

Lauren Odell Usher

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- The Wiseman Gallery. *Did you Wake Up This Morning?* Grants Pass, OR. July-August 2009.
- JFKU Gallery. *I am a Terrible Morning Person.* Berkeley, CA. June 2007.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- Gallery Route One. *25th Annual Juried Show.* Juror, Kenneth Baker. Point Reyes, CA. January 2010.
- The Red Door Gallery. *Art and The Body Politick.* Oakland, CA January 2009.
- The Red Door Gallery. *Look at me looking at you.* Oakland, CA (Paired Show). October 2008.
- RFD Gallery. *Unfamiliar Ground.* Swainsboro, GA. Curator, Paula Katz, Columbus Museum.
- Olive Hyde Art Gallery. *Waste Not, Want Not.* Fremont, CA. Curator, Sandra Hemsworth. February 2008.
- Boward College Gallery. *Face Value.* Davies, FL. Juror, Brian Bishop. November 2007.
- Sanchez Art Center. *Bay Area Annual 2007.* Pacifica, CA. Juror, Rene de Guzman. October 2007.
- San Luis Obispo Art Center. *Funky Junk, The Art of Recycling.* San Luis Obispo, CA. August 2007.

Community Art Projects

- **ARTcart!** (www.artismovingnow.com) July 2009-Present
- **The Red Door Gallery and Collective.** Oakland, CA September 2008-September 2009.
- Lincoln Child Center. **Visiting Artist.** August 2006- August 2010.
- **The Art is Free and Priceless Project.** Berkeley, CA. 2005.

Selected Curated Exhibitions

- The Red Door Gallery. *Insights of Life from the Shadows of Death.* Oakland, CA. July 2009.
- The Red Door Gallery. *Death is Easy; Comedy is Hard.* Oakland, CA. May 2009.
- The Red Door Gallery. *Small Works for a Small Space.* Oakland, CA. March 2009
- The Red Door Gallery. *Lineage.* Oakland, CA. February 2009.
- The Red Door Gallery. *Art and the Body Politick.* Oakland, CA . January 2009.

Professional Art Experience

January 2008-Present

Art is Moving

<http://artismovingnow.com>

Co-Founder, Videographer, Video Editing

In collaboration with one other artist, I take part in both online and in public community art projects focused on getting the public more involved in the art world. I have also produced, directed and edited over 15 videos capturing several aspects of the art world

including artist interviews, street interviews and gallery interviews. Since 2009 we have worked on a community project called, ARTcart! that involves traveling to various cities and neighborhoods and offering art making on the street for free.

April 2009 and 2010
Teen Center, Fremont, CA

Earth Day Art Teacher

Planned and Executed a craft table and art project for children focused on education about the environment.

January 29, 2009
Olive Hyde Gallery, Fremont, CA

Art Teacher

Organized and led a one day art workshop for the City of Fremont's Environmental Services Department

August 2008-August 2009
Red Door Gallery and Collective, Oakland, CA

Co-Founder, Curator, Management Team, Administrative Executive Manager

My responsibilities included all administrative aspects of operating the gallery and collective, including: exhibition planning and scheduling, curating and leading curation teams, exhibition installation, gallery maintenance, maintaining collective member and artist contracts, writing and updating policies and procedures, managing finances, marketing, and community outreach.

2006-2008
Lincoln Child Center, Oakland, CA

Volunteer Visiting Artist

I volunteered at a local school for emotionally and mentally disturbed children and used art to teach them about various topics.

April 2006-Dec 2006
Red Poppy Art House, San Francisco, CA

Volunteer Visiting Artist

I volunteered at a local Mission District gallery and studio to teach children about art.

2005-2006
Ashby Flea Market

Art Facilitator

Art is Free and Priceless Project

Independently organized and operated a weekly booth that allowed children and adults to paint and learn about art for free.

2003-2004
Pinnacle High School, Phoenix, AZ

Visiting Artist (Photography)

Taught high school students Black and White Photography. Responsible for preparing and delivering lessons as well as dark room assistance and group critiquing

of work.

Publications and Reviews

- Article-"Arkansas Artists in Spotlight," Leslie Newell Peacock, The Arkansas Times, July 13, 2010.
- Article- "ARTcart puts focus on Diversity," Kristin Bender, The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 2009.
- Article- "Berserkers," Dewitt Cheng, East Bay Express, August 19, 2009.
- Article- "RCC Shows Berkeley Artist," Timothy Bullard, The Daily Courier, July 17, 2009.
- Article- "On the Threshold," Dewitt Cheng, East Bay Express, April 15, 2009.
- Article-"Rear View Mirror," Dewitt Cheng, East Bay Express, January 14, 2009.
- Radio Interview-"Against the Grain with C.S. Soong", KPFA Berkeley, January 20, 2009
- Article-"Waste Not, Want Not," Anuja Smith, Tri-City Voice Vol. 7 No. 3, February 13-19, 2008.
- 2008 Book-"Art Buzz: The 2008 Collection," Alan Rowe, MidAmerica Publishing Company.
- Article-"BCC juried show explores artists' idea of 'Face Value'" Candice Russell, Miami Herald, November 17, 2007.
- 2009 Book- ARTcart! A Community Art Project by Art is Moving, Project Documentation Book. Self-Published.
- 2007 Book-I am a Terrible Morning Person, Artist's Book. Self-Published.

Grants and Awards

- Featured Artist, Mark Lindsay Art, May-August 2010.
- Newbie Award Nominee, Community Art Project, Oakland Indie Awards, 2010.
- Newbie Award Nominee, Individual Artist, Oakland Indie Awards, 2009.
- Featured Artist, ARTDOXA, April 2009.
- Gallery Selected Artist, Alpan Gallery, Long Island, NY, 2008.
- Featured Artist, ARTDOXA, April 2008.
- Susan Seddon Boulet Award Recipient, John F. Kennedy University, 2007. Oregon State University.
- Art Athlete of the Year, Oregon State University, 2003.

Education

- Masters of Fine Arts, John F. Kennedy University, 2007.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Oregon State University, 2003.