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RESUME

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

SELECTED EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- *Ryerson Chang School,* Certificate: Professional Web Accessibility Auditing
- York University, MA Interdisciplinary Studies
- OCAD University, BDes (with Distinction). 2013
- Toronto School of Art, Professional Studio Course, 2001
- Sheridan College, International Summer Program, Animation 1st Year, 1995
- AOCA Hons. *Ontario College of Art*, Toronto, majored in Illustration, 1995

TEACHING

- (2024) Sessional Professor teaching Graphic Fiction, University of Ottawa, Ottawa
- (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

- (2022-) *Lifting As We Climb* digital book series by creative team funded through Canada Council *Strategic Funds and Initiatives Digital Now*
- (2021) *My Origami Motorcycle* accessible web comic written by Rebecca Singh, funded by Canada Council Digital Initiatives
- (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/)
- (2018-) Misc. spot and film production illustration contracts
- (2016) *The Introvert*, a book trailer in movie format for author Michael Michaud 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 *firstunitariantoronto.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!"
- (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)
- (2003) Amicus Players set painting for Moon Over Buffalo
- (2001) Curtain Call Players: Scene painting for musical production in North York Fairview Theatre
- (1997-2005) Ontario School of Ballet, Backdrops for stage productions
- (1997/8/9) HRDC Toronto/York Region ITI, Comic Strips for Info Campaign (paper, TTC) on web site

GRANTS & AWARDS

- Strategic Funds and Initiatives Digital Now, Canada Council Grant 2021
- Digital Originals Canada Council Grant 2020
- Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's (CGS M) York University 2016
- York University Tuition grant 2014
- 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

- 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

- CPAWS DRAW exhibition 2021, fundraiser for environment protection
- 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 WORK

- (2006) Coordinator of the 0.7% show, curated by Antonia Lancaster, juried group show for HIV/AIDS
- (2005) PPOP! @ Propelller, exhibition of the other art of 24 Comic Book artists

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- (2020-) CPAWS DRAW artists group
- (2013) CARFAC

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

- (2024) *Sister Sailor: The Remarkable Journey of Bessie Hall,* accessible epub digital graphic novel, self-published
- (2024) *Outworld Trilogy*, accessible epub digital graphic novel, self-published
- (2024) A Brooklyn Dog's Adventures ..., accessible epub series children's book, Tait Sisters Press
- (2011) comic book *My Origami Motorcycle* 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
- (2005) *Kiss Magazine:* comic strip
- (2003-5) *Don't Touch Me #9, 10, 11, 12, 13* Comics Anthology, Pub. by Don't Touch Me Comics

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

- (2024-) Member of the Ottawa Society of Botanical Artists
- (2019-) Member of the Calligraphy Society of Ottawa board
- (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)
- (2008-2015) Elgin/Winter Garden Volunteer
- (2005) *Toronto Comic Jam*, Adviser to the new Board of Directors for monthly event (c. 25 hours annually)

COMPUTER PROGRAMS FACILITY

• InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Final Cut Pro

LANGUAGEŠ

• French, English, HTML, CSS

OTHER ACTIVITIES

• Design & build websites and EPUB3 books; reading & researching the subjects for my comic books, painting, writing, visiting art galleries, studying the contemporary art scene, upgrading computer skills