



# SERENA STEVENS

Originally from Ft. Madison, Iowa, Serena Stevens is a graduate student in the Painting and Drawing program at The University of Iowa. After receiving her BFA from Western Illinois University, she attended the Laguna College of Art and Design for one year. Following her time in California, she lived in New Mexico and Rhode Island before returning to Iowa as an Iowa Arts Fellow.

## **EDUCATION**

- 2021          MFA Painting/Drawing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2011          BFA Painting, Drawing, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023          *Especies de Espacios*, Micro Galeria, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2022          *A Ceiling, a Bucket and a Lightbulb*, The National Exemplar Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2021          *Clover & 4th*, Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY 2020 *Iowa Dream*, Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY  
*The American Landscape*, David Nolan Gallery, New York City, NY  
*Sweet Jane in Fields of Daisies*, Phillips online  
*Ceiling Paintings*, The National Exemplar Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
*Wood*, Eve Drewelowe Gallery, Visual Arts Building, Iowa City, IA  
*Postcards (2017-2020)*, Kantor Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA
- 2020          *Iowa Dream*, Postmasters Gallery, New York City, NY  
*Honey Bears and Bees*, West Central Illinois Art Center, Macomb, IL  
*Ceiling Fan Painting*, The National Exemplar Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
*Hide n Seek*. Ana Mendieta Gallery, Visual Arts Building. Iowa City, IA  
*Cat's Meow*, The Hub – Arts and Cultural Center, Rushville, IL
- 2019          *Guilty Pleasures*, Levitt Gallery, Iowa City, IA

- Collusion – Friends of EMS*, Yucca Valley Art Gallery, Yucca Valley, CA  
*Narrative and Illusion*, Veterans Memorial Auditorium Gallery,  
 Providence, RI  
*Milk and Honey: Tones of Home*, Western Illinois University Art Gallery,  
 Macomb, IL
- 2018 *Fresh Award Winners*, South Bay Contemporary: SoLA, Los Angeles,  
 CA
- Sink and Swim*, AS220 Main Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2017 *Beneath the Surface*, Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, Broward College,  
 Davie, FL
- 2016 *Roots and Wings*, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington, IA  
*Bed and Butter*, Small Engine Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2015 *30 Under 30 – The Next Generation*, Santa Fe Arts Community  
 Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*Memoirs, Recollections, and Heirlooms*, College of the Sequoias Art  
 Gallery, Visalia, CA
- 2014 *Playtime*, Small Engine Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2011 *Nouns*, Western Illinois University Art Gallery, Macomb, IL  
*New Paintings*, Fort Madison Area Arts Association, Fort Madison, IA  
*Pieces*, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington, IA

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 *The American Landscape*, David Nolan Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sweet Jane in Fields of Daisies*, curated by Joan Tucker, Phillips Gallery,  
 Hong Kong
- 2018 *Elbow Room*, Visual Arts Building, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
*Free Space*, Eve Drewelowe Gallery, The University of Iowa, Iowa City,  
 IA  
*TRAHC 30th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Texarkana Regional Arts &  
 Humanities Council, Texarkana, TX  
*Fresh Award Winners*, South Bay Contemporary: SoLA, Los Angeles,  
 CA
- 2017 *National Juried Exhibition*, Larkin Arts, Harrisonburg, VA  
*Beneath the Surface*, Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, Broward College,  
 Davie, FL  
*National Weather Center Biennale*, National Weather Center,  
 Norman, OK  
*FRESH 2017*, South Bay Contemporary: SoLA, Los Angeles, CA  
*22nd Arts in Harmony 2017 Annual International Show*, Blaine City  
 Hall, Blaine, MN

- 2016 *Follicle*, Graft Gallery, Albuquerque, NM  
*Memories: Art from Private Collections*, West Central Illinois, Macomb, IL  
*Texas National 2016 Competition and Exhibition*, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX  
*The Contemporary Figure in Painting*, Matrix Fine Art, Albuquerque, NM  
*AUTOMIC*, A Hand Magazine Exhibition, Small Engine Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2015 *Annual Contemporary Art Survey*, Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, CO  
*30 Under 30 – The Next Generation*, Lincoln Center, Fort Collins, CO  
*Memoirs, Recollections, and Heirlooms*, College of the Sequoias Art Gallery, Visalia, CA
- 2014 *Texas National 2014 Competition Exhibition*, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2013 *MFA '13*, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA  
*Perceptions*, Western Illinois University Art Museum, Macomb, IL  
*LCAD MFA - New Work*, Laguna Beach City Hall, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2012 *Yardstick*, Student Art League Gallery, Macomb, IL
- 2011 *Brand 40: Works on Paper*, Brand Library, Glendale, CA  
*35th Annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exchange*, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL  
*Exploring Media: Maps and Beeswax*, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL  
*Women's Art, Women's Vision*, WIU Multicultural Center, Macomb, IL  
*Sullivan Taylor Spring Juried Art Exhibition*, Sullivan Taylor Macomb, IL  
*WIU Annual Juried Student Art Show*, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2010 *Talent Grant and Tuition Waiver Exhibition*, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL  
*Sullivan Taylor Fall Juried Art Exhibition*, Sullivan Taylor, Macomb, IL  
*Exploring Media: Glitter*, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2009 *Southeastern Community College Annual Juried Art Exhibition*, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington, IA

## **SELECTED HONORS/AWARDS**

- 2018 Iowa Arts Fellowship, The University of Iowa
- 2017 Winner: 2D category. Fresh 2017 Competition. South Bay Contemporary: SoLA
- 2016 10th Place, Stories to Art Top 12 Artist, [storiestoart.com](http://storiestoart.com)

- 2015 2nd Place, Texas National 2016, Nacogdoches, TX  
Grand Prize, Annual Contemporary Art Survey, Fort Collins, CO
- 2014 Dave Brown Projects, 9th Semiannual Competition  
Honorable Mention, *Texas National 2014 Juried Exhibition*,  
Nacogdoches, TX
- 2011 Merit Award, *WIU Annual Juried Student Art Show*, Macomb, IL  
University Union Purchase Award, *WIU Annual Juried Student Art Show*,  
Macomb, IL  
2010 Best of Show, *Sullivan Taylor Juried Art Exhibition*, Macomb, IL  
2nd Place, *Exploring Media: Glitter*, Macomb, IL
- 2009 Best of Show, *Southeastern Community College Annual Juried Art  
Exhibition*, West Burlington, IA

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- "To paint Iowa: Serena Stevens goes home." *Balcony Magazine*, Issue 2, March 2022.
- Jeffrey Kastner, "Serena Stevens: Postmasters." *ArtForum*, Vol. 59 No. 2, October/November 2020, page 212-213
- Roberta Smith, "Serena Stevens." *New York Times*, Friday, September 11, 2020, C11.
- Andrea K. Scott, "At the Galleries: Serena Stevens." *The New Yorker*, August 3 & 10, 2020, page 5.
- Execute Magazine, "Serena Stevens: A Sense of Urgency!" *Emerging Artist*, July 4, 2017 <https://executemagazine.com/serena-stevens/>

## **SELECTED PRESS**

- 2021 "Philips Presents Sweet Jane in Fields of Daisies: A Special Online  
Selling Exhibition Celebrating Emerging Female Artists Curated by Joan  
Tucker" *Artfix Daily*, September 8
- 2020 Andrea K Scott, "Spotlight: Serena Stevens", *The New Yorker*, July 23  
"Postmasters Gallery opens an exhibition of works by Serena Stevens,"  
*Artdaily*, July 23  
John Haber, "Dreams of Home," *Haber Arts*, September 9  
Roberta Smith "3 Art Gallery Shows to See Right Now," *The New York  
Times*, September 10  
Jeffrey Kastner, "Serena Stevens," *Artforum*, October 2