

Elisa H. Hamilton

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Education

- 2018 - 2019** Emerson College, Boston, MA
MA, Civic Media: Art and Practice
- 2003 - 2007** Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
BFA, Painting with Honors and Distinction
- 2001 - 2003** Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, Brookville, NY
Concentration in Theater

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024** *Underline: Drawings by Elisa H. Hamilton*, Olin College Art Gallery, Needham, MA
Sightlines, ShowUp (Formerly Beacon Gallery), Boston, MA
- 2022** *Formative Reflections*, Carole Caro Gallery, Stonehill College, Eastham, MA
- 2019** *Underline*, RSM Art Gallery, Bentley University, Waltham, MA
- 2016** *Lines and Vines*, Boston Children's Museum Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2013** *To the Heart of It*, FP3 Gallery, Boston, MA
An Apple A Day, Factory 63, Boston, MA
- 2012** *Happiness Lives Here*, Accidental Gallery, Boston, MA
Ordinary Bliss, SoPas Gallery, South Pasadena, CA
- 2011** *Welcome*, Newton Free Library, Newton, MA
Homescapes, Made in Fort Point Cooperative, Boston, MA
Peering In, The Mayor's Gallery, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA
- 2007** *Of Grateful Intentions*, Gutman Library, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA

Grants & Awards

- 2024** Honorary Doctorate, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Preservation Award, The City of Cambridge and Cambridge Historical Commission
St. Botolph Club Foundation Emerging Artists Award
- 2023** Brother Thomas Fellowship, The Boston Foundation
Jar of Love Artist Grant, ARTNOIR & Sotheby's
- 2021** Special Mention, Newell Flather Award for Leadership in Public Art, NEFA
- 2019** Cambridge Foundry Percent-for-Art Public Art Commission, City of Cambridge, Massachusetts
Public Art Learning Fund Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts
- 2017** Boston's Best Creative Catalyst Award, Improper Bostonian
- 2016** Creative City Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts
- 2014** Honorable Mention, Boston Public Space Invitational, The Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics
Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, Fort Point Channel Operations Board
- 2013** Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, Fort Point Channel Operations Board
Vermont Studio Center Artist Grant, Johnson, VT

- 2012** Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, Fort Point Arts Community
2010 Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts
Haystack Mountain School Retreat Grant, Massachusetts College of Art and Design Alumni Assn.

Residencies

- 2023** Visiting Artist, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St Mary's City, MD
Fellow, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Amherst, VA
2019 Visiting Artist for Civic Media, The Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
2016 Artist in Residence, Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts, Jamaica Plain, MA
Opening Our Doors Artist in Residence, Fenway Alliance, Boston, MA
Artist in Residence, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
2013 Vermont Studio Center Artist Residency, Johnson, VT

Selected Roles in Education

- 2024** Artist Research Fellow, Visualizing Hidden Histories, Emerson College, Boston, MA
2023-Present Visiting Community Artist, Olin College of Engineering, Needham, MA
2022 Artist-In-Partnership, Olin College of Engineering, Needham, MA
2019-Present Affiliated Faculty, Emerson College, Boston, MA

Selected Projects

- 2022** *Can You See Me?* ICA Boston Art Lab, Boston, MA
Jukebox, Cambridge Foundry, Cambridge, MA
2021 *Creative Union*, Currier Museum of Art in collaboration with the City of Nashua, NH
Collaborating Artist, Sketch Model Summer Studio, Olin College of Engineering, Needham, MA
2020 ICA Playdate: Infinity and Beyond, *Follow that Line*, ICA Boston, MA
ICA Art Kit, *Dance Spot/Punto De Baile*, ICA Boston, MA
2019 Curator, *Breakaway*, Crossings Gallery, Harvard Ed Portal, Allston, MA
Fellow, Creative Community Fellows New England, 2019 Cohort
Collaborating Artist, Sketch Model Summer Studio, Olin College of Engineering, Needham, MA
Collective Drawing, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA - *Collaboration with Sabrina Dorsainvil*
2018 *Drawn Together*, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA - *Collaboration with Graham Yeager*
Dance Spot, Emerson College, Boston, MA
Slideshow, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
2017 *Slideshow*, Boston City Hall Plaza, presented by HUBweek and Now+There, Boston, MA
Dance Spot, Temple Contemporary: Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA
Community Legacy, MIT List Center for Visual Arts, Cambridge, MA
Soundbox, Polly Thayer Starr Artist Project, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
Sound Lab, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

- 2016** *Lemonade Stand*, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain and Dorchester, MA - *Collaboration with Silvia Lopez Chavez*
- 2015** *Dance Spot*, 2nd Annual Donna Summer Memorial Roller Disco, City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA
Dance Spot, Polly Thayer Starr Artist Project, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA
- 2014** *Silver Lining*, Fort Point, Boston, MA, Funded by Fort Point Art Series Grant
Dance Spot, 1st Annual Donna Summer Memorial Roller Disco, City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA
Dance Spot, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA
Spreading the Love, Oberon Theater, Cambridge, MA
- 2013** *Story Lines*, Fort Point, Boston, MA - *Collaboration with Kate Gilbert*
Dance Spot, Boston Arts Festival, Christopher Columbus Park, Boston, MA
Everyday Thanks, Fort Point Arts Community, Boston, MA
I Heart Fort Point, Made in Fort Point Cooperative, Fort Point Arts Community, Boston, MA
- 2012** *Dance Spot*, Fort Point, Boston, MA
- 2010** *Channeling Fort Point*, Fort Point, Boston, MA - *Collaboration with Andrew Edman*

Collections

Bank of America
 CitizenM Hotels
 Fidelity Investments
 Google Cambridge

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024** Black History Month Exhibition, Governor's Office, Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA
 Holiday Smalls, Gallery NAGA, Boston MA
- 2023** *Alignment*, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD
 Holiday Smalls, Gallery NAGA, Boston MA
- 2022** *Convergence*, MITIMCo, Cambridge, MA
Vignettes, Drive-By Gallery, Watertown, MA
 Holiday Smalls, Gallery NAGA, Boston MA
- 2021** *Essence: In Celebration of Juneteenth*, 13 Forest Gallery, Arlington, MA
- 2020** *Belated Spring*, Jameson and Thompson, Jamaica Plain, MA
When the Body, The Beehive, Boston, MA
The Yellow Wallpaper, One Mile Gallery, Kingston, NY
How've you been? 13 Forest Gallery, Arlington, MA
The Self Portrait, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC
- 2019** *Where Do We Go From Here*, International Center for Photography, New York, NY
About Face, Mazmanian Gallery, Framingham State University, Framingham, MA
Not Just Us: Women Artists Speak Out for Social Justice, Dana Hall Art Gallery, Wellesley, MA
- 2018** *Nine Moments for Now*, Cooper Gallery of African and African American Art, Cambridge, MA
Self-Composed, Aviary Gallery, Boston, MA
Interstellar Sanctuary, Mills Gallery, Boston, MA
Say Her Name: Watch Us Werk, VanDernoot Gallery, Cambridge MA
How Do I Look?, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017** *Thrive*, The Beehive, Boston, MA

- Habitation*, Bakalar Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
South End Neighborhood Exhibition, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
Listen Hear, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
- 2016** *Re: Development*, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
In the Eye of the Beholder, Midway Gallery, Boston, MA
Ordinary Matter, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
- 2015** *Fay Chandler Emerging Artist Exhibition*, Scollay Square Gallery, City Hall, Boston, MA
Fort Point Form, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
Bite, Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA
Drawing the Line, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2014** *Small Works*, Made in Fort Point Cooperative, Boston, MA
Parks and Recreation, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
From Life, Aviary Gallery, Jamaica Plain, MA
- 2013** *Red*, Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA
Oh Snap, Fourth Wall Project, Boston, MA
Still Life Lives, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
Road Trip, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
Still: Objects Observed, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2012** *New Spins*, Lincoln Arts Project, Waltham, MA
Play Ball, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
Creative Couples, Atlantic Works Gallery, East Boston, MA
That's A Fact: Young Gifted and Black, Bunker Hill Community College Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2011** *A Feast for the Eyes*, Art at 12 Gallery, Boston, MA
Paper Chase 100, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston, MA
Ladies First, 309 Hancock Gallery, Dorchester, MA
- 2010** *Fort Point Showcase*, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
Carry Out, MEME Gallery, Cambridge, MA
Open Studios Group Show, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston, MA
The Yellow Show, Boston Children's Museum Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2009** *In the Round*, Art at 12 Gallery, Boston MA
Open Studios Group Show, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston MA
Eat the Art, Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery, Boston MA
A Fresh Approach, Library Arts Center, Newport NH
- 2008** *Gathering*, Drawing Room, Portland ME
Open Studios Group Show, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston MA
The Colors of the Americas, East Somerville Art Walk, Somerville MA

Selected Engagements

- 2025** Guest Speaker, *Gathering and Amplifying Black Stories Through Public Art and Oral History*, Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society New England Chapter, Medford, MA
 Presenter, Amplify & Ignite: Creative Practice in and With Communities AATE 2025 Symposium
 Boston, MA
- 2024** Commencement Speaker, Massachusetts College of a Art and Design, Boston, MA
 Guest Critic, Low Residency MFA Program, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- 2023** Guest Speaker, *Creating Community-Centered Projects*, St. Mary's College, St. Mary's City, MD
 Guest Speaker, *Growing Community and Belonging Through Art*, The Winsor School, Boston MA

- Speaker, *Stories as Social Justice: Amplifying Underrepresented Stories Through Public Art and Oral History*, HASTAC Conference, New York, NY
- Panelist, *Beyond Polarization: How Stories Can Save Community, Liars and Believers*
Cambridge, MA
- 2021** Guest Speaker, *Public Art and the Foundry Building*, Cambridge Seven Associates, Cambridge, MA
- 2020** Panelist, *The Cambridge Foundry as a Catalyst for Placemaking*, Boston Society of Architects
Placemaking Network, Boston MA
- Panelist, *When and How: Engaging Community in Public Art*, Now + There, Boston, MA
- Moderator, *Amplifying Community Voices*, ProArts Consortium, Boston, MA
- Guest Speaker, Tide Generator Podcast: Ep. 11, *Connecting Community Through Media Arts*
- Guest Speaker, *An intro into Creative Placemaking*, The New School Performing Arts, NY
- Guest Speaker, *A Deeper Dive into Creative Placemaking*, The New School Performing Arts, NY
- Guest Artist, *The Hoodgrown Aesthetic* (podcast), Episode 94: *Let's Talk About Art, Baby*
- Guest Speaker, *Art and Entrepreneurship*, Olin College, Needham, MA
- 2019** Guest Speaker, *Elisa Hamilton: Creative Catalyst*, Company One Theater Bootcamp, Boston, MA
- Guest Speaker, *Participatory Mapping in Social Practice, Art and Design*, John Nicholas Brown
Center for Public Humanities, Brown University, Providence, RI
- Guest Artist, *Shrinking It Down: Mental Health Made Simple* (podcast), *Illuminating Mental Health
Through Art*
- Guest Speaker, *Amplifying Community Voices*, Citizen TALES, Boston, MA
- 2018** Guest Speaker, *The Expansive Everyday: Creating Shared Spaces for Inclusive Stories*, Salem
State University, Salem, MA
- Keynote Speaker, Creative Exchange Arts Conference, West Barnstable, MA
- Guest Speaker, Senior Seminar: Art Life and Money, Massachusetts College of Art and
Design, Boston, MA
- Guest Speaker, *Strategies for Public Engagement*, Cambridge Arts Council, Cambridge, MA
- Guest Speaker, *Building Trust with Communities*, Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts
Jamaica Plain, MA
- Panelist, *Art and Activism*, Emerson College, Boston, MA
- 2017** Panelist, *Art, Sex and Democracy*, Catherine Bertulli Studio, Melrose, MA
- 2016** Panelist, *The Art of Sound*, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

Selected Bibliography

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- WBUR Radio/WBUR Artery, "Voices, not vinyl: Artist transforms a jukebox into a storytelling machine,"
January 31, 2023
- WBUR Artery, "These artists shared what inspired them in 2023," December 14, 2023
- The Boston Globe*, "Inside a repurposed jukebox at The Foundry in Cambridge, stories told by locals are
waiting to be played," February 24, 2023
- WBZ Radio, "Cambridge's Foundry Jukebox Tells Stories Of The Community," February 24, 2023
- WBUR Artery, "Meet The ARTery 25 — Artists Of Color Transforming The Cultural Landscape,"
September 20, 2021
- The Hippo Press*, "Art By All," July 28, 2021
- Boston Magazine*, "11 Boston-Based, Black-Owned Brands to Support this Valentine's Day,"
February 8, 2021
- AVIXA, "Building a Jukebox to Connect Community with the Media Arts and AV," October 15, 2020

ArtsBoston, "Seven Boston Artists on Instagram to Inspire You," April 3, 2020
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 MIT CoLab, *Listening to the City Handbook*, April 2018
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The Boston Globe, "Fresh Paint, Fresh Ideas," Oct 19, 2013
Pulse Magazine, "Fitchburg Art Museum Brings Still Lives to the Surface," Oct 2, 2013
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The Boston Globe, "Arts To Do List" featured pick: *To the Heart of It*, Aug 13, 2013
Panorama, "Boston Accent: Elisa Hamilton," Nov 12, 2012
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GO Magazine, "Channeling the Arts," Sept 2011
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The Watertown Tab, "Meet the Watertown Artist," Jan 28, 2011
Artscope, "Centerfold Outtakes," Nov/Dec 2008
The Boston Globe, "The Art of Drawing Neighbors Together," April 20, 2008

Service & Memberships

2013 - 2023 Trustee/Chair, Board of Trustees, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
2018 - 2019 President, Civic Media: Art and Practice Consortium, Emerson College
2016 - 2019 Member, United South End Artists
2008 - 2018 Member, Fort Point Arts Community
2016 - 2017 Neighborhood Salon Luminary, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
2009 - 2013 Member/Chair, Massachusetts College of Art and Design Alumni Leadership Council