

Donna Backues

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## Education

2018 MA, Urban Studies - Community Arts, Eastern University, PA  
2010 MFA, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
1985 BA, Graphic Design, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

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## Exhibition History

2018 Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, *Soul Shots*, Philadelphia, PA  
2017 Widener Hall Gallery, *Soul Shots*, Philadelphia, PA  
2017 Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Gallery, *FAME 2017*, Philadelphia, PA  
2017 Pennswood Gallery, (solo exhibition) *Imagined Landscapes*, Newtown, PA  
2017 Spiral Q Gallery, *Q Artist Group Show*, Philadelphia, PA  
2016 Pennsylvania Convention Center, *Call for Art*, Philadelphia, PA  
2016 The Monkey & the Elephant, Two Philly Artists, Philadelphia, PA  
2015 Cfeva (Center for Emerging Artists), Holiday Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA  
2014 Fleisher Art Memorial, *Dear Fleisher, 4x6 Inches of Art*, Philadelphia, PA  
2014 City Hall Gallery, *Indonesia Week*, Philadelphia, PA  
2014 The Hall at Crane Arts, *Group of Four Mural Artists*, Philadelphia, PA  
2014 Gallery of the Chamber of Commerce, *Curated by Cfeva (Center for Emerging Visual Artists)*, Philadelphia, PA  
2014 Alleira Batik, Plaza Indonesia, *American Batik Design*, Jakarta  
2013 Mandarin Hotel, *Batik Design Exhibition* Washington DC  
2013 Marguerita Hagan & Pierre Trombert Studios, *Score & Slip*, Philadelphia  
2013 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station, *Backpack Gallery Installation*, Philadelphia, PA  
2010 Studio Christensen, *Grand Opening*, Philadelphia, PA  
2010 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, *Selections from the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit*, Philadelphia, PA  
2010 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, *MFA Thesis Show*, Philadelphia  
2008 McInnis Gallery, *Recollections*, (solo exhibition), Eastern University, St. David's, PA  
2007 Redpoint Gallery, *Monotypes*, (solo exhibition), Bandung, Indonesia  
2001 Leeds Central Library, *the Figure Drawn*, Leeds, England  
2000 Galeri Bandung, *Pelukis Dari Bandung*, Bandung, Indonesia  
1999 Gedung Kesenian (Art Center), *Tasikmalaya Artist Group*, Tasikmalaya, W. Java, Indonesia  
1998 Surya Hotel, *Tasikmalaya Artist Group*, Pangandaran, W. Java, Indonesia  
1995 Galeri Bandung, *Watercolors*, (solo exhibition), Bandung, Indonesia  
1994 Centre Culturel Francais, *Watercolors*, (solo exhibition), Bandung, Indonesia  
1984 Southern Illinois University, *Selected Works*, Edwardsville, IL, US

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## Awards, Commissions, Residencies & Special Events

2017 Artist in Residence for Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts & Liberty Property Trust mural project  
2017 Honorable mention at FAME 2017 exhibition, Pafa, Philadelphia  
2017 Recipient of the Philadelphia Unity Cup Art Banner Grant  
2017 Recipient of the Elysian Fields and Little Baby's Ice Cream Shared Interest

- Grant for Artists
- 2017 Recipient of the 2017 NewCourtland Fellowship, Center for Emerging Artists
- 2016 Four paintings purchased by the Philadelphia Convention Center Authority
- 2016 Visiting Artist Residency, SNIT, Bungursari, West Java, Indonesia
- 2016 Interview on Metro TV, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2016 Newspaper Article by RADAR news, Tasikmalaya, Indonesia
- 2016 Commissioned to illustrate large 9 x 22 ft. mural for the Camden Historical Society, Camden NJ
- 2015 Interviewed and short film created by Voice of America, Indonesia
- 2015 Finalist for the NewCourtland Artist Fellowship
- 2015 Interview by Kartini Fashion Magazine, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2014 Interview by Voice of America Indonesia, Washington D.C.
- 2014 Art & Change Award Recipient 2014 by the Leeway Foundation
- 2014 Batik Dyeing Demonstration at Philadelphia Art Museum, 2014
- 2014 Interview for Bloomberg TV, Jakarta, Indonesia  
*(American Batik Design Exhibit at Plaza Indonesia)*
- 2013 First Place Winner in the American Batik Design Competition 2013, Washington D.C. – Sponsored by the Indonesian Government
- 2013-2015 Artist in Residence Delphi Art Partners, Philadelphia Museum of Art
- 2013-2015 Visiting Artist Residency Spiral Q Puppet Theatre, Philadelphia
- 2013-2018 Artist in Residence, Delphi Art Futures, Philadelphia Museum of Art
- 2013 Commissioned to repaint & redesign former mural by Lily Yeh, The Village of Arts & Humanities, Philadelphia
- 2012 Commissioned to design window installation for CRED Magazine, Philadelphia
- 2012 Visiting Artist Residency for Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 Commissioned to design & illustrate 5 window scrim murals for the Septa Substation in South Philadelphia
- 2011 Commissioned by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation to create illustrations for the Shot Tower Park
- 2007 Special guest appearance on Padjadjaran Television, Bandung, Indonesia  
*(Interview & demonstration of water-based monotype technique)*
- 2007 Visiting artist demonstration at Red Point Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia
- 2006 Commissioned by TEAR Holland to create illustrations for the Elementary School Literacy program in Aceh, Indonesia
- 2005 Commissioned by TEAR Holland to create coloring book for Acehnese Children during the Asian Tsunami relief efforts.
- 2002 Commissioned to paint 2 murals for Dine China Restaurant, Leeds, UK
- 2002 Commissioned to paint 3 murals for Little Tokyo Restaurant, Leeds, UK
- 1994 Artist in Residence at Redpoint Gallery & Printmaking Studio, Bandung, Indonesia

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## Collections

Pennsylvania Convention Center Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
 Dolan/Maxwell Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
 Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java Indonesia  
 Redpoint Studio Gallery in Bandung, West Java, Indonesia