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RESUME

PROFESSIONAL GOALS: to engage in and sustain a professional art practice, within several discipline boundaries – painting, illustration, web design, book creation, curatorial, research and teaching.

SELECTED EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Ryerson Chang School, Certificate: Professional Web Accessibility Auditing
- York University, MA (Interdisciplinary)
- OCAD University, BDes (with Distinction)
- Toronto School of Art, Professional Studio Course
- Sheridan College, International Summer Program, Animation 1st Year
- AOCA Hons. *Ontario College of Art*, Toronto, majored in Illustration
- Camberwell School of Art, London, England. Painting & Graphic Design
- St. Martin's School of Art, London, England, Foundation Year

TEACHING

- (2014) Contract teaching Graphic Novel Camp, MacLaren Art Gallery, Barrie
- (2005-08) Contract teaching InDesign Computer Program, Toronto School of Art
- (2003) Contract teaching Storyboard/Sequential Art, Ontario College of Art and Design
- (2000-) Art Instructor, (ongoing) development of curriculum to suit private teaching practice
- (2001-3) *Part-time Art Instructor*, School By The Water, Harbourfront

RELATED/SELECTED WORK HISTORY

- (2020) *Voices of the Ancestors: Stories & Lore From Ghana's Volta Region,* book design built EPUB3 format ebook from manuscript by Gail Nyoka for purposes of self-publishing
- (2020) *Turning 90: Vignettes from a long life,* book design for print and epub3 format for author and self-publisher Janice Tait
- (2019) Beyond the Basics, designed and built an EPUB format accessible ebook from print format 600 pg teaching manual published by Action Canada for Sexual Rights and Health (https://www.actioncanadashr.org/)
- (2019) development, design of website of union-art.com
- (2016) *The Introvert,* a book trailer in movie format for author Michael Michael fb.com/theintrovertbook.com
- (2013) The Piazza at Bishops Landing, architectural rendering for Southwest Properties, Halifax
- (2013) *Time Tremors*, storyboard for Xenophile Media
- (2012) Bush Garden, graphic novel sequence for Xenophile Media
- (2012) Magic Precinct, storyboard for ithentic.com
- (2012) Guest Artist, Nuit Blanche 2012 Independent Project, "Small Audiences", Theatre Local
- (2011) designer for website first unitariant or onto.org
- (2011) comic book My Origami Motorcycle written by Rebecca Singh pub. by Domestic Tragedy Press
- (2011) illustrator for web game "The Bartletts" theloyalistbartletts.com
- (2011) Guest Artist, Nuit Blanche 2011, Independent Project, "Tell Your Story"
- (2009) guest presenter at *Artists Week*, November 7 15, 2009, Toronto,
- (2009) guest artist for St. Clair Artwalk, September 27, 2009
- (2009) guest presenter at Word on The Street "No Rules, No Budget, All Fun! How and why you should make comics!"
- (2009) *moragart.ca* website
- (2009) *etwhittaker.com* website
- (2007-2011) artist's assistant to Margie Kelk
- (2007-2012) part-time office assistance to Hugh Morris Q.C.
- (2008) adamlodzinskiart.com website
- (2008) *wright-ware.com* website
- (2007) Extraction! comic book anthology comix reportage pub. by Cumulus Press, Montreal

- (2007) Doppleganger, storyboard for web film
- (2006) *Urban Commando:* comic book story pitch from script by Steve Adams
- (2005) Kreiger Maps, storyboard for feature film
- (2005) Senior Intelligence, storyboard for OFDC Calling Card film
- (2005) propellerctr.com, website design
- (2005) *The Adventures of Supercilitator,* commercial 16-page comic book
- (2005) margiekelk.ca, website design
- (2004) drlodzinski.com, website design
- (2004-07) Propeller Gallery Gallery Administrator/Curatorial Assistant
- (2004) Ontario School of Ballet, Toronto, sets for Ballet Recital "Harry Potter"
- (2004) Amicus Players, set painting for "Design for Living"
- (2003) Safe, storyboards for 20 min independent film (OFDC Calling Card)

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2020 Canada Council Strategic Funds and Initiatives Digital Originals awarded to group 'Talking Pictures'. Members are Rebecca Singh and Ruth Tait
- Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (CGS M) York University 2015
- York Graduate Scholarship, York University 2015
- Honourable Mention Crankyfest film festival Film "Just Another Day", 2014
- Official Selection FiExiff Experimental Festival Sydney Australia Film "Just Another Day", 2014
- Official Selection Female Eye Film Festival Film "Just Another Day", 2014
- Governor General's Academic (undergraduate) Medal: 2014
- Ontario Arts Council Writers Reserve: 2010
- 2008 Montreal Expozine Award: "Best English comic 2008"
- Honorary Membership, Propeller Centre for Visual Arts (2006)
- Ontario Arts Council Writers Reserve: 2008
- Klaus Schoenfeld Award for Storyboard Art

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- Tranquil Interludes, private home vernissage, 2017
- Natural Objectives, Solo Exhibition, Boyd Gallery, Bobcageon, May 2009
- Natural Selections, Solo Exhibition, UU Church, Ave Rd., December 2005
- Pellucid Intervals, Solo exhibition (traveling) Humber/Guelph University Gallery (2005)
- Pellucid Intervals, Solo exhibition at Rosedale United Church (2004)
- Going Outside Solo Exhibition, UU Church, Ave Rd., Sept 2000

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- BAM! Artscape Wychwood Barns Artist Market, 2011
- BAM! Artscape Wychwood Barns Artist Market, 2010
- 01000100 01101001 01100101 01101001 01110100 01110011 (digits), Propeller Centre for Visual Arts (Toronto 2008)
- Artscape at the Gladstone, invitational show at Queen St. hotel, "the Gladstone" (2008)
- It's About Time, Fundraiser show for the Artists Health Clinic (Toronto 2007)
- 11: annual members show, Propeller Centre for Visual Arts (Toronto 2007)
- Diagrams: Drawings: Models: annual curated show Propeller Centre for Visual Arts (Toronto 2006)
- Stopgap, group show Propeller Centre for Visual Arts, 984 Queen St. W., Toronto (2006)
- Disaster Relief Fundraiser, group show Propeller Centre for Visual Arts, 984 Queen St. W., Toronto (2005)
- Cornucopia, group show Propeller Centre for Visual Arts, 984 Queen St. W., Toronto (2004)
- After the Drill is Gone, group show, OCAD Transit space, Toronto (2004)
- Bearing Witness, offthemap Gallery, 80 Spadina, Toronto (2004)
- Whodunnit, OCAD College, Toronto (2003)
- Markham Art Fair, Outdoor show (2003)
- *Junction Arts Festival* Juried Group Exhibition of Artists (Sept. 2002)
- Whodunnit, OCAD College, Toronto (2002)
- Images of the Humber, Black Creek Pioneer village, 2001

CURATORIAL and COMMUNITY

(2015) Repair Centre WBCA sponsored exhibition at PMC Gallery, curated by Tara Bursey, coordinated

- by Ruth Tait, PMC Gallery, Toronto
- (2013) *C(L)CC (Community (Love) Creates Change)* a Valentines Day Exhibition at PMC Gallery, curated by Denise Morazé, coordinated by Ruth Tait, PMC Gallery, Toronto
- (2006) Coordinator of *the* 0.07% *show*, curated by Antonia Lancaster, juried group show for HIV/AIDS, Propeller Gallery, Toronto
- (2005) PPOP! @ Propeller, exhibition of the other art of 24 Comic Book artists, Propeller Gallery, Toronto

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- (2013) *CARFAC*
- (2009-) *Union-art.con* monthly web union/political cartoon service

PUBLICITY - SELECTED REVIEWS

- Nov 25, 2011 online review of "Origami Motorcyle" http://m.theglobeandmail.com/news/arts/theatre/robert-lepages-blue-dragon-retold-in-graphic-novel-form/article2249433/?service=mobile
- (2008) online list of media coverage and reviews for graphic novel "Extraction!" http://cumuluspress. burningbillboard.org/extraction.html

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA

- (2016) *The Honeyed Tale*, design of EPUB3 format ebook accompanying York University Thesis. Downloadable at http://www.artbyrt.com/rt/tht-epub3.html
- Apiary World a rich media film included in the book *The Honeyed Tale*, also separately available at https://vimeo.com/163819073
- (2014) *A Brooklyn Dog's Adventures at Doggie Daycare*, illustrations & design for children's book, Tait Sisters Press
- (2013) A Brooklyn Dog at the Beach, illustrations & design for children's book, Tait Sisters Press
- (2012) A Brooklyn Dog's Adventures in France, illustrations & design for children's book, Tait Sisters Press
- (2011) comic book *My Origami Motorcycle* illustrated by Ruth Tait, written by Rebecca Singh pub. by Domestic Tragedy Press
- (2007) Extraction! comix reportage pub. by Cumulus Press, Montreal
- (2006) Mix Magazine, article "Ice Follies II: Where Nature, Art and Northern Lifestyle..."
- (2006) *Drawing the Line Again*, pub. by Drawing the Line Publications
- (2005) Supercilitator: comic book story for Facilitators Conference, Pub. by Globe Resources
- (2004) *Mix Magazine*: article "Life Drawing Apologia"
- (2003-4) *Outworld Bk.1 Episode 1,2 3 & 4,* Pub. by Open Mind Comics, Toronto (part of 300-page Graphic Novel)
- (2003) *Walk*, Pub. by Open Mind Comics
- (2003) *Drawing the Line*, Comics Anthology, Pub. by Drawing the Line Publications

SELECTED SELF-PUBLICATIONS

- (2014) Outworld: a Sci-Fi graphic Novel, ebook
- *More Than 3 Stories*, Graphic Stories Anthology
- (1998) Boudicca's Shield, 32-page Graphic Novel
- (2006) *Three Stories*, Graphic Stories Anthology

SELECTED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

- (2015) coordinator and catalogue design for exhibition: *Repair Centre*, a WBCA-sponsored exhibition at PMC Gallery, Toronto
- (2014) coordinator: *C(L)CC*, a WBCA-sponsored exhibition at PMC Gallery, Toronto
- (2009-2015) Member of the Wychwood Barns Community Association Board
- (2009-) Volunteer for L.E.A.F. Toronto
- (2009) member of Communication Task Force, 1st Unitarian Church of Toronto
- (2007-08) T.A.I.S. Member of the Board for Toronto Animation Image Society (Treasurer)
- (2008-) *Elgin/Winter Garden Toronto* Volunteer
- (2005) *Toronto Comic Jam,* Adviser to the new Board of Directors for monthly event (c. 25 hours annually)

LANGUAGES

• English, French

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

• (2018-) Ottawa Calligraphy Society contributing member & workshop coordinator