 *Midwest Summer: Light and Warmth*, The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, IA, July 21, 2015
- 2014 *Artist Mary Zeran Set to Unveil Latest Collage*, RCreder, Quad City, IA, November 19, 2014
- 2014 *Mary Zeran at Luther College*, Christopher Byrne, Kolaj Magazine, Montreal, Canada, April 22, 2014
- 2014 *All Things Beautiful: Mixed Media Collages by Mary Zeran on display April 2 - May 25*, Decorah Newspapers, Decorah, IA, April 1, 2014
- 2014 *The Cedar Rapids Museum of Art-Some Assembly Required Collage and Assemblage*, The Daily Palette, Iowa City, IA, January 20, 2014
- 2014 *Farnham to Showcase Work of Dena Tollefson and Mary Zeran*, Simpson College News Center, Indianola, IA, January 17, 2014
- 2013 *Some Assembly Required At Cedar Rapids Museum of Art*, Kolaj Magazine, Montreal, Canada, October 19, 2013
- 2012 *Paint the Music!*, Operahhh! Newsletter of the Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Cedar Rapids, IA, December 2012
- 2012 *Note-Worthy Art, Artist Mary Zeran 'Paints the Music'*, Michael Bierne, Cedar Rapids NE Life, Cedar Rapids, IA, December 2012
- 2012 *Painters Dena Tollefson Mary Zeran*, Art Talks with Bruce Carter WVIK Augustana College, 90.3FM Rock Island, Rock Island, IL June 3, 2012
- 2012 *Cover of The National Poetry Review*, Los Angeles, CA, 2012
- 2012 *Artist Mary Zeran, Small Branch: New Collage*, River Cities' Reader, Dubuque, IA, February 17, 2012
- 2011 *Drips and Daubs: Painters Mary Zeran and Dena Tollefson Explore Nature*, River Cities' Reader, Dubuque, IA, September 22, 2011
- 2011 *Candide Program*, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Cedar Rapids, IA, 2011
- 2011 *Singing Songs of Springtime*, Bobby Wilson, The Hawkeye, Burlington, IA, April 17, 2011
- 2011 *The Best of*, Katie Mills Giorgio, The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, IA, April 9, 2011
- 2011 *Mary Zeran*, Lorraine Glessner, Oh What A World, What a World, April 13, 2011
- 1999 *Here and There' at COCA*, Frances DeVuono, Artweek, Seattle, WA, September 1999
- 1999 *Crossing the Border: Art and Fiber*, Jill Connor, wetSOFA, New York, NY, Sept/Oct 1999
- 1999 *Sound Alternatives in Seattle*, Susan Platt, Art Papers, Seattle, WA, March/ April 1998
- 1997 *Mary Zeran and Alex Emmons*, Jill Connor, The Art Examiner, New York, NY, September 1997