

Afrika Abney
Professional Visual Artist and Art Consultant
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PROFILE SUMMARY

Ms. Afrika Abney first became a professional visual artist and art consultant in 1992 when she was invited to participate in the Congresswoman's Art Competition.

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Art featured on brochure and book cover.

Designed, directed, and coordinated successful educational and arts programs for adults and children.

Received grant proposals.

Managed several arts events and art workshops.

SELECTED SKILLS

Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel

Gallery operations

Curating art exhibitions

Social media marketing

Graphic designing

Flyer dissemination

Trained visual arts professional

PAST SELECTED ART EXHIBITIONS

- Virtual Art Exhibition and Poetry Reading. February 19, 2023
- The National Daughter Daddy Tour. National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C. 2004 - 2006
- Every Picture Tells A Story. Moca DC, Washington, D.C. January 6, 2006 - January 27, 2006
- "Heritage Collections." Emma Mae Gallery, Washington, DC. 2005-2004
- "James McLaughin Memorial Staff Show." Phillips Collection, Washington, DC. 2000
- "Evolution of Historical Symbolisms." Corcoran Gallery of the Art, Hemicycle, Washington, DC. 1997
- "All Senior Summer Show." Corcoran School of the Art, White Walls Gallery, Washington, DC. 1997-1996

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL VISUAL ARTIST AND ART CONSULTANT EXPERIENCES

Professional Visual Artist and Art Consultant. 1981 - Present. Provide an array of professional visual art services as a professional visual arts consultant.

ARTS SPECIALIST. Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, DC, Washington, D.C. June 20, 2018 - July 25, 2018. Plan and present visual arts classes for students of varying backgrounds and abilities , create a safe, structured, and positive environment for each student; and prepare and disseminate a weekly report for the Program Manager, Justin Love.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. DC International School, Washington, D.C. 2016 - 2017. Managed and co-managed select classrooms; provided instructions according to prepared lesson plans; ensure classroom environment that promoted active learning while working with students to reinforce learning objectives as defined by the school; and performed other assigned duties.

SUMMER ACADEMY CAMP PART- TIME ELECTIVE ART TEACHER. Higher Achievement, Washington, DC - Metro. July 1, 2013 - August 1, 2013 (Center City PCS - Capitol Hill Campus); and 2003-2004 (Bruce Monroe Elementary School). Created and implemented a visual arts lesson plan for summer program, specific to 5th - 8th grade students of varying backgrounds and abilities. Students gained knowledge and dexterity in specific forms of visual arts, including abstract painting.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. Mundo Verde Public Charter Schools, Washington, DC. December 2013 - 2014. Managed and co-managed select classrooms; provided instructions according to prepared lesson plans; ensure classroom environment that promoted active learning while working with students to reinforce learning objectives as defined by the school; and performed other assigned duties.

AFFILIATED TEACHING ARTIST. Young Playwrights' Theatre (YPT), Washington, DC. October 2012 - May 2013. Planned and presented visual arts classes for first and second grade students of varying backgrounds and abilities , integrating literacy fundamentals within the context of the classroom instruction; created a safe, structured, and positive environment for each student; established my own classroom rules for each student to follow; and prepared and disseminated a weekly report for the Program Manager, Laurie Ascoli.

PAST VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS

Kuumba Arts and Crafts Program (1995-1998). D.C. Department of Recreation (Emery Recreation Center, Parkview Recreation Center, Hamilton Recreation Center and Upshur Recreation Center) from 1997 - 1998 and A - T Seban Mesut (1995- 1998). Sponsored by Ms. Afrika Abney and funded by the D.C. Commission of the Arts, Arts Education Grant Program

Kuumba Expressions Visual Art Workshops (2015 and 2016). Culture Coffee on January 31, 2015 and Potter's House on May 16, 2016 and May 23, 2016. Sponsored by Culture Coffee, Potter's House and Esther Productions, Inc Art Enablers.

COMMUNITY CAREER DAY VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS

2016. Eliot (invited by Ms. Ophelia Morgan).

1996. Calvin Coolidge High School (invited by Ms. Angela Cook)

EDUCATION

Bell Multicultural High School - 1993

Corcoran School of the Arts - 1997