

Bianca Janine Pettis

Artist

Artist Statement

Bianca Pettis explores artistic disciplines. In her lifetime, she's worked as a professional actress, musician, performance artist and playwright. Since 2003 she's collaborated with her husband Jacob Aaron Roske in the sound art duo Beatrix*Jar. Beatrix*Jar is known for spreading the good word of DIY electronics with hands-on Circuit Bending workshops and lively sound collage performances. The duo toured actively for many years and was featured at venues like the ICA Boston, Andy Warhol Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego and the Walker Art Center to name a few.

In 2017, Pettis completed her MFA in Art at the University of Minnesota. Her latest artistic explorations have taken her to the quiet, introspective world of painting. Inspired by many years of performing in front of audiences, her colorful large-scale cartoon-like paintings oil paintings demonstrate her unique ability to explore disciplines as roles.

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1973 Born Denver, Colorado

EDUCATION

2017 Master of Fine Arts in Painting

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN

1996 Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, Minor Photography

Antioch College - Yellow Springs, Ohio

1990 Pre-Professional Actor Training Program

North Carolina School of the Arts - Winston Salem, NC

GRANTS

2015 Communications Fellow - University of Minnesota Art

Department, Minneapolis, MN

2014 Diversity of Experiences Fellow (DOVE) - Office of

Diversity, University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN

2000 Playwrights Center Many Voices Fellowship, Minneapolis, MN

1998 Minnesota State Artists Board *Artist Initiative Grant* for

the completion of a solo performance, *The Besides*, at

Patrick's Cabaret, Minneapolis, MN

PANELS

2016 *Minnesota Goes Pop*: Gallery Talk, Rochester Art Center,

Rochester, MN

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2015 The Guerilla Girls – Weisman Art Museum, University of
Minnesota – Minneapolis, MN

2014 4x Forum, Maker Culture/Consumer Culture – Presented by
MNArtists.org – Walker Art Center, Minneapolis

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017 *Some Assembly Required* – University of Minnesota Art
Department MFA Thesis Show – Nash Gallery – Minneapolis, MN

2017 *Andy Warhol: Minnesota Goes Pop!* – Rochester Art Center,
Rochester, MN.

2016 *FUN Show* – University of Minnesota Regis West Gallery –
Minneapolis, MN

2016 *MCAD + University of Minnesota MFA Show*, Regis West Gallery
– Minneapolis, MN

2016 *Soap Factory 3x5 Artist Residency* – August Session,
Minneapolis, MN

2016 *Lost and Found* (with Jacob Aaron Roske) – Regis Center for
the Arts West Gallery – Minneapolis, MN

BEATRIX*JAR

*I am co-founder of the sound art duo Beatrix*JAR. For over a decade
I've collaborated creatively with my husband, Jacob Aaron Roske
(JAR), challenging perceptions of what sound could be through live*

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performances and hands-on toy modification workshops.

BEATRIX*JAR - GRANTS and AWARDS

2013 United Arts Fund Grant for Sound Collage work with
predominately Somali and Oromo teens living in St. Paul's
Common Bond Housing Development

2012 Irrigate Corridor Project Grant for the completion of the
Beatrix*JAR Open Experimental Sidewalk at AxMan Surplus -
St. Paul, MN

2011 REDCAT Winter Works in Progress: REDCAT Theatre - Los
Angeles, CA

2010 Archibald Bush Fellowship in Media Arts - Minnesota

2009 Minnesota American Composers Forum Subito Grant for the
support of a Beatrix*JAR Southern Tour

2008 MetLife Creative Connections: Meet the Composer Grant: For
Beatrix*JAR Residency at the Erie Art Museum, Erie PA.

BEATRIX*JAR CURATED EVENTS

2017 *Open Studios /Recruitment Event* - University of Minnesota
Art Department, Minneapolis

2016 *Open Studio Extravaganza* - University of Minnesota Art
Department, Minneapolis, MN

2014 *Sonic Circus* - Walker Art Center First Free Saturday July

2014 - Minneapolis, MN

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2013 *Make an Album with Beatrix*JAR* - Institute of Contemporary Art Boston at the National Convening for Teens in the Arts - Boston, MA

2012 *Beatrix*JAR Open Experimental Studio* - St. Paul, MN

2008 *Bent Festival Minneapolis* in conjunction with the TANK NYC Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis.

BEATRIX*JAR RADIO, TELEVISION and FILM

2016 *Twin Cities Public Television TV Takeover* - American Craft Council

2012 *What's Happening at the St. Paul Library? (Saint Paul Government Video)*

2010 MN Original (Twin Cities Public Television): Episode: Beatrix*JAR

MN Original: Beatrix*JAR at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts

2008 MAKE TV (PBS) - Maker-to-Maker Soldering Segment

ABC's Nightline - Maker Segment

Drinking with Ian Season filmed live in the First Avenue

Mainroom: Special Celebrity Guests on Season Premiere -

Minneapolis

Erie, PA - NPR Radio Program

The Local Show with Chris Roberts

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2007 WSEE Erie Morning News - Erie, PA: Interview with

Beatrix*JAR

Drinking with Ian - Beatrix*JAR Musical Guest Stars -
Minneapolis

BEATRIX*JAR AUDIO RELEASES - *Self Released*

2005 I Love You Talk Bird

2007 Golden Fuzz

2010 Art*Star

SINGLES

2010 Miss Me

2011 Vision Board

BEATRIX*JAR AUDIO PLAYGROUNDS

*Beatrix*Jar Audio Playgrounds are events where the audience
plays our musical instruments.*

2016 TEDX Reverb - McNally Smith School of Music - Minneapolis, MN

Arts Quarter Festival - University of Minnesota, Minneapolis,

MN

St. Paul Library Makers Faire - St. Paul Central Library, St.

Paul, MN

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Quarter Gallery – University of Minnesota for “Lost & Found”

Minneapolis, MN

Menlo Vibe – Minneapolis, MN

2015 Minnesota State Fair – Live Performance at Twin Cities Public

Television Stage Mark Mothersbaugh Myopia Family Day –

Minneapolis Institute of the Arts (Mia)

Wake Forest University – Winston Salem, NC

2014 *Autumn Equinox* – Indianapolis Museum of Art – Indianapolis,

Indiana

Northern Spark – Minneapolis, MN St. Paul Public Library

Training – St. Paul, MN

Sonic Circus – Walker Art Center First Free Saturday –

Minneapolis, MN

33 1/3 + 6 Toys – Walker Art Center Art Expanded –

Minneapolis, MN

American Composers Forum Winter Open House – Minneapolis,

MN

Architecture and Sound: The Audible Edge – Katherine Nash

Gallery, University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, MN

Rondo Library Createch presents *Beatrix*JAR Let's Make Some*

Sounds Residency – St. Paul, MN

Rice Street Teen Zone Createch presents *Beatrix*JAR Let's*

Make Some Sounds Residency – St. Paul, MN

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American Composers Forum Open House - St. Paul, MN

Forage 2nd Anniversary Celebration - Minneapolis, MN

2013 *Institute of Contemporary Art Boston National Convening for
Teens in the Arts - Boston*

Saint Paul Public Library Maker Faire - St. Paul, MN

*Social Science the Science of Music, Science Museum of MN,
St. Paul, MN*

Hamline Midway Heartland Festival - St. Paul, MN

A Current Affair, Bakken Museum - Minneapolis, MN

Twin Cities Youth Media Network Showcase - Minneapolis, MN

First Thursday at the California Building - Minneapolis, MN

2012 *Art Happens Here: A Celebration of Artist Lead Placemaking
- St. Paul, MN*

*Beatrix*JAR Open Experimental Studio - St. Paul, MN*

CIRCUIT BENDING WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

*Circuit Bending is the creative short-circuiting of battery-powered devices such as children's toys, keyboards and drum machines to create sounds the manufacturer never intended. From 2003 - 2013 Beatrix*JAR toured extensively teaching Circuit Bending Workshops paired with Beatrix*Jar performances.*

2013 *Institute of Contemporary Art Boston - National Teen*

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Convening: Customize: Maker Culture, Youth, Creativity 2013

Arts & Artists Encounter with Beatrix*JAR – Boston, MA

2012 Slam Academy – Minneapolis

Beatrix*Jar Open Experimental Studio – St. Paul, MN

2010 UCLA Art Happening @ The Hammer Museum – Los Angeles

Echo Park Film Center – Los Angeles

Milwaukee College of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI

North Regional Library, Minneapolis Pierre Bottineau

Library, Minneapolis

Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries – Wright State University

– Dayton, Ohio

Columbia Museum of Art in conjunction with Cleve Gray

Exhibit – Columbia, SC

St. Louis Park Library, St. Louis Park, MN

Wayzata Library, Wayzata, MN

Oxboro Library, Minneapolis, MN

North Regional Library, Minneapolis, MN

Walker Library – Minneapolis, MN

Brookdale Library – Brooklyn Center, MN

Hayden Heights Library – St. Paul, MN

Dakota County Wescott Library – Eagan, MN

Ridgedale Library – Minnetonka, MN

Roosevelt Community Library – Minneapolis, MN

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Washburn Library - Minneapolis, MN

East Lake Library - Minneapolis, MN

Private Class - Sound Art @ University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, MN

Franklin Art Works in conjunction with the Chris Baker
Exhibit - Minneapolis

The Cave @ Carleton College, Northfield, MN

St. Olaf College - Northfield, MN

2008 Ong King Arts Center- Honolulu

Special Everyday Art: Circuit Bending with Beatrix*JAR:
Akron, Ohio

Erie Art Museum - Erie, PA

Rice Street Library - St. Paul

Dayton's Bluff Library - St. Paul

Walker Art Center Culture Camp - Minneapolis

Bakken Museum of Electricity in Life - Minneapolis

Merriam Park Library - St. Paul

Sun Ray Library - Saint Paul

St. Paul Central Library - St. Paul

2007 Wexner Art Center - Columbus, Ohio

American Visionary Art Museum - Baltimore, MD

Milwaukee College of Art and Design - Milwaukee, WI

Madison Pop Fest @ University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI

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Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego – San Diego, CA

Santa Monica Museum of Art – Santa Monica, CA

Denver Art Museum – Denver, CO

Erie Art Museum – Erie, PA
Neutral Zone – Ann Arbor

BEATRIX*JAR PERFORMANCES

2011 Museum of Photographic Arts: Adult Puppet Cabaret – San Diego, CA

Red Cat Works in Progress Series – Los Angeles, CA

2010 Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego in conjunction w/ Tara Donovan Exhibit

UCLA Art Happening @ The Hammer Museum – Los Angeles

Echo Park Film Center – Los Angeles

Third Thursday Art Remix: Minneapolis Institute of the Arts – Minneapolis

McNally Smith Sound Crawl – St. Paul, MN

Science Museum of Minnesota @ the Learning Technologies Center – St. Paul, MN

Aesthetic Apparatus 11-Year Anniversary Party In Store Performance – Minneapolis

Walker Art Center – *James Turrell's Sky Peshier Installation Performance* – Minneapolis

Indianapolis Museum of Art – *Beatrix*JAR @ The Toby* –

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Bedlam Theatre - Million Dollar Museum Opening Party -

Minneapolis

C-Space presented by the Robert & Elaine Stein Galleries -

Dayton, Ohio

Discovery World Science Center - Milwaukee, WI

The Cave @ Carleton College, Northfield, MN

St. Olaf College - Northfield, MN

2008 Andy Warhol Museum - Pittsburgh, PA

The ARTS at Mark's Garage - Honolulu, HI

Wexner Center for the Arts - Columbus, Ohio

Akron Art Museum - Third Thursdays Concert & Cocktails with

Beatrix*JAR: Akron, OH

FLUX: BASH Rochester Art Center Fundraiser After Party -

Rochester, MN

Walker Art Center Culture Camp - Minneapolis

Minneapolis College of Art and Design - Minneapolis

Erie Art Museum - Erie, PA

Arlington Hills Library - Minneapolis Rondo Library - Saint

Paul Franklin Library - Minneapolis

Kenyon College - Gambier, Ohio

First Amendment Arts - Gallery Opening, Minneapolis

University of Minnesota: Audio Technology/Electronics Club

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2007 American Visionary Art Museum – Baltimore, MD

Walker Art Center – Kara Walker Opening Night –

Minneapolis, MN

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego – San Diego, CA

Santa Monica Museum of Art – Santa Monica, CA

Denver Art Museum – Denver

Erie Art Museum – Erie PA

Ann Arbor Art Center – Ann Arbor, Michigan

Art Auction Benefit for Leonardo's Basement – Minneapolis

University of Minnesota Sound Art Class – Minneapolis