

ANNA JOHNSON

curriculum vitae

EDUCATION

- 2023 MFA, Performance, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
2014 BA, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, Studio Art Major, History Minor, Magna Cum Laude

EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 **Water** a partner project of the Chicago Architectural Biennial, 6018North, Chicago, IL
2023 **MEMBRANE VARIATIONS** (solo) Roman Susan, Chicago, IL
2022 **Dwelling** (solo) Companion Cooperative, Chicago, IL
2021 **Observing Motherhood** ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
2020 **C4W:2020 Lush Future** Gamut Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
2015 **Forgiveness** Bedlam Theatre, St. Paul, MN
2014 **Here We Are Nice** The Soap Factory, Minneapolis MN
2014 **Marks** Macalester Senior Art Exhibition, Law Warschaw Gallery, St. Paul, MN
2013 **Body Rituals** (solo) Janet Wallace Fine Art Commons, St. Paul, MN

PERFORMANCES solo & self-directed

- 2024 **La Sale Pépinière**, Paris, France
2023 **reservoir recevoir**, Frequency Series Presents: Kari Watson + Anna Johnson, Constellation, Chicago, IL
2023 **on the outside looking in and on the inside looking out**, Elastro A/V Festival curated by Asya Dubrovina, Elastic Arts, Chicago, IL
2023 **Surface Tension**, *Water* exhibition, a partner project of the Chicago Architectural Biennial, 6018North, Chicago, IL
2023 **VARIATIONS I-III** performance series with castroduperly, Crystal Myslajek, Eric Capper and Zachary Nicol. Roman Susan, Chicago, IL
2023 **voz en círculo**, The Body In Practice, Ground Floor exhibition, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2023 **antithesis**, Impact Performance Festival featuring, School of the Art Institute Galleries, Chicago IL
2022 **Interspace**, In/Form Performance Festival, Links Hall, Chicago, IL
2022 **Outsound**, El Jardin de la Mariposas, Chicago, IL
2022 **Flatland Presents: AN ATLAS** curated by Chris Reeves and Curtis Miller, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
2021 **Astray**, Grad Entrance: The First Year Performance Cohort Group Exhibition, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL
2021 **Exchange Pool**, Parasite Parking Performance Night, No Nation Gallery, Chicago, IL
2020 **Heavy Air Festival II** with Bella Yaga, The Hook and Ladder Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
2020 **Circulating Nest** with Bella Yaga, Art Shanty Projects, Lake Harriet, Minneapolis MN
2019 **Duluth All Soul's Night** with Bella Yaga, Historic Union Depot, Duluth, MN
2019 **MATRYOSHKA: A Live Visual Album**, Red Eye Theater's New Works 4 Weeks Festival (Isolated Acts), Tek Box/Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts, Minneapolis MN
2019-2024 **Drone Not Drones Festival** with Bella Yaga, Cedar Cultural Center, Minneapolis, MN

2018 *Slipped From A Subtle Skin* with Bella Yaga and guests, Open Eye Figure Theatre, Minneapolis MN
2018 *Matryoshka*, Red Eye Theater's New Work 4 Weeks Festival (Works In Progress), Red Eye Theater, Minneapolis MN
2017 *Lean Into Chaos* with Bella Yaga, Open Eye Figure Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
2017 *Pregnant With Self: A Live Visual Album* with Bella Yaga, Seward Community Café courtyard and garden, Minneapolis, MN
2017 *Memory Palace: A Live Visual Album* with Bella Yaga, Pinwheel Arts, Minneapolis MN
2017 *Winter Tongue* with Bella Yaga, Honey, Minneapolis, MN
2016 *Water Underground* with Bella Yaga, Honey, Minneapolis, MN

PERFORMANCES ensemble & collaborative

2023 *Green Noise* An Exhibition About the Background Noise of the Universe, by Chris Reeves et al., Granite City Art and Design District, Granite City, IL
2023 *Dance to Anything: Lake Eden* with Chris Reeves et al., {Re}HAPPENING 11, the historic Black Mountain College campus, Asheville, NC
2022 *Courageously Easy & Obliginglly Alone* by Lauren Sudbrink et al., Roman Susan, Chicago, IL
2022 *Accident Party* with Microviolet, Mirrorlab Studios, Minneapolis, MN
2021 *GLITCH @ 280* with Nip Slip, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL
2019 *Hexentanz: Etudes for the Crossing* by Michael Sommers, Artist in Residence, Open Eye Figure Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
2019 *Bone Mother* by Sandbox Theatre, The Museum of Russian Art, Minneapolis, MN
2019 *Icon Sam* by Sally Rouse, Artist in Residence, Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts, Minneapolis, MN
2018 *Constance in the Darkness* by Joseph Evans and Michael Sommers, directed by Annie Enneking, Open Eye Figure Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
2016 *The Sparrow* by Live Action Set, The Southern Theatre, Minneapolis MN
2016 *Basement Creatures* (remount) by Davey Steinman and company, In the Heart of the Beast Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
2015 *Basement Creatures* by Davey Steinman and company, In the Heart of the Beast Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
2015 *We All Fall Down*, Barebones Productions, Hidden Falls Park, St. Paul, MN
2013-2015 *The Haunted Basement* The Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN
2013 *Oxygen Bubble* choreographed by Marciano Silva de los Santos, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
2013 *Red Queen* devised with Pilobolus Dance Company, in residence at Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

SCREENINGS

2024 *26th San Francisco Independent Film Festival* virtual, based out of San Francisco, CA
2023-2024 *61st Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour*, traveling internationally
2023 *61st Ann Arbor Film Festival* Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor, MI
2021 *My Dreams These Days* School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL and online
2020 *Flip The Script Film Festival* online, based out of Minneapolis, MN

AWARDS

2023 *Juror's Award, 61st Ann Arbor Film Festival*, juried by Amir George, Christine Panushka, Koyo Yamashita, Anna Arbor, MI
2014 *Best in Sculpture*, juried by Caroline Kent, Macalester Spring Student Show, St. Paul, MN
2012 *Juror's Choice All Around + Best In Sculpture*, juried by Chris Larson, Macalester Spring Student Show, St. Paul, MN

GRANTS

2023 **Graduate Dean Professional Development Grant**, Graduate Division, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

2021 **Dean's Scholarship**, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

2021 **Smith Incentive Scholarship**, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

2012 **Student Faculty Summer Research Grant**, research into printmaking technologies with Ruthann Godollei, Macalester College, St Paul, MN

RESIDENCIES + ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

2023 **Le Presseire Artist Residency, Maison Gai Saber**, Leigné-sur-Usseau, France

2019 **Isolated Acts**, Red Eye Theater, Minneapolis, MN

2018 **Works-In-Progress**, Red Eye Theater, Minneapolis, MN

DIRECTION, CURATION + PRODUCTION

2024 **[WE DON'T KNOW YET] WHAT A CINEMA CAN DO: A Night of Live Sound and Moving Image**, Co-Curator. Presented by Onion City Film Festival and Center for Concrete and Abstract Machines (CCAM). Public Works, Chicago, IL

2023 **MEMBRANE VARIATIONS**, Lead Artist. Roman Susan, Chicago, IL

2022 **Lamb to the Slaughter**, Co-Director with Carissa Lee. School of the Art Institute, Chicago IL

2022 **Mush Is The Medium**, Co-Producer. School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

2021 **Grad Entrance: The First Year Performance Cohort Group Exhibition**, Co-Producer. School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

2016-2020 **Bella Yaga**, Creative director, producer. Minneapolis, MN

2015 **Barebones Productions**, Lead Artist. Minneapolis, MN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE, Chicago, IL

Continuing Studies department

2023 Wearable Art, Multi-Arts Camp ages 8-9, co-teacher with Ava Longeran

2022 Experimental Drawing, Early College Program Summer Institute, Continuing Studies Department, TA to Jaclyn Medicov

Film/Video/New Media/Animation department

2023 Media Practices: The Moving Image, TA to Mikey Peterson and Daniele Wilmouth

2022 Media Practices: The Moving Image, TA to Julian Flavin and eric fleischauer

2022 Video Everywhere, TA to eric fleischauer

Contemporary Practices department

2021 Core Studio Practice I for Transfers, TA to Cheryl Pope

2021 Core Studio Practice I, TA to Steven Heyman

MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ART, INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING DEPARTMENT, Minneapolis, MN

2021 Found Object Sculpture, Lead Teaching Artist, ages 6-10

2020 Artist In Residence (AiR) program with Powderhorn Park, Lead Teaching Artist, ages 8-12

2016-2020 Art in the Park program, Lead Teaching Artist, ages K-12

2010 Assistant Teacher for Youth and Teen Studio Programs, ages K-12

2009-2010 Art Team member, Family Day, multigenerational

FREELANCE TEACHING

2023-2024 Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education, Chicago, IL

2023-2024 Changing Worlds, Chicago, Illinois

2023-2024 Music House School of Performing Arts, Chicago, IL

2019 Time-Based Art, Pinwheel Arts, Minneapolis, MN

2019 Children's Theatre Company's Neighborhood Bridges Program, Minneapolis, MN

2019 Minnesota Orchestra Relaxed Family Concert, Minneapolis, MN

2018 Walker Art Center Free First Saturday Program, Minneapolis, MN

2017-2019 East Phillips Park, Minneapolis, MN

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

VOCAL MUSIC

2019 Vocal training with members of Zedashe Ensemble, Sighnaghi, Republic of Georgia

2019 Vocal training with members of Riho Ensemble, Svaneti, Republic of Georgia

2018-2019 Eastern European vocal traditions with Mila Vocal Ensemble and Natalie Nowytski, St. Paul, MN

VIDEO PRODUCTION

2021 Directing Bootcamp, Film North, St. Paul, MN

2020 Cinema Production Basics, Film North, St. Paul, MN

2020 Cinematography Bootcamp, Film North, St. Paul, MN