

## Molly Spain – Artist CV

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### EDUCATION

BAFA University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 1990-1991  
Exchange Study – Slade School of Fine Art, University College London, London, England, 1991  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 1987-1989  
University of Nebraska, Kearney, NE, 1985-1987

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS

- 2023 Hybrid Practices – Olson Larsen Gallery. West Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition  
Greater Des Moines Exhibited – Polk County Heritage Gallery. Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition  
'Aegis' – Grandview Art & Design Gallery, Rasmussen Center. Des Moines, IA; Solo exhibition  
'Us 3' – Level Condominium Lobby. Des Moines, IA; Permanent installation  
*(All 2023 entries below are permanent installations and currently in various stages of production.)*  
'Sisters' working title – Private residence. Napa Valley Estates, Waukee, IA; Permanent outdoor installation  
'Understory' working title – Home State Bank. Polk City, IA; Permanent installation  
'The Invisible and in the Dark' working title – CISS. Des Moines, IA; Permanent outdoor installation
- 2022 'Ascent' – Blank Performing Arts Center, Indianola, IA; Permanent installation  
'Relic' – Polk County Heritage Gallery. Des Moines, IA; Solo exhibition. Possible with grants from Iowa Arts Council.
- 2021 Downtown DSM Hide & Seek Ornaments You Keep – The Greater Des Moines Partnership Event. Des Moines, IA  
Iowa Exhibited XXXVI – Polk County Heritage Gallery. Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition  
'Grasping Center' Video Installation – Limited Space V, Temple for the Performing Arts. Des Moines, IA  
'Mindful Terrain' – Surety Hotel. Des Moines, IA; Collaborative paper installation with Sabrina Carper in conjunction with Art Week  
'Critical Mass' Mural – Full Exterior of Building, Mainframe Studios. Des Moines, IA; Permanent installation
- 2020 'Coil - Suspended' – Franka Pizzeria. Des Moines, IA; Permanent installation  
Downtown DSM Hide & Seek Ornaments You Keep – The Greater Des Moines Partnership Event. Des Moines, IA  
Art of Our Time Benefit – Mainframe Studios. Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition
- 2019 'Untitled' Mural – Entry Atrium, Mainframe Studios, Des Moines, IA; Permanent installation  
Iowa Exhibited XXVI – Polk County Heritage Gallery. Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition  
Women's Work – Olson Larsen Gallery. West Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition  
'COIL' – Olson Larsen Guild Space. West Des Moines, IA; Collaborative installation with Oyoram  
'COIL Suspended & Seated' – St. Kilda, 5th St & Locust locations. Des Moines, IA; Solo installations in conjunction with Art Week  
'Falling With Grace' – Zanzibar Coffee Adventure. Des Moines, IA; Solo installation
- 2018 Reflections – Mainframe Studios. Des Moines, IA; Solo installation in conjunction with Art Week  
Iowa Exhibited XXXIII – Polk County Heritage Gallery. Des Moines, IA; Group exhibition
- 2017 Elevation Excavation – Private residence. Des Moines, IA; Solo exhibition
- 2016 Molly Spain Works on Paper – Green & Main. Des Moines, IA; Solo exhibition  
Molly Spain Recent Works – Proof. Des Moines, IA; Solo exhibition
- 2015 [FORTH] Recent Works – Cafe Zon. Des Moines, IA; Solo exhibition

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 DSM Magazine – “Paper Chase” July/August 2019, Cover & pp. 8, 108-116.  
(Pieces from this feature were also exhibited at the magazine issue’s public unveiling.)  
THE GUARDIAN – “The best towns and small cities in the US: Des Moines, Iowa /Mainframe”.  
Black & white gouache paintings featured in the photo. Online publication, March 7, 2019  
CITYLAB – “Des Moines Wants to Be the Affordable City for Artists”  
Portrait and studio featured in lead photo. Online publication.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2021 American Rescue Plan Arts Grant Recipient. Iowa Arts Council, Des Moines, IA  
FY 2022 Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grant Recipient. Iowa Arts Council, Des Moines, IA  
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Honorable Mention for 'Totem', charred wood sculpture. Juror Mary Jones.  
Iowa Exhibited XXXVI – Polk County Heritage Gallery, Des Moines, IA
- 2020 Emergency Grant 202004-9058 Recipient. Iowa Arts Council, Des Moines, IA
- 2019 Merit Award for 'COIL', paper installation. Juror Sarah Grant Hutchinson  
Iowa Exhibited XXVI – PC Heritage Gallery, Des Moines, IA

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGN

Architectural & Industrial Designer/Owner Molly Spain Designs – IA, CA, TX, NM (1991-present)  
Architectural Designer Silent Rivers Design+Build – Des Moines, IA (2016 – 2018)  
Design Director/Manager The Integer Group – Des Moines, IA (2005-2011)  
Design Director Des Moines Metro Opera – Indianola, IA (1998-2001)  
Art Director Karen Emberston Design – Santa Fe, NM (1992-1994)  
Freelance Graphic Design Interbrand New York, Mark-Q Designs & College Concepts – New York, NY (1990)

## BOARD PARTICIPATION

Polk County Conservation Board, Art Committee, Granger, IA  
Metro Arts Alliance, Board of Directors, Des Moines, IA