

MacKenna Hanson

Born in 2003

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Artist's Site:

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Education:

2025: BFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

SAIC Distinguished Scholars Scholarship, 2023 Dean's List for Outstanding Sophomores, SAIC Peer Mentor Program, Advanced Painting Program

Exhibitions and Projects:

2026:

-(Upcoming) Solo show *EXTRAS* with Paramount Gallery, St. Cloud, MN

-Central Minnesota Arts Board Career & Development Grant Project: 'StudioLab' Paintmaking Demonstration, St. Cloud, MN

-Ink Demonstration with the Young Authors/Young Artists Conference at the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, MN

2025:

-Maker's Holiday Market with Avon Hills Folk School, St. Joseph, MN

-Solo show *State of Emergency* with Formato Fine Arts, Wytheville, VA

-School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Spring Undergraduate Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2024:

-Works exhibited with 310 Art, Asheville, NC

2023:

-D.I.Y Group Project at the Museum of Contemporary Art Café and U-Haul, Chicago, IL

-Work shown in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Dean's List group exhibition, Chicago, IL

-Works shown in The Lift Studios with artist Daniel McClendon, Asheville, NC

2022:

-Works shown in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Art Bash group exhibition, Chicago, IL

Grants and Awards:

2026:

-Awarded the Central Minnesota Arts Board's "Individual Artist Award" in the full amount

2025:

-Awarded the Central Minnesota Arts Board "Artist Career and Development" Grant

Press and Writing:

2025:

-St. Cloud Times, "Central Minnesota artist turns algorithms into art"

-Formato Fine Arts Publication, "3 Emerging Chicago-Based Artists To Watch in 2025"

2024:

-Featured profile in Rapid River Magazine Arts & Culture, Asheville, NC

Misc.

2026: Central Minnesota Arts Board Student Scholarship Panelist

2025-Present: Founded and co-ordinated the SAIC Alumni artist collective

2025-Present: Teaching Artist with Avon Hills Folk School

2024-Present: Works shown with Formato Fine Arts, Wytheville, VA

2024: Works shown with 310 Art, Asheville, NC

2024: Delivered Artist Talk at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Presented at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's 280 Building as part of the Peer Mentor program

2023-2025: Teaching Assistant for the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL