

# lena christakis

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## EDUCATION

- Yale University, BA in Art 2020
- ◆ Director and member of Yale experimental theater group (acting, writing, collaborative devising, video editing, set design and set construction)
  - ◆ Awarded the Yale Linck Fellowship in 2018 (received funding to write and illustrate a children's book for foster children)

## EXHIBITIONS

- Pablo's Birthday at Untitled Art Fair*, group presentation in Miami Beach, FL 2023
- The Moon Belongs to Everyone*, group exhibition at Smoke the Moon Gallery, Santa Fe, NM 2023
- All Our Puny Sorrows*, group exhibition at Pablo's Birthday, Tribeca, NY 2023
- 500 Below*, group exhibition at Smoke the Moon Gallery, Santa Fe, NM 2023
- The Last Slice*, group exhibition at Badr El Jundi Gallery, Madrid, Spain 2023
- Secret Show*, group exhibition with Spring/Break Art Show, New York, NY 2023
- Suitcase Painting*, solo presentation at Spring/Break Art Show, Los Angeles, CA 2023
- Too Long at the Fair*, group exhibition at Galleri Golsa, Oslo, Norway 2023
- A/Typical Now*, group exhibition at Opening Gallery, New York, NY 2023
- Ripoff*, joint exhibition, Spring/Break Art Show, New York, NY 2022
- Red Means Go*, group exhibition at Tomato Mouse Gallery, Brooklyn, NY 2022
- AmphorasamorphA*, group exhibition, Flux House 404, New York, NY 2021
- When It's All Quiet*, virtual group exhibition, Co-Arts Gallery 2021
- OK Apart*, makeup thesis show, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT 2021
- Finished*, BA thesis show, Yale School of Art, virtual 2020
- Unfinished*, mid-way thesis show, Yale School of Art, Green Gallery 2019
- Small Worlds*, solo show, Ezra Stiles Art Gallery, Yale University 2018

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Painting Assistant* for Claire Lehmann February 2023 – present
- ◆ Hyper-real oil painting, canvas preparation, library research
  - ◆ Complete first 1-2 layers of painting working from printed image
- Gallery Associate* at island | gallery Oct. 2022 – present
- ◆ Assist owner/director with all gallery operations
  - ◆ Create press clippings and sales PDFs, help write press releases, liaise with artists
  - ◆ Handle, install, ship, and document artwork
- Painting Assistant* for Kon Trubkovich Fall 2021, Winter 2023
- ◆ Assisted in the creation of highly detailed oil paintings that mimic LCD TV screens
- Production Assistant* in Art Department of feature film "She Came to Me" Mar. 2022 – May 2022
- ◆ Created original graphics for various set pieces (opera posters and programs, room decor)
  - ◆ Researched and sourced images for set decoration, large format printing and material sourcing
- Studio Assistant* for Kelley Walker Oct. 2021 – Mar. 2022
- ◆ Digital drawing and tracing on Photoshop
- Gallery Assistant/Assistant to the Owner*, Greene Naftali Gallery Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2021
- ◆ Managed owner's schedule; tracked all of owner's email correspondences, made daily summaries
  - ◆ Created sales PDFs for clients, made checklists for exhibitions and viewing rooms, tracked sales

- ♦ Greeted visitors and clients, answered phones, orchestrated gallery events and dinners
  - ♦ Researched artists, wrote biographies, organized travel arrangements for owner
- Concept artist* 2021
- ♦ Created pitch deck and original concept art for two films in pre-production
- Art Tutor* July 2020
- ♦ Organized small home-based art camp
- Intern, Jeff Koons Studio* Summer 2019
- ♦ Mixed paint from color swatches and built scaled models
  - ♦ Archived news and ephemera
- Intern, The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Education department)* Summer 2019
- ♦ Wrote lesson plans for all-age workshops; helped plan and operate pilot summer camp
- Studio Assistant for Elizabeth Tubergen* Winter 2019
- ♦ Stained and varnished large-scale sculpture for upcoming show
- Art Teacher, The Cambridge School of Weston Summer Arts Camp* Summer 2018
- ♦ Designed and taught art classes to 9-14-year-olds; helped organize gallery show

## **PRESS**

[Observer](#), review by Grace Byron, 09/11/2022

## **SKILLS**

InDesign • ArtBase • Photoshop • ArtBinder • Adobe Premiere and Final Cut Pro • Microsoft Office and Google Suite • Procreate • Artsy • Exact color-mixing • Canvas stretching and surface preparation • Trained in wood and metal shops