

# MICKAYEL THURIN

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## EDUCATION

- **2014-2015** Pennsylvania State University (Masters)
- **2007- 2010** University of Pennsylvania (BFA)
- **2005-09** Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (4 year Certificate)

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

<i>Care, Kin, Perspective</i> Philadelphia Magic Garden	<b>Upcoming 11/2026- 2/2027</b>
<i>Shifting</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>06/2026</b>
<i>Filtered Perspective, Solo Case</i> Philadelphia International Airport	<b>2/2024-11/2024</b>
<i>Frame of Mind</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>4/2024</b>
<i>Enter the Subconscious</i> Delaware Contemporary Art Museum	<b>09/08/2023-12/31/2023</b>
<i>Big Energy</i> Saginaw Art Museum	<b>04/2023-08/2023</b>
<i>Awakening</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>4/01 - 04/30/2022</b>
<i>Kindred Spirits</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>11/2018</b>

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

<i>The Woodmere Annual: 82nd Juried Exhibition</i> Woodmere Art Museum	<b>Upcoming 06-09/2026</b>
<i>We, the People</i> Rockwood Park and Museum	<b>05-09/2026</b>
<i>Two Lights, One City</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>12/2025</b>
<i>PSG Annual Juried Show</i> Prince Street Gallery	<b>07-08/2025</b>
<i>In the Eye of the Beholder</i> Woodmere Art Museum	<b>03-12/2025</b>
<i>Walking on Sunshine</i> Philadelphia Foundation's Community Art Gallery	<b>02/2025</b>
<i>Metamorphosis</i> Philadelphia Museum of Art	<b>04/2024</b>
<i>The Mother Artist Group Exhibition</i> Paradigm Gallery	<b>04/2024</b>
<i>(RE)FOCUS 2024 Fortitude at 50: A Resilient Five Decades at Gross McCleaf Gallery</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>1/2024</b>

<i>Aftereffects Exhibition</i> Not Real Art	<b>10/06-10/31/2023</b>
<i>The Portrait of the Artist and Other Things</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>6/2023</b>
<i>Contemporary Focus</i> Palm Beach Art Show	<b>2/2023</b>
<i>Heart &amp; Soul</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>2/02 - 02/26/2022</b>
<i>Inside, Looking Out</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>3/03 - 03/27/2021</b>
<i>Familiar Faces</i> Cerulean Arts Gallery	<b>2/17/2021 - 03/21/2021</b>
<i>Fully Saturated</i> Woodmere Art Museum	<b>1/18 - 6/28/2020</b>
<i>Smallworks Annual Show</i> FrameWorks Studio & Gallery	<b>12/7/2019 - 2/14/2020</b>
<i>Second Annual uCity Square Art Show</i> Gallery 3711	<b>9/10- 10/27/2019</b>
<i>An Inherently Hopeful Gesture</i> Cerulean Arts Gallery	<b>4/24 - 5/19/2019</b>
<i>Smallworks Annual Show</i> FrameWorks Studio & Gallery	<b>12/1/2018 - 1/15/2019</b>
<i>Annual Juried Exhibition</i> Perkins Center for the Arts	<b>10/7-11/26/2018</b>
<i>Artists Among Us, A Juried Exhibition of Employees of uCity Square</i> Gallery 3711	<b>3/12- 6/29/2018</b>
<i>A Starling in Shadow</i> Cerulean Arts Gallery	<b>11/29-12/24/2017</b>
<i>A More Perfect Union?: Power, Sex, and Race in the Representation of Couples</i> Woodmere Art Museum	<b>2/2017-6/2017</b>
<i>Figure</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>12/2016</b>
<i>Baked Goods</i> University City Arts League	<b>10/21- 11/18 2016</b>
<i>Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes</i> Gross McCleaf Gallery	<b>8/2015</b>
<i>Emerging Artist Exhibit</i> Wayne Art Center	<b>3/2015-5/2015</b>
<i>Lilies, Figs and Folly: Contemporary Still Life</i> Cerulean Arts Gallery	<b>11/2014-12/2014</b>
<i>Catching the Big Fish: A David Lynch Themed Group Show</i>	

Pterodactyl Gallery	11/2014
<i>73<sup>th</sup> Juried Exhibition</i> Woodmere Art Museum	6/2014 – 9/2014
<i>Women and Biography</i> Woodmere Art Museum	2/2014-6/2014
<i>Employee Art Exhibition</i> Philadelphia Museum of Art	2/2012
<i>Promises of Greatness: Young Philadelphia Artists</i> Philadelphia Sketch Club	8/30-10/22/11
<i>POST</i>	10/2011
<i>Betsy Meyer Memorial Exhibition</i> <i>L Paint! Emerging Philadelphia Artists Selected by Bill Scott</i> The Main Line Arts Center	11/4-11/23/2011
<i>112<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Exhibition</i> Artist House Gallery	8/2011
<i>Citibank Summer Solstice</i> Kimmel Center	6/18/11
<i>The 'Louises' Art Exhibition</i> The Bean Café	2/2011-3/11
<i>Philadelphia Salon</i> Main Line Art Center	11/12-11/14 2010
<i>Self Portrait Show</i> The Plastic Club	9/5-23 2010
<i>Absolutely Abstract</i> Philadelphia Sketch Club	8/27-9/18/10
<i>Sirius Exhibition</i> Muse Gallery	8/6-29 2010
<i>Impressions: Exploring Printmaking in 20th Century Art</i> William Penn Charter School, Biennial Art Gallery	3/12-21 2010
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition: The Whole 9 Yards</i> Midwives Collective and Gallery and Off the Wall	12/6-30/09
<i>Absolutely Abstract</i> Philadelphia Sketch Club	10/2009
<i>Fellowship of PAFA</i> Artist House Gallery	8/2009

#### EXPERIENCE

<b>Philadelphia Magic Garden</b> - Philadelphia Twilight in the Gardens Workshop Instructor	8/2025
<b>Mural Arts</b> - Philadelphia Workshop Instructor	4-5/2024

<b>PAFA</b> - Philadelphia Visiting Artist Critic Review students' studio work for PAFA's Summer Studio Critique Program.	<b>7/2023</b>
<b>Philadelphia Museum of Art</b> - Philadelphia Artist in Residence / Workshop instructor	<b>6/2023-7/2023</b>
<b>Saginaw Arts &amp; Sciences Academy</b> - Saginaw, Michigan Art Instructor Planned and led a mixed media workshop for 40 high school students and led group critiques.	<b>4/2023</b>
<b>PAFA</b> - Philadelphia Visiting Artist Lecturer Artist lecture followed by Q&A and studio critiques.	<b>9/2022</b>
<b>DaVinci Art Alliance.</b> - Philadelphia Portraiture Workshop Led " <i>Living Portrait, Living Story</i> " portraiture workshop for DVAA members.	<b>4/2022</b>
<b>Seen Heard Connected, Inc.</b> - Philadelphia Founder, Art Director Founder, Principal Artist and CEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>503(c) dedicated to creating a more compassionate community through art, storytelling and fundraising. Created time-lapse painting videos with interviews of people from marginalized communities.</li> <li>Administration of programs and strategic plan. Oversaw fundraising, marketing, and community outreach.</li> <li>Portraits painting and interviewer, content editing, social media and marketing materials. Site management and order fulfillment.</li> </ul>	<b>6/2023 - 12/2024</b> <b>2/2021-6/2023</b>
<b>PAFA</b> - Philadelphia Guest Art Critic Work review and virtual studio critiques of art students in PAFA's CE program.	<b>8/2021</b>
<b>Philadelphia Museum of Art</b> - Philadelphia Art Instructor Led figurative painting class for youth art classes and group critiques.	<b>3/2017</b>
<b>Intealth (ECFMG FAIMER)</b> - Philadelphia Total Rewards Manager Oversees and administers employee compensation and benefits for the entire organization.	<b>8/2017-Present</b>

#### FILM / MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

<a href="#"><u>"Mickayel Thurin, Adding Joy to Art"</u></a> John Thorton	<b>4/2024</b>
" <i>The Me I See,</i> " <i>The Infinite Art Hunt</i> Featured guest artist in WHY Y educational children's TV series	<b>8/2022 (Aired 7/26/2023)</b>
<a href="#"><u>"Family of Artists, Ben Passione, Mickayel Thurin, and the Legendary Maurice," Artists in the Time of the Pandemic</u></a> John Thorton	<b>5/2022</b>
" <i>Mickayel Thurin,</i> " <i>Mother Artist Lunch Break</i> Catherine Ricketts	<b>5/16/2022</b>

#### AWARDS / PUBLICATIONS

- **2024** - *The Mother Artist: Portraits of Ambition, Limitation, and Creativity* by Catherine Ricketts
- **2023**- Foundation for Contemporary Arts Grant Award
- **2023**- *Mickayel Thurin Fosters Compassion With Emotionally Charged Portraits*, by Morgan

Laurens. Not Real Art

- **2022-** *30 Artists, 30 Days: Mickayel Thurin on Lissy Funk*
- **2019-** 2nd Place, Second Annual uCity Square Art Show
- **2018-** Honorable Mention, Perkins Center for the Arts; Second Place, Artists Among Us
- **2010-** Third Prize, Plastic Club Self Portrait Show; Honorable Mention, Absolutely Abstract
- **2009-** Honorable Mention, Absolutely Abstract; PAFA Fellowship Purchase Award
- **2007-** Sylvia G. Wexler Award